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FROZEN AND FLOATING REALITY IN DRUG ADDICTION

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Drug abuse is able to modify the state of consciousness and, as a consequence, the sense of reality.

The author describes two fundamental modifications of the sense of reality under drug effect:

"floating" and "frozen". The first, "floating" is induced by acute intoxication; the second, "frozen", is

produced by chronic drug dependence. These two reality modifications are described from a

phenomenological and a psychopathological perspective. Intentionality, space, time, otherness are

described in their different "floating" and "frozen" structure. "Floating" patients need of adequate

medical treatment. In conclusion, the author introduces the dasein-group treatment, based upon

shared emotions, as a concrete possibility to cure frozen patient.