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KNOWLEDGE AND IGNORANCE IN THE PASSAGE TO THE ANALYST

Opening 3

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"Knowledge is what guides us"

(J. Lacan - Seminar *The moment to conclude*, (Unpublished) lesson of 15 November 1977)

In *The moment to conclude*, Lacan insists on the fact that the analyst would have to know how to operate appropriately, i.e. that he must be aware of the significance of words for the analysand, something that he is unquestionably unaware of. So here we are at the heart of the question of knowledge and ignorance... Is it from knowledge -knowing that there is ignorance- that he can take guidance? In the same seminar, Lacan points out that the unconscious is that knowledge that guides us, so how does this play out in the treatments, on both the analysand's and the analyst's side, and what additional insight could the passage from analysand to analyst shed on this point?

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