

[reply to dabbott@augean.eleceng.adelaide.edu.AU (Derek Abbott)]

>Are there any case histories of severe mental illness cases remarkably
>recovering after a tragic accident or trauma (eg. through nobody's fault,
>being trapped in a fire and losing your legs, say)?

I know of a patient who was severely and chronically depressed and tried
to kill himself with a bullet to the temple. He essentially gave
himself a prefrontal lobotomy, curing the depression.

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This is patently absurd; but whoever wishes to become a philosopher
must learn not to be frightened by absurdities. -- Bertrand Russell