



# THE C G JUNG SOCIETY OF QUEENSLAND

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## *President's Letter*

### **Psychology Science and Religion**

*"It is probably true quite generally that in the history of human thinking the most fruitful developments frequently take place at those points where two different lines of thought meet. These lines may have their roots in quite different parts of human culture, in different times or different cultural environments or different religious traditions: hence if they actually meet, that is, if they are at least so much related to each other that a real interaction can take place, then one may hope that new and interesting developments may follow." Werner Heisenberg*

#### **Dear friends,**

I wonder how many of us, who have found ourselves imaginatively entering the incredible picture of energy and matter that emerges out of 'quantum physics', have felt the 'spine tingling presence of 'the numinous'. I certainly have. If I had forgotten my early experiences of 'holy science' when I was barely a teenager, years later the memories came rushing back with Capra (The Tao of Physics) trying to create a sense of the infinitesimally small scale of quantum particles. I can still vividly recall his description. If you blow up an atom to the size of the dome of St Peters Cathedral in Rome, the protons proportionally, would be specks of dust, and the nucleus would be like a grain of salt at the centre; further, inside the nucleus, smaller parts: particles, would be moving at speeds approximating the speed of light. As my imagination grasped this image, my sense of the solid Newtonian world changed forever to include a world of immense space and energy and I also knew that for me, the only path to the meaning of this revelation was direct mystical experience.

Jung wrestled with questions of psychology and religion for much of his life, and in his dialogue with the great physicist Wolfgang Pauli, mind expanding twentieth century quantum physics entered the mix. The quantum view of wave particle behaviour and the role of consciousness in quantum theory had significant conceptual similarities to Jung's ideas about the nature of consciousness, psyche, matter and the archetypes of the collective unconscious. At the same time, a contemporary of Jung, Teilhard de Chardin, sought a reconciliation of psyche, science and religion. Teilhard's work also converged with Jung's notably in relation to a conviction of an interior as well as exterior role of the process of evolution.

In our coming program we have the opportunity to hear more of, and to continue these tremendously important convergences and conversations. Australian Peter Todd has written a book 'The Individuation of God', that masterfully takes up and develops the themes. He challenges 'The God Delusion' of Richard Dawkins and leads us to a numinous and visionary theology for the third millennium. Peter Todd, together with Father David Moore who will illuminate the work of Teilhard de Chardin are our speakers for a full day event in May. Much of this newsletter is dedicated to more on this. We sincerely hope you will come and join the conversation. In June the theme continues with Anne di Lauro presenting an in-depth look at the relationship between Jung and Pauli with its implications for Jungian psychology.

This year there will be no April event as the first Thursday of the month coincides with Easter Thursday. Teilhard de Chardin died 60 years ago on Easter Sunday and this year a world mass is being celebrated in his honour at Georgetown University in the United States.

I wish you all a blessed and peaceful Easter.

**Marie Makinson (President)**

# DECRYPTING THE ENIGMA OF THE EXISTENCE OF GOD

**A Presentation by Peter Todd**

*Friday 8 May 2015, 7:30 – 9:30 pm Quaker Meeting House,  
10 Hampson St, Kelvin Grove (Park on Prospect Terrace)  
Members and concession \$10 Non –members \$15*

Prior to the emergence of quantum physics and depth psychology a schism between science and religion, psyche and matter had existed since the seventeenth century with the repression of mind and its banishment from the domain of scientific enquiry. Science rested upon an underlying epistemology of materialism so consciousness and the personal equation of mind of the human observer were considered to be mere epiphenomena to be passed over in silence. Peter Todd presents a story of how, just as the mind of the observer was being ousted by behavioral psychology, it was synchronously being re-discovered in quantum physics as the consciousness or “personal equation” of the human observer in experimental situations. He will then explore the notion of the complementarity of mind and matter with archetypes as cosmic ordering and regulating principles and active quantum information as in the work of Physicist David Bohm and his colleagues.



