



JUNGIAN TALKS
and workshops for everyone

**C G JUNG SOCIETY
OF QUEENSLAND
NEWSLETTER**

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 psychologist Carl Gustav Jung (1875-1961). The Society promotes an understanding of Jung's work through the exploration of psychological and spiritual applications to the individual journey and interpersonal relationships. This also encompasses a consideration of the ways in which Jung's writings and ideas can contribute to the healing of modern society.



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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*
- *dissemination of related material through our contacts.*

*Annual membership fee (Jan-Dec): \$35, \$25 concession/student/pension;
\$50 couples/family; \$12 newsletter only (contact details on back page).*

Boundaries of Consciousness: Spirit and Practice In The Search For A Transcendent Function

(by William Rockloff)

But the moment the mind opens, and reveals the laws which traverse the universe, and make things what they are, then shrinks the great world at once into a mere illustration and fable of this mind. What am I? and What is? asks the human spirit with a curiosity new kindled, but never to be quenched."

*Ralph Waldo Emerson, "Self-Reliance and Other Essays:
The Divinity School Address" pg.103*

"Although there are many features in the dusty world and the world beyond conditions, you see and understand only what your eye of practice can reach"

*"The Essential Dogen - Writings of the Great Zen Master",
Kindle, pg. 127, chapter titled "Nature" Eihei Dogen: (1200-1253 C.E.)*

"When you consider things like the stars, our affairs don't seem to matter very much, do they?"

Virginia Woolf Orlando



Over the years I have written haiku as means of clearing the mind, and perhaps even as a method of seeking refuge. During the past several weeks while writing these three line poems, the following second line arose: "Living in perilous times." With this occupying thought in mind, I began to ask neighbours while on our daily dog walk, "Do you think we are living in perilous times?" Over the days, the questioning expanded to include my doctor, two tradies, several family members, my barber, and a few Jung Society friends. I should not have been surprised at the responses, but I was...

Each answer was truly unique; each contained subtle shades of difference, or in some cases of indifference. They opened the window to my realising the ten thousand worlds of the Other.

I sensed, however, that what was commonly present in these dialogues was the need to be heard. At the same time, the most frequent companion of this need was intransigence, both on the part of speaker and intended listener. The resulting consequence of this intransigence was the incapacity to listen.



The swirl of world events over the past year has awakened us all to the stunning complexity of cause and effect. The spectrum of response has with increasing intensity included fear, anger, hope, disinterest, willful ignorance, opportunism, the search for shelter, despair, and renewed intentions of faith.

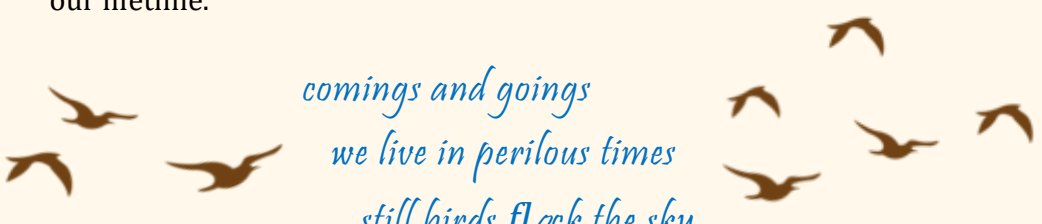


It now seems that it is not so much that the centre cannot hold, to use Yeats' chilling phrase, but that the centre is lost; or to put it more positively, is yet to be found. This then becomes the issue. Will this "patient" world move in the direction of healing or continue on the path of dis-ease? This question is addressed by the following shared elements in the epigraphs at the top of this page:

- A landscape of mind that contains an awareness of unchanging eternal.
- The belief that, ultimately, the truth can be known.
- A view that human nature contains a spirit or "original face" not dependent on material conditions.
- An understanding that consciousness is achieved through the reach of practice to remove the barriers created by confusion, limitation, and delusion.

Emerson, Dogen, and Woolf, in the works referenced above, have creatively imagined the boundaries of consciousness. Dr. Jung's life and work offer one of the most profound and influential explorations of the dimensions of consciousness in the sphere of psyche.

