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Cultivating Wholeness
and Community in a

Fragmented World

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Eco-Centric Individuation: Bill Plotkin's Nature and the Human Soul

To individuate is a subversive act. It requires a person to move against their habitual ego notions about how things are and to reject many of the accepted norms of their culture. Individuation is made more difficult in a time of what Jung called kairs, a time of the "changing of the gods", a time when the worldview of a culture is itself undergoing a rite of passage. In such times, when the myths of our culture are not adequate to lead us into a new way of being, and new myths are not yet here, we have to return to what Thomas Berry called 'genetic guidance', the spontaneously creative and mysterious impulses of the world unconscious that originate in the same instincts through which the earth came into being. In short, we have to return to nature. But where can we find guidance that is not itself coming out of the old Cartesian, nature-phobic fantasy that is the problem? To read a text on individuation that is not grounded in such assumptions requires that the author be 'cured' of the disease of Cartesianism and have enough of the Bodhisattva in them to want to share their insights in a labor of love, a book. I am pleased to report that Bill Plotkin's second book, Nature and the Human Soul: Cultivating Wholeness and Community in a Fragmented World, fits this bill.

Nature and the Human Soul begins with the idea that humanity is engaged in the process of the Great Turning, the move from an ego-centric industrial growth model of civilization to an eco-centric earth community model that is sustainable into the future. The question is then asked, "What does it mean to become fully human in an eco-centric world?" At a time when most therapeutic models are about coping with the dire consequences of our current circumstances, this is an especially generative question, one that is filled with hope for the future. To answer this question fully, Bill Plotkin dives deeply into the structure of the medicine wheel, the wheel of life, to create one of the most innovative and healing imaginations of the process of individuation that I have ever read. What brings this model to life is Plotkin's 25 years of experience as a depth psychologist, wilderness guide and eco-therapist, leading individuals into the wild to seek their destiny. The abstractions of life-span stage theory are given pulse and beauty through the heart-rending and soul-stirring stories of the individuals whose experiences illuminate the phases of the wheel of life. More than just another developmental theory, Nature and the Human Soul has the potential to be a foundation stone in the New Myth that we so desperately seek.

Bill Plotkin will be coming to the Seattle Jung Society on May 2nd and 3rd to discuss his new book. He will also be conducting a "Soulcraft Intensive" (based on his earlier book, *Soulcraft: Crossing into the Mysteries of Nature and Psyche*) at Chinook Learning Center on April 26–30. For more information, and to see the kind of work his organization is doing, check out his website at <u>www.animas.org.</u>

—Randy Morris, Ph.D.

Library News

4649 Sunnyside North Good Shepherd Center Room 222

Spring 2008 Library Hours

Call 206-547-3956 to verify hours.

Saturdays 12:30 p.m.– 3:30 p.m. The library will also be open on Mondays during March and April from 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Books for Sale

We will have Valerie
Harm's book, *Dreaming of Animals, Dialogue between self and world*for sale at her lecture and
workshop on April 11 & 12
and copies of Bill Plotkin's
new book, *Nature and the Human Soul* on sale at his
lecture and workshop on
May 2 & 3.

Amazon.com

Use the amazon.com link at www.jungseattle.org for all your purchases from Amazon.com and support the Society. Amazon.com pays a referral percentage to the C.G. Jung Society, Seattle for purchases made with the special link.

Library Donors. Once again we would like to thank our donors for their recent gifts. Fern Martin and Michael Horne have thought of us when adjusting their own book collections and we appreciate their thoughtfulness.

New Books. We have many new books for your perusal. Please come by and borrow on Saturday afternoons or on Friday evenings when we have a lecture at Good Shepherd. Some new titles include:

- Barbara Hannah, The Cat, Dog and Horse Lectures
- · Robert A. Johnson, Contentment
- Robert A. Johnson and Jerry Ruhl, Living Your Unlived Life
- C. G. Jung, The Collected Works, Appendix B, The Psychology of the Unconscious
- Edward F. Edinger, The Archetype of the Apocalypse: Divine Vengeance, Terrorism and the End of the World
- Stanton Marlan, The Black Sun
- Gay Volney, Reading Jung, Science, Psychology and Religion
- Luigi Zoja, Ethics, and Analysis, Philosophical Perspective and Their Application in Therapy
- C. A. Meier, Ancient Incubation and Modern Psychotherapy
- Rivkah Kluger, Psychology and Religion: (reprint)
- James Kirsch, C.G. Jung and the Jews (reprint)

We have also ordered the newest title from the Philemon Foundation: *Children's Dreams, notes from the Seminars given in 1936 to 1940.*

Returning Books and Videos. Please note that you can return borrowed books, periodicals and tapes to our bookdrop by our door Room 222, anytime the Good Shepherd building is open, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays. Video tapes must be returned in person during library hours.