IMAGE FROM SAND: SCIENCE AND NONDUALITY

David Bohm's implicate order and Jung's collective unconscious outline dimensions of extended mind and of the Self which transcend space and time, the stuff which a third millennium theology could be made of. Pauli's concept of the U-field referred to the unconscious as the psychological counterpart of the field concept in quantum physics an idea with distinctly metaphysical connotations, a theme explored in the lecture as is the notion that God and humanity are in an entangled state so that the individuation of each is inextricably bound with the other. In other words, the evolution of God and that of humanity cannot be separated. Deconstructing the epistemology of metaphysical materialism can be considered vital to the emergence of a global consciousness of the sacredness and interconnectedness of all beings and of the ecosystems which sustain life on earth.

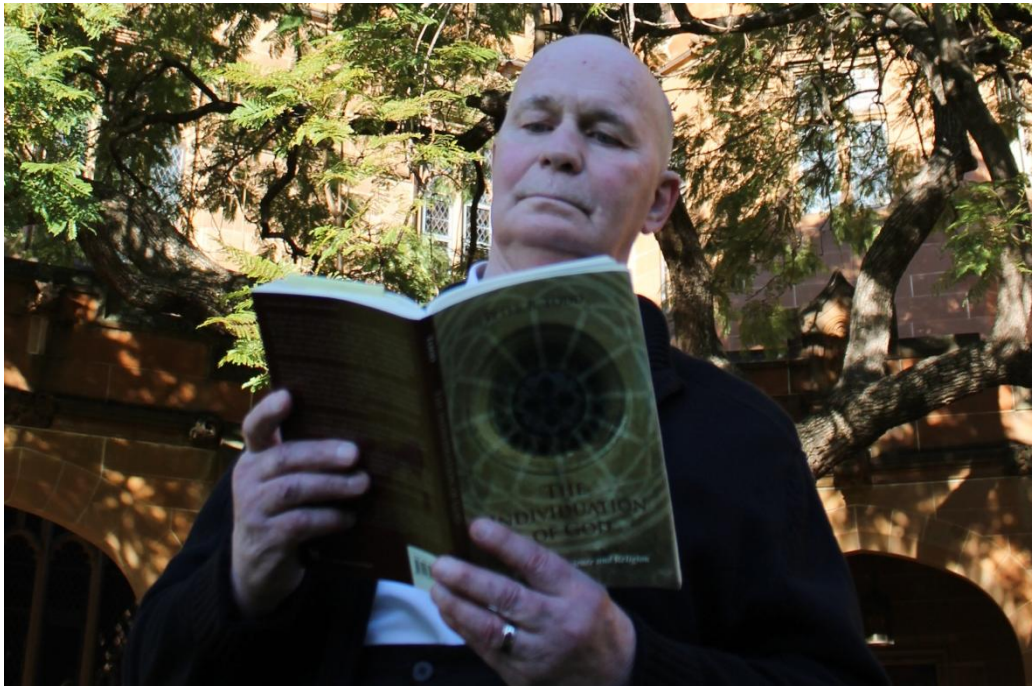
**More on Peter Todd following:**

# The Individuation of God

**Foreword by Dianna T. Kenny, Ph.D. Professor of Psychology: The University of Sydney**

*For who knows what is good for a man in life, during the few and meaningless days he passes through like a shadow? Who can tell him what will happen under the sun after he is gone? (Ecclesiastes 6:12, NIV)*

In this book, Peter Todd has tackled the hardest questions there are—how we understand and make meaningful our human consciousness, how we apprehend and transcend the concepts of time and space, the temporal and eternal, and the contrived dichotomies of science and religion, the secular and the sacred, the material and the ethereal—in his search for a theology of the third millennium. Todd rejects the arguments both for and against Western religion with its anthropomorphic god, its spatial concepts of heaven and hell, and its temporal concept of life after death. Rather, like Carl Jung, he argues for a collective unconscious that reaches back into prehistory but remains alive in all of us, thereby creating a transcendent state of interconnectedness and an endless spatiality and temporality.



Nietzsche and Freud were both sympathetic to this view. Nietzsche viewed dreams as “some primeval relic of humanity [that] is at work which we can now scarcely reach any longer by a direct path” (Freud 1900, p. 549). Freud believed that “each individual somehow recapitulates in an abbreviated form the entire development of the human race... [yet] these phylogenetic inheritances are freshly acquired in the development of the individual” (Freud 1916, p. 199). The form of this development, however, belongs to ontogeny, the individual’s prehistory (infancy). Todd recognizes this problem for connectedness. Without individual psyches there would be no theory. James Joyce also struggled with this question: “What can each man know but what passes through his mind?” A great deal has passed through the mind of Peter Todd in this challenging and timely work. There is an inherent optimism in collectivism and timelessness. At the end of the book, we are left to ponder Jung’s question as to whether we are connected to the infinite or not.