Among the many current assaults on our challenged personal psyches is information overload. Whether we "know it" or not, our healing lies in the work of our becoming conscious. An important aspect of this task is the act of listening, in order that we may be heard. It is only then that we become able to participate in providing those responses which heal ourselves and restore the world. As it was with Jung, this is our daily task and the work of our lifetime.



*comings and goings
we live in perilous times
still birds flock the sky*

(20-05-2017)

We are excited about our program of lectures and the workshop planned for the remainder of the year. Please join us in creating a vital venue for thought in Brisbane and a home for consciousness.

With Warm Regards and A Hope For Peace,

William Rockloff
(Committee Member)



Spirituality in a Materialistic World

presented by Fr David Moore
(Anglican priest)

Thursday, July 6th, 2017 7.30 - 9.30pm
Quaker House, 10 Hampson Street,
Kelvin Grove (park on Prospect Terrace)
Members and Concessions: \$10,
Non-members: \$15



It seems that though people are reticent to identify with 'religion', most apparently are happy to identify with 'spirituality'. Yet all of us live in a materialistic world. What sense does 'spirituality' make in such a milieu?

In its scientific sense, 'materialistic' means that there is nothing apart from matter. Everything else – including consciousness, spirituality, religion, psyche, and so on – is considered to be non-measurable, and therefore non-existent.

This means that whether people 'believe' in religious systems or consider themselves empathetic to 'spirituality', the assumptions of both are incompatible with all the fundamental underpinnings of modern Western consciousness, and in particular Western economics and technology.

The consequence of this is living a kind of split existence which denies the reality of the non-material meaning systems that most people continue to employ in order to make sense of everyday life.

In this presentation I will reflect on four 20th century concepts which may offer some fruitful dialogue towards healing the split: CG Jung's Archetypes, Rupert Sheldrake's Morphogenetic Fields, Max Born's Quantum Field and Teilhard de Chardin's Omega Point.

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Fr David Moore initially studied chemistry and worked as an industrial chemist, then completed communication studies and education degrees, working as a secondary teacher of media studies, prior to theological studies and ordination as an Anglican priest. He has served in parishes in the dioceses of Perth, Christchurch NZ, and Melbourne.



Jung's Life - Fate, Desire, Choice, Destiny?

A presentation by Claire Dunne

Thursday , August 3rd, 2017 7.30 - 9.30pm

The Quaker House, 10 Hampson St, Kelvin Grove,

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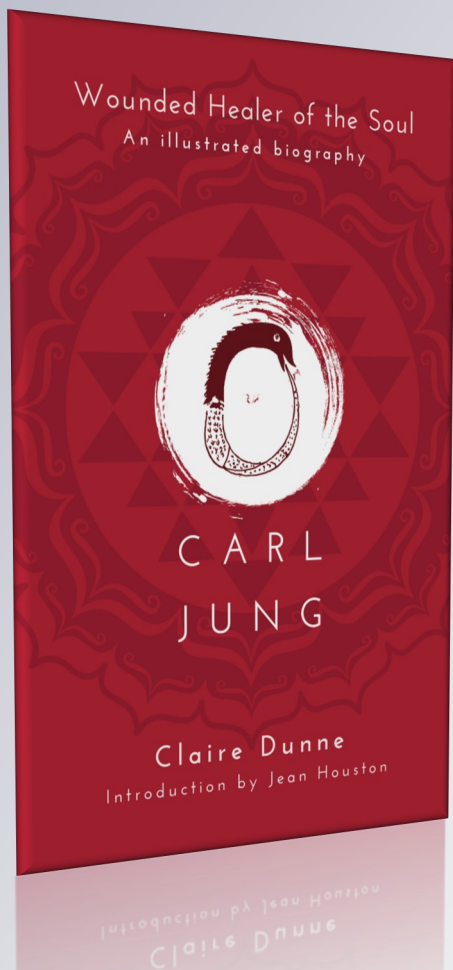
An illustrated talk which looks at Jung's life in the light of its underlying driving forces, including Jung's own assessments of what impelled him.



PRESENTER

International speaker, **Claire Dunne**, has given talks on Jung in the USA,

Her biographical book **Carl Jung: Wounded Healer of the Soul** was nominated for the Los Angeles Times Book Award and has been translated into seven languages - European, Asian and South American. It is now available in second edition paperback in a new format.



