Horrible psychic traumas shelter the mind’s ability to reflect, to symbolize, and to remember. All that is registered are fragments of sensations. The consequences of such trauma will be explored – from the near blackout of psychotically hospitalized survivors, to the creation of separate psychic containers in which fragments of the experience are stored for life, to moments of insight when the trauma is grasped with extraordinary clarity, culminating in works of art. Video excerpts will be shown to illustrate the evolution of the testimonial progress in one Holocaust survivor.

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