# THE CG JUNG SOCIETY OF QUEENSLAND

## Presents

### A Symposium on Psyche Science and Religion

### THE ENTANGLED STATE OF GOD AND HUMANITY

*Saturday 9 May, 9:30 – 4:30 pm*  
*Magda's Community Artz*  
*80 Boundary Road, Bardon, Brisbane*

**Keynote Speaker: Author Peter Todd:** Presents a case for a third millennium theology illuminated by insights from archetypal depth psychology, quantum physics neuroscience and evolutionary biology. In this talk Peter will dissolve the conceptual barriers between science and religion. His central ideas, like those of Jung with his archetypes, in particular that of the Self, provide intimations of a numinous principle implicit in cosmology and the discovery that in and through humanity, evolution becomes not only conscious of itself but also directed and purposive.



IMAGE FROM SAND: SCIENCE AND NONDUALITY

**Second Speaker: Father David Moore:** Will discuss: Evolution and Christ in the Mystical Theology of Teilhard de Chardin. French paleontologist and Jesuit priest Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (1881–1955) was an influential and highly regarded scientist in his field, and a tireless advocate for a Christianity capable of meeting the needs of the age.

A mystic may be described as one who is willing to take the inner facts as seriously as the outer. So it may be said that Teilhard's rich legacy is the witness of a faithful pilgrim who devoted equal commitment to both external and internal facts. This commitment was very costly, as the story of Teilhard's life with his church bears witness. That Teilhard was willing to bear this cost is relevant to his enduring legacy.

**CG Jung Society of Queensland President: Marie Makinson**  
**Moderator for afternoon discussion: Heather Lesley Swan**

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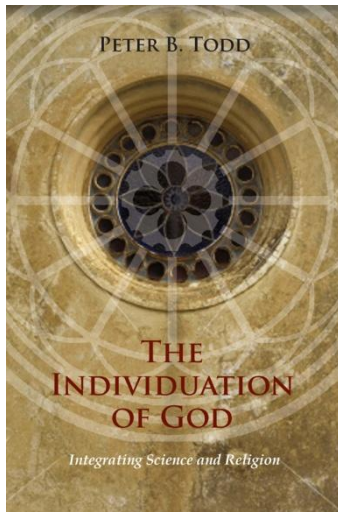
**Morning Program** begins 10.00: Presidents opening address followed by Keynote Speaker  
Second speaker follows morning tea then break for lunch.

There will be opportunities for paired discussion and comments after both talks as well as the afternoon discussion.

**Afternoon Program** begins with a short process. At 3pm plenary session begins. Heather will moderate between the panel (Peter, David and Marie) and the audience.

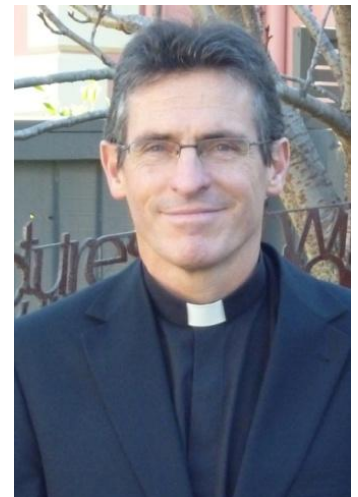
Concluding remarks 4.15 ending at 4.30.

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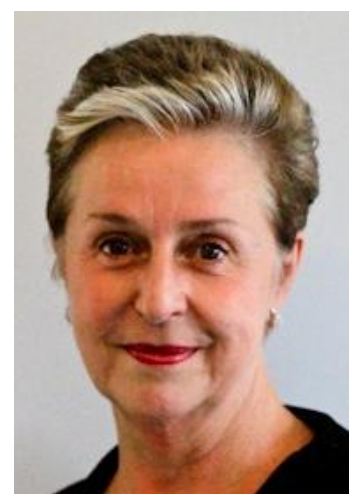
**Peter B. Todd** has been a research psychologist at the Neuropsychiatric Institute Sydney, a member of the Biopsychosocial AIDS Project at the University of California, a consultant in the department of immunology at St. Vincent's Hospital, and a research coordinator at the Albion Street AIDS Clinic Sydney. His papers have appeared in the *British Journal of Medical Psychology*, *Griffith Review*, the interdisciplinary journal *Mind and Matter* and *Teilhard Studies* the journal of the American Teilhard Association. His most recent book is *The Individuation of God: Integrating Science and Religion* (Chiron Publications 2012). He is currently a psychoanalytic psychologist in private practice in Sydney, Australia.