In re-visiting the vibrating energies of Jung's life and work, this talk marks processes and patterns occurring throughout. Self-revelations involving these issues are often alluded to by Jung himself behind the curtain of outer events, and will echo in the presentation. It will also highlight Jung's prophetic insight, from his Red Book experiences, of the consciousness dawning for our era.

LIBRARY OPEN DAY

5th August 10am-3pm
3 Arthur Terrace,
Red Hill

Open to all members

Please come along and reacquaint yourself with the CG Jung Society of Queensland's library. There will be a copy of Jung's magnificent Red Book on display (*see image*) and if you have never had a good look at this beautiful mysterious book, it is well worth the effort.

The library has the complete collected works of Jung as well as many other Jungian classics.

I, (the librarian), will be here to try and answer your questions about the books and Jung's works in general and I will even be providing tea, sandwiches and other refreshments.

There are a couple of boxes of interesting books that are available for a small donation.

The library is a great resource! Please use it.

Hope to see you,

Marie Makinson (Librarian)

RSVP marie.makinson@bigpond.com



Jung - his association with, and influence on, Sandplay and Symbol Work Therapy

by Gloria Vitkunas

*Thursday, September 7th, 2017 7.30 - 9.30 pm
The Quaker House, 10 Hampson St, Kelvin Grove,
Members and Concessions: \$10
Non-members: \$15*

Sandplay and Symbol Work engages a range of processes to bypass the logical mind and tap into that world we cannot seem to comprehend consciously. This experiential and holistic way of working involves more than talking about the problem. It allows the individual to engage with their distress in a compassionate, supportive and safe space.



*"Often the hands know how to solve a riddle with
which the intellect has wrestled in vain." C G Jung*

Sandplay is hands on psychological work. The hands guide the sand and selection of symbols that may be both personal and archetypal,

allowing you into layers of experience that are pre-verbal or in the unconscious or transpersonal realms.



Developed by Swiss Jungian Analyst Dora Kalff, the simplicity and depth of sandplay and symbol work provides an

opportunity for contact with the symbolic world out of which comes unexpected insights, awareness and ultimately healing. This talk will be an introduction to some of the key principles underlying this work, examples will be discussed and you will discover the hidden depths of this symbolic work.



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GLORIA VITKUNAS has been working for more than 25 years in learning, education, guidance and counselling. Her methods combine Jungian & Gestalt theory with her knowledge of psychological development from birth to the end of life. She has been influenced by her training with Ruth Ammann (Jungian psychologist & sandplay therapist), Mark Pearson and Helen Wilson (Expressive Therapy counsellors), Russell Withers (Interactive Drawing therapist) and Eric Kiernan (Voice Dialogue therapist). Gloria is currently working in Queensland schools in Guidance and Counselling and private practice facilitates counselling workshops. She is also training in the Feldenkrais Method.

Faultlines In The Underground - Analysis by EARTHQUAKE

A personal and Collective Encounter with Joy Ryan-Bloore



*“Then came,
at a
predetermined
moment,
a moment in
time and
of time ...
and that
moment of
time gave the
meaning”*

TS Eliot

Since 4 September 2010 the ground on which the people of Christchurch stand, has sustained over 15,000 earthquakes including 50 magnitude 5 and over on the Richter Scale. The central business district was destroyed. Over 1200 buildings were demolished. There were very few buildings left which contained our history. The major religious traditions lost a substantial number of their Churches.

People have been exposed to ongoing and sustained trauma, thousands rendered homeless, schools re-located, businesses collapsed and whole suburbs abandoned. Seven years later the central city is slowly beginning to take shape; but there are still thousands of people still waiting for their homes to be repaired or rebuilt. Despite significant progress it will take a long, long time for the city to be fully restored. That is the outer story.

But there is a much deeper inner story. One which has challenged our world-views and exposed something much bigger happening in the underground: in the personal and collective unconscious of the psyche.

