

# Civilization And its Discontents

By Sigmund Freud (1856- 1939)

**ID** The subconscious self-containing instinctual drives or impulses repressed and submerged from consciousness.

**SUPER-EGO** One's conscience, the collection of conscious and unconscious values derived from the culture which restricts and condemns the impulses of ID.

**EGO** The conscious self which tries to maintain a balance between the ID and the super-ego.

**LIBIDO** The sexual urge, motive force whether derived from sex or other instincts.

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1. How does Freud answer the question, "What is the purpose of life?" (p. 892)
  2. How does Freud define "happiness?" (p.892) How does man seek to achieve it?
  3. In what ways, according to Freud, does man seek to avert pain? (p.893)
  4. How does Freud explain mans' common hostility to civilization? (p.895)
  5. How does Freud explain how "sublimation of instinct?" (Renunciation of instinctual gratification) is part of the cultural evolution of man? (pp. 896-897)