**Father David Moore's** initial tertiary studies were in chemistry, and he worked for a few years as an industrial chemist. Crossing the great academic divide, communication studies and an education diploma led to secondary teaching in Media Studies, prior to his theological studies and formation as a priest. He served in that ministry in the dioceses of Perth and Christchurch, prior to moving to St John's Camberwell in Melbourne late 2013. David initially encountered Teilhard's work during training as spiritual director in Perth in the late 1980s. The relationship to the work deepened in Christchurch at the start of the new millennium.



**Marie Makinson** is a Jungian analyst who has a private practice in Brisbane. She trained with GAP in London and is particularly interested in the interface of psychology and religion. Marie has been the President of the CG Jung Society of Queensland since 2013.

**Heather Lesley-Swan** is an analytical psychotherapist, ISST Sandplay therapist and international consultant. Initially trained in Law, Heather holds a Masters in Psychotherapy as well as post graduate qualifications in Management and Ethics.



The purpose of this symposium is to air exciting, far reaching ideas and to facilitate a vibrant and meaningful discussion between those present about our evolving relationship with God.

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I WISH TO ATTEND: **THE ENTANGLED STATE OF GOD AND HUMANITY SYMPOSIUM**

On Saturday 9 May 2015, 9.30 registrations, 10am start -4.30pm finish

Magda's Community Artz Centre, 80 Boundary Road

Bardon, Brisbane, Qld 4065

Buses: 475 stop at the door, Great Circle stop 250M away and 375 700M away.

On street parking is available

Morning lectures and afternoon chaired discussion with speakers, guests and audience. All refreshments and lunch included and please let us know if you have special requirements with food such as gluten and/ or dairy free.

Payment (please circle amount): \$75 (Member, concession) \$90 (Non-member)

We have tried to keep the cost as low as possible additionally there are some subsidised places available: please email the president to inquire:

[president@jungqld.com](mailto:president@jungqld.com)

Payment options: ~ Money order or a cheque made out to:

The C.G. Jung Society of Queensland (enclosed) ~ Post to address below

Direct deposit: CG Jung Society of Qld; Commonwealth Bank

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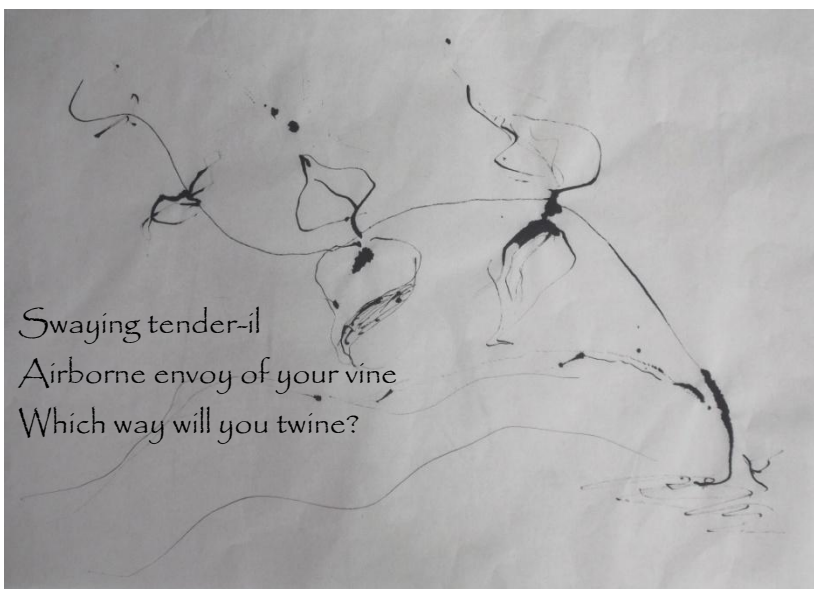
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Haiku to accompany a drawing  
of a tendril by Anne di Lauro

Workshop

Developing a Visual Language

By Cate McCarthy

February 2015

Learning about different ways  
of seeing and mark making.....



