

Meeting as a turning point in personality life

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Different understanding of the phenomenon “Meeting” are analyzed and ties with closest definitions (as need, conversation, feeling, development) are outlined. The empiric analysis of the important meetings according to biographic material (more than 100) is presented. Essays on the theme “Important meeting in my life” of 18 people different ages (from 18 to 47) and occupations are analyzed. Collected material is divided on two types of meeting :1) meetings between people and 2) meetings between person and book, city, animal. More frequently respondents talk about meetings between people if they are older than 25 years old, whereas more young people reported about second type meetings. The great attention was paid during analysis to three “points of reference”: person’s condition before meeting, during it and after. In order to increase the visibility of the emotional component, the personal statements (“direct oration”) were chosen. These statements were compared with facts of the biography of each person for discovery of the turning point in the development of personality as a criteria of meeting presenting.

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