MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Fall is a great time to become a member. Our membership season now runs from July 1-June 30, coinciding with our fiscal year.

Membership benefits include free admission to evening lectures, discounts on workshops, and check-out privileges in our library. For library hours and more info, please visit www.ofj.org and click the library tab.

Your membership also supports the operating costs of our organization and allows us to continue our mission to make Jungian ideas available in our community to all who are interested.

Upcoming 2016-2017 speakers are:

Nov. 11/12, Donald Kalsched
Dec. 2/3, Jutta von Buchholtz
Jan. 20/21, Dyane Sherwood
Feb. 17/18, Jane Zich
Mar. 17/18, Tom Elsner
Apr. 21/22, James Hollis

For details about the Nov. and Dec. programs, visit www.ofj.org. The Winter/Spring program topics will be announced in our Brochure that is mailed after Christmas, and on our Website.

Self-Directed Book Group Forming

If you’ve been thinking about joining a book group in order to engage with and learn along with other Jungians, sign up tonight to get involved. Everyone are welcome. No special expertise is needed.

Currently, a self-directed book group is forming around Cosmos and Psyche: Intimations of a New World View, written by Dr. Richard Tarnas, this month’s speaker. To participate, please read the following:

1. A sign-up sheet for the book group is located on the book table in the lobby. Please clearly print your name, email address, phone number, and residential area (SE Portland, Salem, etc.) on the clipboard sheet. Place an X by your name if you are willing to help contact the others to set up the 1st meeting.

2. At the end of the evening, we’ll collect the sign-up sheet, scan it, and email it to each signee on the list. We’ll also include tips for starting and maintaining a successful book group.

3. One or more of you will then need to take the initiative to contact the others on your list, set a time and place to meet in person, and then, together, decide upon a meeting schedule that serves your group.

Please see p. 2 for an excerpt of Cosmos and Psyche.

“In all chaos there is a cosmos, in all disorder a secret order.”

C.G. Jung, CW Vol 9, Part 1, 2nd edition, para. 66
ANNOUNCEMENTS

♦ Six hearing assistance devices are available free for lecture attendees. To check out a device, find the table in the lobby with the yellow sign. We will ask you to leave your phone number and your driver’s license or a credit card. The table volunteer will show you how to operate the devices, but each hearing device has a simple instruction card attached to it. After the lecture is over, return your device to the same table and collect your ID.

♦ Fifteen copies of Cosmos and Psyche by tonight’s speaker are available for purchase in the lobby. $17.


The postmodern mind has come to recognize, with a critical acuity that has been at once disturbing and liberating, the multiplicity of ways in which our often hidden presuppositions and the structures of our subjectivity shape and elicit the reality we seek to understand. If we have learned anything from the many disciplines that have contributed to postmodern thought, it is that what we believe to be our objective knowledge of the world is radically affected and even constituted by a complex multitude of subjective factors, most of which are altogether unconscious. Even this is not quite accurate, for we must now recognize subject and object, inner and outer, to be so deeply mutually constituted as to render problematic the very structure of a “subject” knowing an “object.” Such a recognition—hard-won and, for most of us, still being slowly integrated—can initially produce a sense of intellectual disorientation, irresolution, or even despair. Each of these responses has its time and place. But ultimately this recognition can call forth in us a fortifying sense of joyful co-responsibility for the world we elicit and enact through the creative power of the interpretive strategies and world views we choose to engage, to explore, and to evolve with.

Imagine, for a moment, that you are the universe. But for the purposes of this thought experiment, let us imagine that you are not the disenchanted mechanistic universe of conventional modern cosmology, but rather a deep-souled, subtly mysterious cosmos of great spiritual beauty and creative intelligence. And imagine that you are being approached by two different epistemologies—two suitors, as it were, who seek to know you. To whom would you open your deepest secrets? To which approach would you be most likely to reveal your authentic nature? Would you open most deeply to the suitor—the epistemology, the way of knowing—who approached you as though you were essentially lacking in intelligence or purpose, as though you had no interior dimension to speak of, no spiritual capacity or value; who thus saw you as fundamentally inferior to himself (let us give the two suitors, not entirely arbitrarily, the traditional masculine gender); who related to you as though your existence were valuable primarily to the extent that he could develop and exploit your resources to satisfy his various needs; and whose motivation for knowing you was ultimately driven by a desire for increased intellectual mastery, predictive certainty, and efficient control over you for his own self-enhancement?

Or would you, the cosmos, open yourself most deeply to that suitor who viewed you as being at least as intelligent and noble, as worthy a being, as permeated with mind and soul, as imbued with moral aspiration and purpose, as endowed with spiritual depths and mystery, as he?

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