# PSYCHE AND PHYSICS

## Wolfgang Pauli's Dialogue with CG Jung

**A Presentation by Anne di Lauro**

***Thursday 4 June 2015, 7:30 – 9:30 pm Quaker Meeting House,  
10 Hampson St, Kelvin Grove (Park on Prospect Terrace)  
Members and concession \$10 Non –members \$15***

*The really great and creative scientists have the same motivation as the alchemist: to find out more about that spirit or divine substance or whatever you may call it, which lies behind all existence.*  
Marie-Louise von Franz. *Alchemical Active Imagination*, p. 13

In the quotation above, Jung's collaborator Marie-Louise von Franz was no doubt thinking of Nobel-prize winning physicist Wolfgang Pauli (1900 – 1958).

The one-sidedness of this brilliant young physicist brought him to Jung's door at the age of 31.

Interested by the archetypal material in Pauli's prolific dreams, Jung had him analysed by one of his pupils in order that he himself would not "contaminate" the material. Jung's study of this material, in which the identity of the dreamer is not revealed, appears in "Psychology and Alchemy" (CW12). Subsequently, these two original thinkers met and corresponded over a period of 25 years, wrestling with such questions as the parallels between psyche and quantum physics, the influence of archetypal ideas in scientific thinking, the archetypal aspect of numbers, acausality, synchronicity, ultimate reality and cosmic unity. It was Pauli who encouraged Jung to develop his ideas on synchronicity in an essay that was published, along with one by Pauli on the 17<sup>th</sup> century alchemists Fludd and Kepler, under the title "The Interpretation of Nature and the Psyche".

In this talk we shall look at Pauli the man, the scientist and the thinker and his quest, via the theories of quantum physics and the ideas of C.G. Jung, for a unified vision of psychic and physical reality. Finally, we shall consider the possible implications of these ideas for us.



Wolfgang Pauli



Anne Di Lauro's interest in the psychology of C.G. Jung began several decades ago. She grew up in Brisbane and then spent most of her adult life living in Europe and North America, working mostly for various agencies of the United Nations. Anne has had a long association with our Society, having previously given talks on topics such as dream work, art and imagery, Marsilio Ficino, the Renaissance philosopher beloved of James Hillman, and alchemy. She has studied the Embodied Imagination method of dream work with Robert Bosnak and uses this method in her work. Anne practises as a psychotherapist from a Jungian perspective and is in private practice in Brisbane. She is a former president of the C.G. Jung Society of Queensland.

## About the C.G. Jung Society of Queensland

The C.G. Jung Society of Queensland is committed to furthering awareness of and reflection upon the writings of the Swiss psychologist Carl Gustav Jung (1875-1961). The Society promotes an understanding of Jung's work through the exploration of its psychological and spiritual applications to the individual journey and interpersonal relationships, and by considering the ways in which Jung's writings and ideas can contribute to the healing of modern society.

The Society does this through offering monthly presentations, occasional workshops and small groups, all of which are open to both members and non-members. Monthly presentations are normally held at 7:30 pm on the first Thursday of each month, from February to December, at the Quaker Meeting House, 10 Hampson Street, Kelvin Grove. It is a beautiful venue with a quiet spiritual atmosphere in a forest setting, only a short ride from the city by bus. Parking inside the grounds is limited, but available on Prospect Terrace.

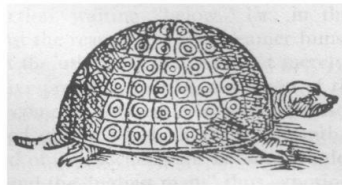
Established in 1982, the Society is a non-profit and non-professional association. The Society's events are attended by people of all ages and all walks of life.

Members of the C.G. Jung Society of Queensland are entitled to:

- reduced admission fee to monthly presentations and workshops
- use of our library of Jungian books
- our quarterly newsletter
- advertising via e-mail of members' workshops (if they are relevant to the Jungian scope of the Society)

Annual membership fee (Jan-Dec): \$35

(\$25 concession/student/pension; \$50 couples/family; \$12 newsletter only)



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