Call for 2nd Saturday Library Volunteer. We are looking for a volunteer to be in the library on the 2nd Saturday of every month from 12:30 to3:30. If you can make that commitment for the next three months, please let me know.

Book Requests. If you have book requests, please drop us a line at office@jungseattle.org or send us a note by mail.

-Bunny Brown, Librarian

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Program Preview

SPRING 2008

Valerie Harms

April 11 & 12 www.valerieharms.com

Lecture & Workshop: Dreaming of Animals, dialogue between self and world

Good Shepherd Center, Room 202 Friday Lecture: 7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

Saturday Workshop: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Christopher Hauke

April 25 www.christopherhauke.com

Lecture: Turning On and Tuning Out—Technology

and Psychotherapy

Good Shepherd Center, Room 202 Friday Lecture: 7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.

Bill Plotkin, Ph.D.

May 2 & 3 www.animas.org

Lecture & Workshop: Nature and the Human Soul—Ecocentric Individuation in an Egocentric World

Good Shepherd Center, 4th Floor Theatre Friday Lecture: 7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.

Saturday Workshop: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

AUTUMN 2008

Phil Cousineau

September 12 & 13 www.philcousineau.net Lecture & Workshop: Stoking the Creative Fires

Kyle Lee Williams, M.A.

October 10 (class dates to be announced)

Lecture & Classes: Jung 101— On the Nature of the Psyche

James Hollis, Ph.D.

November 14 & 15 www.jameshollis.net Lecture & Workshop

Laurence Hillman, M.B.A.

December 5 & 6 www.LHillman.com Lecture & Workshop

WINTER & SPRING 2009

Elizabeth Fergus-Jean, Ph.D.

January www.fergusjean.com

Lara Newton, M.A.

February

Speaker to be announced March

Michael Conforti, Ph.D.

April

Linda Leonard, Ph.D.

May

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Program details available at www.jungseattle.org



MEMBERSHIP FORM

NOTICE: The Jung Society Membership Directory is intended to help members develop small group opportunities for exchanging Jungian thought. The Board expressly prohibits all other uses, particularly solicitation in any form.

Please fill out your name and contact information, and check the boxes to the left to indicate you'd like to INCLUDE your contact information in the Membership Directory. You may also request that your entry be excluded from the Membership Directory. _____ Date _____ Name ____ Street Address City, State, Zip Email Phone(s) __ EXCLUDE my entry completely from the Membership directory Interests (for inclusion in the Membership Directory): Dreams Typology Religion Individuation and development Creativity Synchronicity The archetypes & symbolism __ Alchemy Mythology and fairytales Anthropology Relationship Illness, wellness & healing Women's issues Men's issues Midlife and aging issues Community & social issues Other topics at Pacifica I've attended/am attending classes ____ at Zurich Institute Any areas you would be willing to help with: Publicity Newsletter editing/publication Library staff Program planning Fundraising Office tasks Event cashier Event hospitality Membership If it is time to renew your membership, or you are a new member joining the Society, please enclose dues at the level indicated. \$300 Sustaining Member \$500 Sustaining Couple \$75 Couple \$165 Contributing Couple \$100 Contributing Member \$45 Individual \$10 Newsletter Only \$30 Student/Senior Return this form to: C. G. Jung Society, Seattle, 4649 Sunnyside Avenue North, Room 222, Seattle WA 98103 Telephone (206) 547-3956 Fax (206) 547-7746 Email office@jungseattle.org www.jungseattle.org

Last Revised Dec 2004

We would like to invite Society Members to join the Board as we embark on a challenge to move the Society further into the 21st century! We wish to purchase a new computer, accounting software, a projector, and some other AV equipment. This new technology will help us update and streamline our records keeping, allowing us to do professional level fundraising, pay our taxes efficiently and on time, and make our video presenters very happy and willing to come back again and again! In addition to these advances, our loyal library volunteers would no longer have to save our growing collection on 3-and-a-half-inch disks. (Remember those?!) We will also, for the first time in our history, be able to utilize the services of a professional bookkeeper and accountant who specialize in non-profit work. Their services are greatly needed and you can make it happen!

