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# SPRING 2012 NEWSLETTER

*The fact that men speak of rebirth and that there is such a conception at all means that a psychic state which is so described also exists. What this state consists of we can only conclude from the assertions concerning it. We must therefore set up a "cross-examination" with world history as to what it describes as rebirth if we wish to know what rebirth is.* —C. G. Jung

**Muriel McMahon**

### *Unlocking the Past and Healing Ancestral Complexes*



#### Friday Lecture:

Repetitions of familial complexes influence who we are today - whether these complexes are conscious or not. Unhealed trauma and unfinished business, commitments and decisions, secrets and information withheld can have a profound impact on our psychological and spiritual well being. These legacies remain in the 'ancestral' or 'family' field in the form of ancestral complexes and belief systems that get passed down through generation after generation. Using active imagination, Traditional ceremony, story, and dreams, we can learn to avoid the traps that these complexes have played in our lives. In this lecture we will discuss the ancestral world in both Algonquin First Nations Traditions and Jungian psychology. We will explore ways to open to the 'ancestral field' and bring consciousness to some of the ancestral constellations.

#### *Ceremony for our Dead*

#### Saturday Workshop:

Together we will experience some of the ancestral field and welcome both the avowed and disavowed ancestors through Ceremony. We will re-member and honour loved ones and lost ones in the family tree, and welcome those whose names and faces we do not know. We will explore how to work with ancestral complexes and come to increased clarity and understanding of how to carry and be carried by our dead. A ceremonial protocol will be shared with registration.

**Muriel McMahon** is a Zurich trained Jungian analyst and indigenous elder in the Algonkin/Kipawa Tradition. She is currently in private practice in Guelph, Ontario, Canada, lectures internationally, co-creates ceremony, and works closely with indigenous teachers and healers from many traditions. Sourcing and sourced by Jungian psychology and Traditional teachings from her maternal heritage, Muriel is deeply interested in the culture of the Dead and the ancestral field. Traditional teachings grounded in and articulated through sound psychological approaches have enabled Muriel to bridge the worlds of her contemporary psychological culture and her ancient wisdom traditions. See website <http://murielmcmahon.com> for more information.

(Learning Objectives: see page 4)

#### **"Unlocking the Past and Healing Ancestral Complexes"**

**Muriel McMahon, Jungian Analyst & Indigenous Elder**

Apr 13, Friday Lecture

7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Good Shepherd Center,  
Room 202

Lecture Fee: \$15 Members

\$25 Non-members

April 14, Saturday Workshop

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Good Shepherd Center,  
Room 202

#### Workshop Fee:

\$50 Members, \$70 Non-Members

*This program has been approved for CEUs by the Washington Chapter National Association of Social Workers (NASW) for Licensed Social Workers, Licensed Marriage & Family Therapists and Licensed Mental Health Counselors. Provider number is #1975-157. The cost to receive a certificate is as follows:*

*Total of 7 units for lecture and workshop, \$15.*

*2 units for Friday lecture, \$10; 5 units for workshop, \$10.*

***“The Religious Nature of the Psyche”***

**Pittman McGehee, Ph.D.**

**May 11, Friday Lecture, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**  
Good Shepherd Center, Room 202.  
Lecture Fee: \$15 Members

\$25, Non-Members

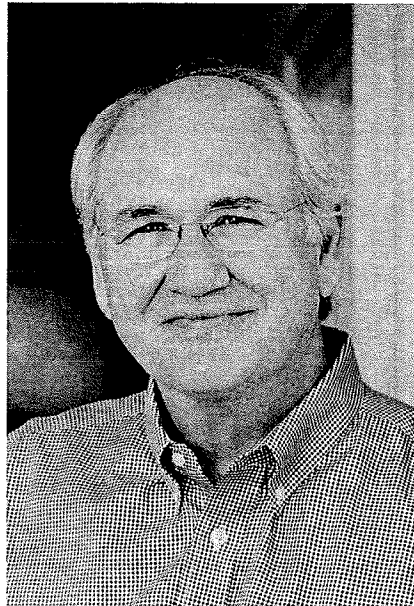
**May 12, Saturday Workshop: 10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**  
Good Shepherd Center, Room 202.  
Workshop Fee: \$50 Members  
\$70 Non-Members

**Advance registration sent to our office is encouraged. Admission can be paid at door or through [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com)**

*This program has been approved for CEUs by the Washington Chapter National Association of Social Workers (NASW) for Licensed Social Workers, Licensed Marriage & Family Therapists and Licensed Mental Health Counselors. Provider number is #1975-157. The cost to receive a certificate is as follows: 6 units for Friday lecture and Saturday workshop \$15; \$10 for 2 units on Friday; \$10 for 4 units on Saturday.*

**Pittman McGehee, Ph.D.**

***The Religious Nature of the Psyche***



**Friday Lecture:**

The etymology of the word religion reveals the root is "ligare," which means to tie, bind, or connect. For instance, the word ligament is derived from this root. The prefix "re" presumes something has been separated, divided or broken. Religion means to re-connect. The religious nature of the Psyche is to make a whole. The role of symbol and myth is to be a resource for this process.

