

**A SÍRÁS BIOLÓGIAI ÉS
PSZICHOLÓGIAI VONATKOZÁSAI**

SZABÓ PÁL

*„Boldogok, akik sírnak,
mert megvigasztaltatnak.”
(Biblia, Máté 5:4)*

The paper treats a common human specific phenomenon that has been nevertheless hardly investigated in the recent years: crying. The author describes main characteristics and function of three distinguished types of weeping: infant, emotional, and pathological. I intend to discuss some biological, psychological and socio-cultural aspects of crying, presenting in the same time specific methods applied in the investigation of the phenomenon. Finally, I will summarize the results of a research performed in Hungary that intended to explore the influence of social factors on crying, on the basis of the method by Frey(1983).