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EXTRACT FROM STUDENT'S THESIS

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The facts, as far as they could be ascertained, were as follows:

1) The subject of this dissertation was, and still is, highly respected in his profession, he must therefore, of necessity, remain anonymous to protect both his professional and personal life. Unfortunately, much of what you will read below still influences many, to their detriment.

2) This person insinuated himself into the lives of several vulnerable young people on the pretext of solving their problems.

3) To gain control of their thought processes, he devised a series of convoluted, plausible theories, several of which demonstrated his obsession with sex.

4) These theories suggested that their innermost thoughts and feelings, which they were induced to confide to their mentor, were unwholesome. This gave rise to feelings of guilt which only served to deliver them still deeper into the clutches of the perpetrator.

5) All this was done, not primarily for monetary gain, but for self aggrandisement - and control. Control not primarily of the poor unfortunates who fell under his spell, but of his professional colleagues, many of whom were spellbound by his eloquence.

(Please see attached the remaining 149,816 words which complete my 150,000 word dissertation).

TUTOR'S NOTE:

Yet again, dear student, your approach to the set topic is obtuse, confused and bears no relation to any accepted definition of the word *fraud*.

For example: How is an obsession with sex likely to involve *deceit* or *trickery* (on second thoughts, you could have a point)

Since when was solving problems a *deceitful practice* (although I suppose this could perhaps involve a *breach of confidence*)

Inducing feelings of guilt, yes, this could serve as an *unfair advantage* and, of course, this person is clearly a *poseur* which has fraudulent inferences

(for further analysis see attached 5,000 word summary)

STUDENT'S RESPONSE:

With all due respect Sir, I did wonder why, as we are studying criminology, you should ask for a dissertation on an eminent psychologist who, as far as I know, showed little or no interest in the criminal mind.

I feel that the underlying cause of our frequent misunderstandings lies in a combination of two things: i.e. my severe myopia and - forgive me, Sir - your deplorable handwriting.

With all due respect, Sir, I therefore withdraw my 150,000 word dissertation to make a few minor adjustments.