If each of our members donates \$10-20 toward this Capital Campaign, we'll have enough for a new computer and some current accounting software.

If, however, there are any serious Angels among you, all Seraphim and Cherubim--please send your donations of \$100-5000 to C.G. Jung Society, Seattle (4649 Sunnyside Avenue North, Good Shepherd Center - Room 222, Seattle, WA 98103), or feel free to bestow your contribution on Diane at the next event you attend. Thanks for helping the Jung Society move into a bright and prosperous future!

-Kyle Lee Williams, President

Contributing Members

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President's Message: Technology & Professional Services Capital

Membership:
We thank our
Contribuing
Renewing
Members and
extend a warm
welcome to our
New &
Returning
Members

Call for Member Participation



When a summit of life is reached, when the bud unfolds and from the lesser the greater emerges, then as Nietzche says "One becomes Two." and the greater figure, which one always was but which remained invisible, appears to the lesser personality with the force of revelation. He who is truly and hopelessly little will always drag the revelation of the greater down to the level of his littleness. and will never understand that the day of judgement for his littleness has dawned. But the man who is inwardly great will know that the long expected friend of his soul, the immortal one, has now really come, "to lead captivity captive," that is, to seize hold of him by whom this immortal has always been confined and held prisoner, and to make his life flow into that greater life-a moment of deadliest peril. -C.G. Jung, The Archetypes and the Collective Unconscious, Collected Works Vol 9i, par. 217 as referenced by Edward F. Edinger in The Creation of Consciousness p. 50.

Program Committee Invitation

The Jung Society Seattle has a lecture and workshop every month September through May. The Program Committee is in charge of contacting distinguished speakers in the field of depth psychology and making all the arrangements for their visit to Seattle. All Jung Society events and the library duties are performed by volunteers. Program Committee volunteers are needed to continue the Jung Society's mission, "to promote public interest in, and understanding of, analytical psychology and the current use of Jungian concepts by contemporary thinkers."

Committee members contribute by participating in discussions of future programming and suggesting speakers to the Board, contacting potential speakers, sending contracts, getting lecture/workshop descriptions ready for the newsletter, and following up on arrangements for hotels and room rentals. Meeting as a committee is a great way to get to know other Society members while having some fun. Another enjoyable and rewarding aspect is to be the welcoming representative for the speakers we bring in.

We know that everyone is busy; many of us work long hours and/or are students so we do not ask an individual to do it all. The purpose of a committee is to spread the workload over several people. We're not asking for a year-long commitment, although that would be fabulous, but an interest in contributing three to six months or working with one or two speakers would be very helpful and beneficial to our membership and our mission.

Please contact Shirley McNeil at sfmcneil @comcast.net or at 206-525-6862 for more information.

Help investigate WSPA-approved CEU's

The Jung Society offers NASW-approved Continuing Education Units to licensed social workers, marriage and family therapists, as well as mental health counselors. We need a volunteer to investigate whether it would be feasible and a good idea for the Society to also provide WSPA-approved CEU's to psychologists? Find out from WSPA what the costs would be for the Jung Society, what kind of lectures/workshops meet the requirements, and what sort of paperwork is needed.

After we make the decision to provide this additional service to our members, the volunteer would assist or replace the CEU Coordinator, Barbara Heather, at some of the events (in exchange for a reduced attendance fee).

Please contact Barbara Heather at barbaraheather@hotmail.com.

Newsletter Editor

We need help producing the Society's newsletter. Please email office@jungseattle.org if you are interested in learning more about what's involved. We produce an Autumn, Winter and Spring issue every year. There is more than one way of breaking down the responsibilities that go with producing the newsletter. In the past, we've had several teams of two members who have produced the newsletter together, another member preferred to work as a team of one, some of our newsletter editors have professional help to do the actual layout portion of the newsletter. What works best is if the Newsletter Editor can participate as a member of the Board and attend Board meetings and address current issues that impact the Society's membership via the Newsletter. We have used PageMaker to produce the newsletter in the past and this works well with submitting the information electronically for printing to our current printer. You can use Microsoft Publisher or another product, if that would work better for you and submit paper copies to the printer for duplication.