Joy Ryan-Bloore *High.Dip.Tchg, Dip.Theol, BA, Dip.Analytical Psych (Zurich)* is a Jungian Analyst. She taught in secondary schools for 20 years and was a Sister of Mercy in Christchurch (1964-1981). She trained with The NZ Asstn of Psychotherapists (1984-89); and at the C.G. Jung Institute, Zurich (1993-1997) with her husband Allan Bloore; and complemented her analytic training with body therapy. She is a member of NZAP (1989); AGAP, IAAP, ANZSJA (1997); an overseas member of GAP London (2012); and served on the ANZSJA Executive and Ethics committee (2006 -13).

Much of Joy's work and experience is at the inter-face of psychological and spiritual development. She regularly facilitates retreats and seminars in Christchurch and Melbourne. She has presented papers around the world on the impact of the Christchurch earthquakes and is currently involved in psychotherapy, Jungian Analysis, Spiritual Direction and Supervision.



Friday October 6th, 2017 7.30 - 9.30pm

The Quaker House, 10 Hampson Street,

Kelvin Grove (park on Prospect Terrace)

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The outer catastrophic events in Christchurch, as in other areas of the world currently, are simply a microcosm of a much greater chaos – the birth-pangs of a new era on the planet and the need for a radical shift in human consciousness.

In this presentation I will use music and footage of the earthquakes; share what happened to me personally and to a few of the people I journeyed with; and describe how our inner fault-lines were exposed by the earthquakes. It will also involve reflections on synchronicity, dreams and what happens to the inner structure and ground of the personal psyche when the very land we stand on is ruptured and the buildings which held our secular and sacred world-views are destroyed. I hope it will assist all of us to ponder on this crucial time in the history of our countries and of our planet as we strive to co-operate with the urgent and brutal nature of an evolving consciousness being demanded of all of us.

The Shifting Ground of the Ageing Process

LATER LIFE TRANSFORMATION

A workshop by Joy Ryan-Bloore

“At the stroke of noon, the descent begins. And the descent means the reversal of all the ideals and values that were cherished in the morning. ... We cannot live the afternoon of life according to the programme of life’s morning – for what was great in the morning will be little at evening, and what in the morning was true will at evening have become a lie.” C.G. Jung¹



Entering the ageing process is often countered by such comments as: ‘but 70 is the new 50 and 60 is the new 40!’ Such a dismissal of this vital stage in our life is to participate in a collective lie and deny its deeper purpose – later life transformation. As we enter the ‘afternoon’ of our lives our inner ground inevitably shifts because this transformation requires a death – the breakdown of the old and the ‘reversal of all ideals and values cherished’² in the earlier stages of our lives - in order to make room for something new.

This transition demands conscious participation in the cycle of death and rebirth. In this liminal late-life space we are taken down once more into the darkness of the unconscious and then returned with a renewed sense of self and deeper meaning. ‘The sun, too, sacrifices its greatest strength in order to hasten onward to the fruits of autumn, which are the seeds of rebirth.’³

Our time together will involve input, time for personal quiet and reflection; and opportunities for sharing where and if appropriate. Time for each of us to reflect on what entering the ageing process might involve; how we co-operate with it; how it might affect the way we view ourselves, our relationships. The input will draw on personal experience, some case work, analysis of dreams, and reflections on the spiritual and psychological needs and challenges of this vital developmental stage whereby we enter the wisdom years and become elders.

- 1 CG Jung, Modern Man in Search of a Soul, The Stages of Life, p.124-125
Routledge & Keagan Paul 1933 Reprinted 1981
- 2 ibid
- 3 CG Jung CW5:553

Saturday October 7th, 2017 9am - 4pm
Theosophical Society, 355 Wickham Terrace, Spring Hill
Members and Concession: \$90, Non-members: \$110
Attendance certificates given for PD



Booking Slip for Workshop Saturday October 7, 2017 9am - 4pm

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Theosophical Society, 355 Wickham Terrace, Spring Hill

Payment (please circle amount): \$90 (Member, concession) \$110 (Non-member)
Payment options: ~ Money order or a cheque made out to: The C.G. Jung Society
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BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

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To confirm the booking please print and fill in this booking slip and send to:
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PRESENTER



Kaye Gersch PhD has been working in allied health fields since the 1970s and as a psychoanalytic psychotherapist for 25 years. She lives in Cairns, Australia. Her training is eclectic, including the Jungian and Psychoanalytic traditions as well as philosophy. She has been Clinical Supervisor for 12 years, and in this role works as mentor to GPs and other medical specialists. She also has specific training for working with couples, which is a cherished part of her practice. Her PhD is in Psychoanalytic Feminist Philosophy (University of Queensland). However, she considers her real training to be the face-to-face encounters with clients, and the deep demands of her own life.

