

2020–2021 INsight Lecture & Workshop Series

THE C. G. JUNG SOCIETY OF SARASOTA

JANUARY

DR. RICHARD TARNAS

Weathering the Storm in Our Unprecedented Times

Lecture: Friday, January 29, 2021, from 7 p.m.–9 p.m.

C. G. Jung broke free of limiting modern assumptions to recognize that psyche was not confined to the human—that it permeated all of nature, the cosmos itself. He also recognized the extraordinary value of astrology in shining an unexpected light on the archetypal dynamics of human life in synchronistic correlation with planetary movements. The evidence of consistent correlations between planetary alignments and world events, as seen through the lens of archetypal astrology, can provide us with a much needed context for our wildly dramatic time. What is the current planetary situation, what gods are now in motion, and what are the historical precedents? How might our contemporary culture be transformed by the recognition that an intimate bond exists between the deep psyche and the cosmos? Join us for a "state of the world report" on the archetypal astrological context of our national and global moment. There will also be a private advance screening of Episode 1 of *Changing of the Gods*, a documentary series based on Dr. Tarnas' book *Cosmos and Psyche*.

Synchronicity and Its Implications

Workshop: Saturday, January 30, 2021, from 1 p.m.–4 p.m.

"The highway's made for gamblers, better use your sense. Take what you have gathered from coincidence..." — Bob Dylan, *Bringing It All Back Home*

Jung's concept of synchronicity represents one of the most strenuous efforts of the twentieth century to construct a bridge across the chasm between spirit and matter, self and world, psyche and cosmos. The concept has been widely embraced in popular culture. Synchronicities play no small role in the way many individuals make sense of their lives. In the face of the disenchanting modern world view, the search for a ground of purpose and meaning that transcends human subjectivity has become an urgent spiritual priority. For many today, synchronicities are directly relevant to this search, and are frequently experienced as provocative, though often elusive, signs that such deeper structures of meaning and purpose do exist. Synchronistic phenomena have also had a unique impact in the intellectual world, having been cited by physicists as posing a major challenge to the philosophical foundations of modern science, as well as by religious scholars as holding deep implications for the contemporary psychology of religion.

In this evening lecture and workshop, Dr. Tarnas will summarize the origin and history of the concept in Jung's work, discuss the experiential and transformative dimensions of synchronistic events, analyze the new understanding of causality they presuppose, and address their larger metaphysical and perhaps evolutionary implications.



Dr. Richard Tarnas, Ph.D., is a professor of philosophy and cultural history at the California Institute of Integral Studies, where he founded the graduate program in Philosophy, Cosmology, and Consciousness. He teaches courses in the history of ideas, archetypal studies, depth psychology, and religious evolution; frequently lectures at Pacifica Graduate Institute; and was formerly the director of programs and education at Esalen Institute. He

is the author of *The Passion of the Western Mind*, a history of the Western worldview from the ancient Greek to the postmodern widely used in universities. His second book, *Cosmos and Psyche: Intimations of a New World View*, received the Book of the Year Prize from the Scientific and Medical Network, and is the basis for the upcoming documentary series *Changing of the Gods*. He is the former president of the International Transpersonal Association, and served for many years on the Board of Governors of the Jung Institute of San Francisco.

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FEBRUARY

DR. MICHAEL CONFORTI

Intimations in the Night: The Soul's Call to Return Home

Lecture: Friday, February 19, 2021, from 7 p.m.–9 p.m.

Workshop: Saturday, February 20, 2021, from 9 a.m.–1 p.m.

When entering the autumn and winter of life, we often experience a profound lack of orientation. So many of our meaningful accomplishments now begin to lose their luster, and those aspirations and dreams that had set our hearts on fire are now eclipsed by new and strange emotions and desires that are suddenly emerging from the shadows. Standing face to face with the reality that we have aged and now face certain limitations—and opportunities—we never imagined, we are challenged to hear those painful lamentations of ego and youth as we move into this later and eventually final stage of life.

Now it is imperative to know what it is that we so deeply love, cherish, and need to preserve, and then recognize those aspects of life that we need to relinquish, as they no longer satisfy the mandates of the Self. In this lecture and workshop we will seek to understand the Self's mandates in the aging process by looking at a series of dreams. These will help us to discern the workings of outdated youthful complexes as well as learn to recognize and understand those messages from the Self calling us to a new life. We also will delve into Hemingway's novel *The Old Man and the Sea* to understand the challenges of moving beyond outdated attitudes and the consequences of not responding to what is being asked of us.



Michael Conforti, Ph.D., is a Jungian Analyst and founder of the Assisi Institute. He has been a faculty member at the C. G. Jung Institute in Boston and the C. G. Jung Foundation of New York, and for many years he has served as a senior associate faculty member in the doctoral and master's programs in clinical psychology at Antioch New England. A pioneer in the field of matter-psyche studies, Dr. Conforti is actively investigating the workings of archetypal fields and the relationship between Jungian psychology and the new sciences. The author of three books, he maintains a private practice in Mystic, CT, and consults with individuals and corporations around the world.

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MARCH

DR. ASHOK BEDI, M.D.

Path to the Soul

Lecture: Friday, March 12, 2021, from 7 p.m.–9 p.m.

Workshop: Saturday, March 13, 2021, from 9 a.m.–1 p.m.

Jung's Analytical Psychology draws heavily from the Eastern spiritual traditions. In his magnum opus—*Mysterium Coniunctionis*, Jung presented his highest synthesis of the alchemy of the individuation process. These include alchemic movement from unio naturalis, unio mentalis, unio spiritualis, and unio corporalis to unus mundus.

