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Propositions of the Dissertation

A Multi-Method Approach to the Detection of Fabricated Symptoms

1. Those who fabricate symptoms tend to produce long and vague symptom statements, compared with people who genuinely suffer from symptoms

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2. The absence of a Modified Stroop Effect is certainly not an indicator of symptom fabrication although some researchers have claimed otherwise

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3. We need an alternative for the Structured Inventory of Malingered Symptomatology and the Self-Report Symptom Inventory is a good candidate

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4. Practitioners from Western and non-Western countries have a more or less a uniformed understanding of implausible symptoms

This thesis

5. "It is an awful lot harder, Tony told me, to convince people you're sane than it is to convince them you're crazy."

Jon Ronson, 2011, "The Psychopath Test"

6. "An intellectual? Yes. And never deny it. An intellectual is someone whose mind watches itself. I like this, because I am happy to be both halves, the watcher and the watched. "Can they be brought together?" This is a practical question. We must get down to it. "I despise intelligence" really means: "I cannot bear my doubts."

Albert Camus, 1913-1960

7. "The scientists of today think deeply instead of clearly. One must be sane to think clearly, but one can think deeply and be quite insane."

Nikola Tesla, 1856-1943

8. "Research is four things: brains with which to think, eyes with which to see, machines with which to measure and, fourth, money."

Albert Szent-Gyorgyi, 1893-1986

9. "Properly trained, a man can be a dog's best friend."

Corey Ford, 1902-1969