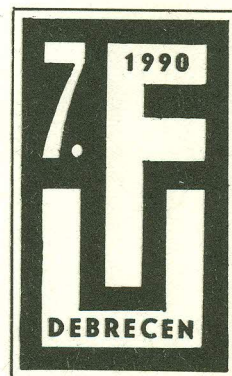


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NATURE AND INTERPRETATION OF VISIONS IN THE HUNGARIAN  
TRADITIONAL PEASANT COMMUNITY

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From the Middle Age it have been recorded visions in a given situation of some men and women /Tar Lőrinc, Georgius de Ungaria, etc./. It is very difficult to distinguish the later modifications and deformations owing to fantasy and traditional matrixes.

The presented narrations are first hand informations, I knew the narrators and having a good personal contact, I could observe them in their everyday life too. In the third case I had opportunity to do special medical and psychological examinations too.

My narrators are situated in a wide ranging scale  
a., according to their social position and role /healer, seer, simple peasant woman/ and  
b., according to the nature and frequency of their visions /once, few times, frequently/.

The rural hungarian peasant community doesn't qualify visioning as a deviancy, but the official /medical/ judgments are often misleading and wrong. This contradiction forecasts that the individual psychological/psychiatric approach is in this case insufficient and this phenomenon couldn't be well interpreted using socialpsychologic wiew-points only.

Author presents three cases, the third one is more detailed, to illustrate the above mentioned contradiction.