

Adult Guardianship Decision Making Process. Psychomorphological Perspective}

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Introduction

- Many of us may have loved ones and friends who may have severe health conditions, there's a legal backing for an adult guardian to be appointed to see that their wants and needs are met.
- An adjudicator / a judge assigns someone called the Guardian or "Conservator" to make their critical decisions.

Meanings and Definition of Terms

- DEFINITION:

- Psychomorphology as defined by Dr. Prosper Ayawei [2004] is the study of man's actions, reactions, responses and metamorphosis of the mind occasioned by genetic and epigenetic factors.
- Psychomorphology recognises that our mind is in a constant state of development and changing processes, being shaped and sharpened by intrinsic and extrinsic factors, that In every per second, we are in a constant state of psycho- metamorphosis.

- ETYMOLOGY

- Psychomorphology is derived from three Greek words 'psyche' meaning "soul" or mind, 'morphos' meaning "shape, shade and size etc." and 'logy' meaning "study".

Division of Psychomorphology

Psychomorphology is divided into two main segments

- Genetic psychomorphology is the study of the intrinsic , interior, internal factors such as temperamental heredities or inheritances inborn traits that affect human actions, innovations and management to life's challenges.
- Epigenetic Psychomorphology is the study of the extrinsic , exterior, external factors such background, training, etc. in dealing with human actions, reactions, responses, proneness to innovations ,adjustments and management of life's challenges.

Psychomorphological Perspective

- ***Once a person diagnoses his or her own basic temperament, he is better equipped to ascertain his strengths and weaknesses in management and decision making.***
- Psychomorphological Decision making process is predicated on two perspectives- genetic and epigenetic factors.
- From a genetic perspective, the decision making process is basically inbred and temperamental while the epigenetic factor is occasioned by information, environment and other external influences.

- **GENETIC PSYCHO- MORPHOLOGY** is divided into two.
- The **EXTROVERTION AND INTROVERTION** and further subdivided into four;
- The **EXTROVERT{EXOMORPH and MESOMORPH}** &
- The **INTROVERT{AMBIMORPH and INDOMORPH}**

- Legality and Adult Guardianship**
- Is there a legal rescue at this point of impairment, when the adult cannot wholly or partially care for his/her affairs?
 - Yes, there's a legal backing for an adult guardian to be appointed to see that those wants and needs are met.
 - The decisions made by the conservator (on financial, medical and personal care) have the legal backing of the court.

- Decision Making Facts**
- ***Adult Guardianship Decision making is majorly predicated on twotypes , they are; conservatorship of the person and conservatorship of the estate.***
 - **A conservatorship of the Person** is recommended when a proposed conservatee is unable to provide for his or her own food, clothing, and shelter.
 - **A conservatorship of the Estate** provides the conservator with authority to make financial decisions.

Conflicts and Limitations

Three (3) basic noticeable conflicts that may be encountered in Adult Guardianship

- Role conflict, which springs mostly from interference of domineering member(s) of the family.
- Role over load, a depreciation in efficiency of conservator resulting from prior over estimation of his/her ability.
- Role ambiguity, predicated on lack of precision and job description.

Chart1:

GENERIC ALLITERATIONAL PSYCHO-MORPHOLOGICAL DECA PERIMETER

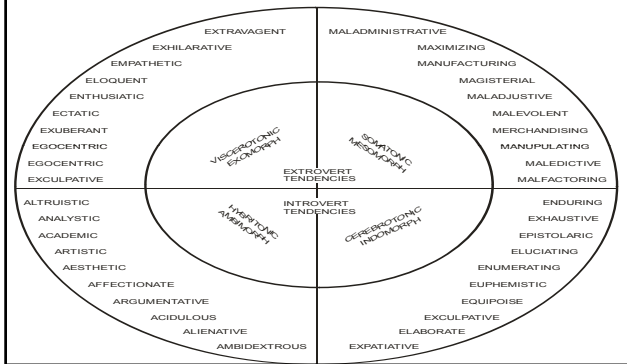
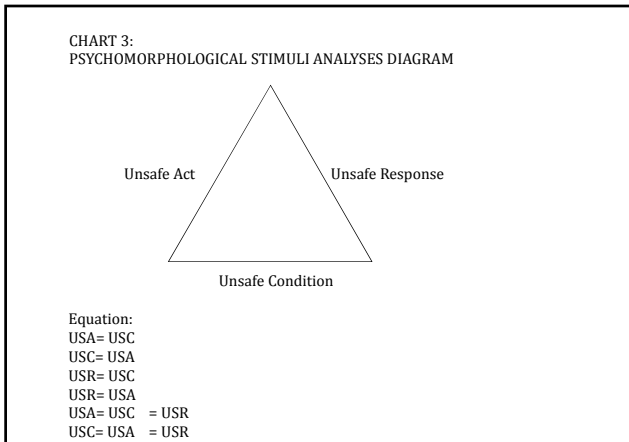
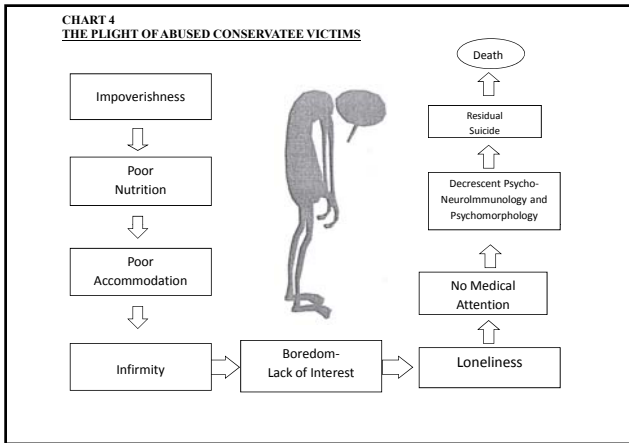


CHART 2

GENETIC PSYCHOMORPHOLOGICAL DEMYSTIFICATION DIAGRAM







- POSSIBLE PHOBIC AND ANXIETY DISORDERS OF CONSERVATEES**
(Conservatee self-persecution prone decision making process)
- POST TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER (PTSD)
 - OBSESSIVE – COMPULSIVE STRESS DISORDER
 - SOMATO-FORM STRESS DISORDER
 - AFFECTIVE STRESS DISORDER

CONCLUSION AND RECOMENDATION

Owing to the challenges and intricacies of adult guardianship globally, Psychomorphological overview should be engrafted into adult guardianship curriculum to enhance the decision making processes and the adequate management of the conservatee.
