

INFINITE JEST by David Foster Wallace
EXCERPTS FOR PATIENTS IN LITERATURE'S PAGES COURSE Pfenning F19

Parts that are relevant to the topic of screen addiction:

Samizdat (O.E.D. definition): the clandestine copying and distribution of literature banned by the state, especially formerly in the communist countries of eastern Europe

223 CHRONOLOGY OF ORGANIZATION ending "Year of Glad"

36 very top to 37 before YEAR OF THE...

42 "At 2010h. on 1 April Y.D.A.U.,..." [just one sentence]

54 "At 0015h., 2 April..." [one paragraph]

60 "Year of the Depend Adult Undergarment..." [one paragraph]

78 bottom starting "And just before 0145h. on 2 April,..." to top of 79 "cartridge viewer"

87 "By mid-afternoon on 2 April..." [one paragraph]

90 from top "Nothing terribly surprising..." to 92 middle "that'd be some hoax, no?"

224 middle section "Joelle hurries past..." to 225 top "funeral at."

225 bottom middle "Joelle van Dyne, a.k.a. Madame P[sychosis]" (FYI)

228 top "or that Joelle even now..." to end of same paragraph "heart by ending up."

233 top "—way it can be film qua film...isn't answering their phone." [one paragraph]

233 bottom "This ultimate cartridge-as-ecstatic-death..." [one paragraph]

237 near bottom at end of long paragraph: "Entertainment is blind."

318 very top to 321 just before 8 NOVEMBER

430 top "Are you understanding?" to near bottom "No? Yes?"

489 top "PRE-DAWN..." to 491 just before "WINTER"

507 top "We've lost a couple already..." to 508 bottom just before "10 NOVEMBER"

548 top from "EARLY NOVEMBER" to end of 549 "and his ruler."

638 bottom "1 MAY Y.D.A.U." to 648 top "As you wish."

719 middle "There were two ways of going..." [one paragraph]

721 bottom "Having traced..." to 723 "bad odor."

724 bottom "Then, by the time..." to 728 middle "driver stares straight ahead."

788 top "Molly Notkin tells..." to 792 top "not mark it up."

789 Infinite Jest V or VI relates to Footnote 24 which begins page 985...

993 (important!) "Infinite Jest V?" (near the bottom) is unreleased film by Jim Incandenza (father of novel's young protagonist Hal Incandenza)

876 middle "PARTIAL TRANSCRIPT..." to 883 near bottom "So lights already."

938 bottom "Oh for Christ's sake then" to 941 top "Oh shit yes very much."

Parts that are relevant to drug/alcohol addiction and recovery:

223 CHRONOLOGY OF ORGANIZATION ending "Year of Glad"

17 YEAR OF THE... to 27 before 1 APRIL (Ken Erdedy waiting for pot)

49 YEAR OF THE to 54 middle "this tendency." (Hal Incandenza at Enfield Tennis Academy (ETA) gets high in secret, drinks)

983-984 Footnotes 5-9 (and many subsequent FNs) pharm info about the specific drugs

55 AUTUMN to 60 top "right around." (Don Gately as addict and burglar)

74 top "Katherine Gompert" to 78 bottom "weeping for real." (Kate Gompert confides to doctor about pot addiction)

85 YEAR OF THE... to 87 middle "So it would seem." (Tiny Ewell in detox for alcoholism, heading to Enfield Unit #6)

114 bottom "Hal usually gets..." to 115 top "awful indigestion." (Hal and marijuana)

137 middle "Ennet House Drug..." to 138 "Boston AA community (about Ennet House)
176 bottom "SELECTED TRANSCRIPTS..." to 181 middle "say one thing" (Ennet House transcript)
193 bottom "Ennet House..." to 198 middle "almost buried." (more about Ennet House) (#6 is particularly important)
200 top "If, by the virtue" to 211 middle "real long time." (Facts to be learned at Ennet; more on Tiny Ewell and tattoos; Randy Lenz, Don Gately)
219 middle 7 NOVEMBER to 223 top "little room's walls." (Joelle van Dyne as drug addict; freebase cocaine. Also references to Jim, who was Hal's father)
223 bottom "Jim's oldest, Orin..." to 226 bottom "defaced." (more on Joelle and getting high) [223: Orin is Hal's older brother; 224: mention of film cartridge; 225: alludes to Joelle as radio personality Madame Psychosis]
227 middle "Thereafter proceeding" to 240 middle "searching." (Joelle, film; she ODs)
1000 middle to 1003 top "They can't kick you out." (FN 90) Don G and Geoffrey at Ennet about AA
270 bottom "Both Pat Montesian" to 281 top "farted." (Don Gately counseling at Ennet)
343 top 8 NOVEMBER to 375 top "get OLD" (Boston AA)
395 bottom "Like most..." to 396 top "on court" (Hal's sugar and nicotine compulsions)
442 bottom YEAR OF THE to 449 middle "temperature he is." (Gately and AA)
461 middle "Part of Don..." to 469 bottom "his mouth." Gately's background, Ennet work
503 top "The night after" to 507 top "climb him" (Erdedy at NA meeting that requires hugs)
538 bottom "It is starting" to 548 top "predictable reasons." (Randy Lenz and cats etc.)
553 bottom WEDNESDAY to 559 bottom "ear sockets." (Lenz out with Bruce Green)
575 top "En route..." to 589 middle "potentially." (Lenz en route home kills dog)
601 top "As at all D.S.A.S." to 619 bottom "Ready?" Gately and fight resulting from Lenz having killed dog)
1037 middle to 1038 top (Footnote 232) effects of various drugs
1048 bottom (Footnote 269(a)) marijuana thinking
1054 (FN 290(a)) AA cautions against relationships Year 1
716 middle 14 NOVEMBER to 719 top "all to see." (Lenz at large)
723 bottom 14 NOVEMBER to 724 bottom "can be saved" (Joelle: cocaine rots teeth)
782 middle "Now you're not" to 785 bottom "what I mean" (Hal confesses drug use to brother Mario)
1063-1066 (Footnote 321) Hal talks around addiction with friend Pemulis
785 bottom 17 NOVEMBER to 787 bottom "swallowing." (Hal to Ennet House)
795 bottom "The most distant" to 808 bottom "unspeakable." (Hal intended going to AA meeting, got something else)
809 top "The ceiling" to 845 top "again and again." (Gately in hospital; wraith is Jim I.!)
853 bottom par "The wind..have noticed." (without marijuana nothing gives life meaning)
854 bottom "Plus..." to 864 top "stay there." (Joelle visits Gately)
883 bottom "Gately's memories..." to 896 top "knows where" (Gately refuses drugs)
896 top "I was..." to 902 top "knock down", 906 bottom "I may have..." to 911 bottom "seem familiar" (Hal immobilized, bored)
943 near bottom "He was looking at me oddly. 'I don't see what's so funny about it, man.'" (Hal smiling involuntarily)
951 last paragraph and 952 bottom "Now I couldn't...available" (Hal losing memory)
966 top "A couple of us..." to 967 top "did fart" (Hal's facial expressions are strange)
3 beginning to 17 middle "what's your story?" (how Hal ends up)