The Friday lecture will summarize the basics of Jung's theory of the individuation process as depicted in his *Mysterium Coniunctionis*; discuss the overview of the Eastern template of the individuation process; explore the concepts of maya, karma, dharma and moksha as the building blocks of the Eastern individuation process; and present the Eastern views on the unio naturalis—living out of your authentic nature.

The Saturday workshop will amplify the themes summarized in the lecture. We will explore the Eastern perspective on the individuation process amplifying each of these stages from an Eastern perspective. These will be further explored with archetypes of the Eastern and Hindu traditions and clinical material. We will engage the archetypes of the Hindu trinity of Brahma and Sarasvati, the creators; Vishnu and Laxmi, the preservers of consciousness; and Shiva and Shakti, the destroyers of the shadow making room for creation of new consciousness. This workshop will articulate the Eastern template for the unio mentalis, the mapping out of your psyche; illustrate the working of the Eastern path on unio spiritualis, decoding your spiritual purpose; explain the Eastern perspectives on unio corporalis, embodiment of your life and spiritual purpose; and demonstrate the Eastern paradigm of unus mundus, being a meaningful part of the collective, using clinical examples.



Dr. Ashok Bedi, M.D., is a Jungian psychoanalyst and a board-certified psychiatrist. He is a member of the Royal College of Psychiatrists of Great Britain, a diplomat in Psychological Medicine at the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of England, and a Distinguished Life Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association. Dr. Bedi is a Clinical Professor in Psychiatry at the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee and a training analyst at the C. G. Jung Institute of Chicago. His books include *The*

Spiritual Paradox of Addiction, *Crossing the Healing Zone*, *Awaken the Slumbering Goddess: The Latent Code of the Hindu Goddess Archetypes*, and *Retire Your Family Karma: Decode Your Family Pattern and Find Your Soul Path and Path to the Soul*. He is the liaison for the International Association of Applied Psychology (IAAP) for developing Jungian training programs in India and travels annually to India to teach, train and consult with the Jungian developing groups at several centers in India including Ahmedabad and Mumbai. He leads the annual "A Jungian Encounter with the Soul of India" study group under the auspices of the New York Jung Foundation. His publications and upcoming programs may be previewed at www.pathtothesoul.com.

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APRIL

DR. MONIKA WIKMAN

Dreams, Life, Death & the Alchemical Wedding Between Worlds

Lecture: Friday, April 9, 2021, from 7 p.m.–9 p.m.

Workshop: Saturday, April 10, 2021, from 9 a.m.–1 p.m.

What do dreams, near-death experiences (NDE) and archetypal phenomena surrounding death tell us about the mysteries of life, death, and the beyond? How do dreams help prepare us for death—our own—and for the passing of loved ones? How do our worldviews alchemically change through these experiences?

When someone we love is dying or when we come close to death ourselves, the boundaries between these worlds can become very thin, and mysteries of life, death, and the beyond can reveal themselves, opening us to life-changing understandings in the imaginal realms of reality. Find out how these experiences of the threshold between life and death can inform us and transform us.

This lecture and workshop explore experiences and questions we live with regarding death and the beyond. Drawing on years of doctoral research at UC San Diego Medical Center on dreams of the dying and decades of working with people in the dying process—as well as personal experiences on the edge of life and death—Dr. Wikman will help us investigate dreams, synchronicities, and experiences of archetypal phenomena surrounding death. This material portrays and intimates the multidimensional living mysteries of the subtle body realms that unite spirit and matter.

- ★ 2 CEs available for Dr. Wikman's lecture | \$10 CE Broker Course #20-673234
- ★ 4 CEs available for Dr. Wikman's workshop | \$20 CE Broker Course#20-673240

CEs For Dr. Wikman's events are an additional cost and are paid separately to the **Friendship Center for Aging Studies**, which is committed to offering accredited continuing education CEs and non-credited courses with all subject matter presented through an aging lens. Its mission is to share its wealth of dedicated professionals in medicine and other fields on the leading edge of research to licensed professionals seeking CEs and members of our community pursuing lifelong learning. Call 941.556.3263 to register. Find out more at centerforagingstudies.org.



CE COURSE OBJECTIVES for lecture and workshop: 1. Examine cultural attitudes and neuroses surrounding the reality of death. 2. Discern the role the avoidance and denial of death plays in the well-being of clients' lives. 3. Identify processes whereby the psyche attempts to expand consciousness beyond one's psychological defenses in experiences near death. 4. Analyze factors in dream research that illuminate psychological attitudes of well-being at death. 5. Identify psychological processes that assist the individual to discover peace at death.



Monika Wikman, Ph.D., is a Jungian analyst, astrologer and author of *Pregnant Darkness: Alchemy and the Rebirth of Consciousness*. A graduate of the Jung-von Franz Center for Depth Psychology in Zurich, she is a member of the New Mexico Society of Jungian Analysts. Her work with the dying led to a research project on Dreams of the Dying at UC San Diego Medical Center, leading to a current manuscript on the *Alchemy of Life, Death and the Wedding Veil*. She hosts The Center for Alchemical Studies in Tesuque, NM, a nonprofit project through Earthways.org. Interviews with Monika on topics such as the anima mundi and environmental issues of our time; and archetypal phenomenon surrounding death, dreams, active imagination and alchemy can be found at shrinkrapradio.com and SpeakingofJung.com.

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