Mechanisms of Escape

I. Human Condition and the Need to Escape

II. Authoritarianism

A. Sado-Masochism

1. authoritarian personality

2. everyone has elements, it is when they dominant

B. Sadism

1. escape from powerlessness through domination of the other

a. individual other

b. group

2. domination as control over, exploitation, cause suffering

3. demands dependency relationship: I-It and relationship with power that establishes relations

4. misunderstands power, power as domination rather than power as creative

that can establish true relationship and a just community

C. Masochism

1. escape from freedom through submission to higher power, authority, movement, ideology

2. offers: escape from isolation, aloneness into group, decision making

3. meaning: fictitious

III. Destructivism

A. Destroy the world, the threat, or reality that creates ones situation

B. Power/agency in destruction

C. Usually highly rationalized: destruction for the good

IV. Automaton Conformity or the Pathology of Normalcy

A. Pathology of Normalcy

B. Escape through conformity, live life as determined by social world

C. result pseudo-self: "individual," think the correct thoughts, feel the appropriate feelings, will/choose correctly

D. a person of the correct attributes, rather than a person in relation