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Reuben Hersh and **Vera John-Steiner*** (vygotsky@unm.edu). *Math as solace, math as addiction.*

Many famous mathematicians—Poncelet, Leray, Weil, Massera, Rado, Helly, Vietoris, Turan, Chandler Davis—have been imprisoned, by war or by politics, and have used their ability to immerse themselves in mathematics to survive imprisonment. On the other hand, some mathematicians allowed themselves to become totally isolated from others, and devoted themselves, fatally, to single-minded, obsessive reliance on "logic". Three examples were Kurt Godel, Andre Bloch, and Ted Kaczynski. These and others are narrated in our new book, "Loving and Hating Mathematics: the emotional side of mathematical life." (Received May 08, 2007)