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Abstract text up to 15 lines in English:

Jacques Derrida's (1930-2014) reflections on "cruelty" will be placed in this paper in relation to his psychoanalytic reflections. From this arises the question of whether Derrida's psychoanalytic reflections adequately grasp and appreciate Freudian death drive meta-psychology as an understanding of "evil" and "cruelty."

Thus, Derrida responds and affirms in his writing "States of the Soul of Psychoanalysis" that the "death drive" and its derivatives such as "cruelty" are indissolubly linked to life in Freud (1856-1939); however, the aggressive/cruel drives can be redirected or sublimated.

Derrida's preliminary hypothesis is thus: Freud's so-called "traces" enable the discussion of the "death drive theory" in Derrida himself, and specifically with the phenomenological methods of "deconstruction" and "différance." Derrida's solution to this is to confront "evil" and "cruelty" with the humanistic gifts of "hospitality" and "forgiveness" as ethical impetus.