The Dark Night of the Soul:

How might this approach to suffering be relevant to contemporary life?

*Thursday Nov 2nd, 2017 7.30 - 9.30pm
Quaker House, 10 Hampson Street,
Kelvin Grove (park on Prospect Terrace)
Members and Concessions: \$10
Non-members: \$15*

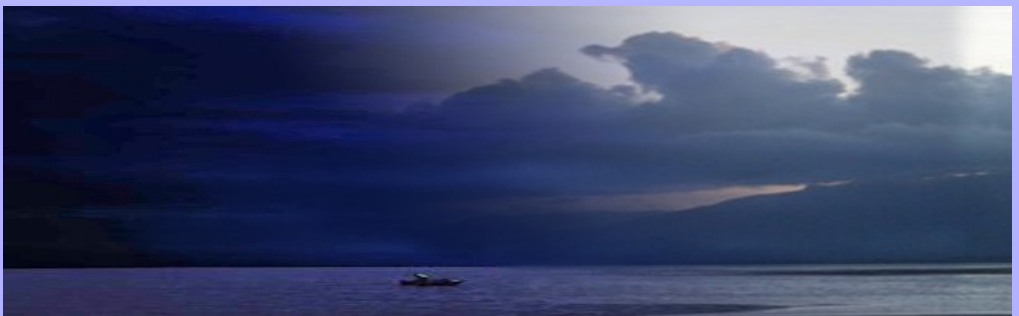
There are certain passages in a lifetime, sometimes brief, sometimes extended, when all the usual frameworks of understanding the human condition prove to be inadequate. Modern medicine, and indeed modern psychology, does not do well with Dark Nights of the Soul. The use of cognitive therapies, of anti-depressants, of “getting over” things as fast as possible, of “finding closure”, of minimizing suffering are nonsense when one is in a Dark Night.

C.G.Jung said that inevitably a spiritual dimension becomes necessary in psychological work - after all, it is soul-work, psyche work. If we follow Jung's thoughts here, the sorrow and suffering are in the service of the soul's journey - The Night's Sea Journey, as Jung called it. Jung also found a paradigm that allows for this experience in the processes of alchemy, in the nigredo or blackening. The ego does not like blackening. It does not like descent into the "perilous chasm, where one falls into deep, swirling, unknowably dark waters", as the I Ching puts it. No detours are possible, the only way is through. We feel hopeless, helpless, betrayed, thwarted - and depressed. Especially depressed.

How does wrestling with despair
in the darkest corners of inner
and outer life evolve to create
depth of character and resilience?
How might the Dark Night be
related to Individuation?



In this talk Kaye will draw upon diverse spiritual traditions, which give us clues how we might navigate this trackless territory. Thomas Moore in his very popular book "Dark Nights of the Soul" speaks from this potent place as one who knows it well. The Christian and Buddhist traditions, as well as ancient mythology, will provide some further guidance.



*"To what does the soul turn
that has no therapists to visit?
It takes its trouble to the
trees....*

*We breathe, expand, and
let go, something comes
in from elsewhere."*



James Hillman *from*
The Soul's Code: In Search of Character and Calling (1996)

'Tis The Season...

*Thurs Dec 7th, 2017 7.30 - 9.30pm
The Quaker House, 10 Hampson Street,
Kelvin Grove (park on Prospect Terrace)
Entry by donation \$5*

Come and join us for a Yuletide-themed evening of joy and celebration to round out the year!

A light presentation (*details still to be advised*) will be followed by the Society's annual Christmas party to which all are cordially invited. Please bring a plate of delectable delights to share if you can. The society will provide drinks.

Deeper than our hearts
is the love that enfolds us.
Clouds pass far above.

With the rising sun
Celebrate the coming home.
Maybe peace will reign.

(Haiku by Richard Bauckham and Cecil Hickman)

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