This lecture will discuss the unhealthy and healthy religious attitude, as well as the archetypal structure which, when made conscious, can be an invaluable resource and process of individuation.

**Saturday Workshop:**

In lecture, discussion and experiential exercise, this workshop will explore more deeply the religious nature of the psyche and how a healthy religious viewpoint can be an invaluable resource in one's journey to wholeness.

**Learning Objectives:**

1. Clearer understanding how symbols and myths can be resources for individuation.
2. An analysis of how unhealthy religion can wound.
3. An explanation how a healthy religion can be healing.

**J. Pittman McGehee** received his Master of Divinity from the Virginia Theological Seminary and was ordained as a priest in the Episcopal Church in 1969. He received an honorary Doctor of Divinity from the Episcopal Seminary of the Southwest. Formerly the Dean of Christ Church Cathedral in downtown Houston, he is currently a Diplomat Jungian analyst and the director of the Institute for the Advancement of Psychology and Spirituality. Additionally, he is serving as the Carolyn Fay adjunct lecturer in Analytical Psychology at the University of Houston. Pittman is widely known as a lecturer and educator in the field of psychology and religion, as well as a published author, poet and essayist.

## Library News

Greetings to all our readers, listeners and used book buyers,

### New Acquisitions:

1. Apparitions and Precognition: A study from the Point of view of a Jungian Psychologist  
by Aniela Jaffe
2. Wisdom of OZ, Reflections of a Jungian Sand Play Therapist  
by Gita Dorothy Moreno
3. Sister From Below: When the Muse Gets Her Way  
by Naomi Ruth Lowinsky
4. Adagio and Lamentation  
by Naomi Ruth Lowinsky
5. An American Jungian: In Honor of Edward Edinger;  
by George Elder and Dianne Cordic, editors
6. Language of the Night: Essays on Fantasy and Science Fiction  
by Ursula Le Guin
7. Jung To Live By: Practical Application of Jungian Principles  
by Eugene Pascal

**Remember you can go to our book catalog by clicking on [Jungseattle.org/library](http://jungseattle.org/library).**

Every time you buy from AMAZON.COM through the Jung Society website, we will receive a percentage of your purchase price. The link is at the bottom of our home page <http://jungseattle.org>, next to the calendar. **Thank you!**

### Member Events:



**Seattle Jung Book Group** meets Tuesdays in the library from 7 to 9 p.m. Free to all members—join ongoing group any time. Inspired by the January Lecture and Workshop, the group is studying the work of Dr. James Hollis.

### Members Supporting Members:

**“Kundalini Yoga, Play, and Addiction Recovery”** webinar with Mary Alice Long, Ph.D. and Anne Taylor, Ph.D.

April 3, 2012 1 to 3 pm  
\$49 Regular Price/\$20 discount early registration. Use promo code YOGAPLAY when you register online at [eKundalinYoga.com](http://eKundalinYoga.com)

**“Motherline: Finding our Feminine Souls’ Group”** As a follow-up to Naomi Lowinsky’s lecture in December.

April 5, 2012 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Good Shepherd Center, Seattle  
Register at [Everbrite.com/event/3012250723](http://Everbrite.com/event/3012250723)  
\$20 (+ \$1.49)

### New Dream Group Forming:

Contact:

[maryalice@playequalspace.com](mailto:maryalice@playequalspace.com)

Based on Robert Moss’ Active Dreaming Model.

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Have an upcoming event you would like to promote to like minded people? Members may submit brief event descriptions to the board for approval. (May not conflict with calendar events).

(The *Members Supporting Members* events are not sponsored by the C.G. Jung Society of Seattle. This service is free unless space limitations occur, then charges may apply.)

Spring 2012

Library Hours

Saturdays

12:30—3:30 pm

Call 206-547-3956  
to verify hours

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We need a "once a month"  
volunteer to help at the library.

**President's Message:**

It was great to see so many of you at Northgate Community Center and the Chapel at Good Shepherd to hear James Hollis and his Stories lectures. A wonderful response from all of you.

Bette Joram's lecture and workshop on the many meanings of the Uroborus and its alchemical connection to our daily lives as we try to align our conscious and unconscious lives was fascinating. Bette may offer a mini-class on alchemy at a later date, possibly as a summer series. Jung spent many years studying alchemy and many of his followers including Marie-Louise von Franz were equally fascinated by it and its application to our modern attempts to find the sacred stone.

Eberhard Riedel told of his several fascinating treks to several countries in Africa and working with severely traumatized people. He has been able to help these people by giving them cameras to record their own lives and possibilities of reclaiming hope and imagination by using his therapeutic skills and profound compassion.

DVDs of these three speakers' lectures are available for loan in the library. We do not sell our DVDs or tapes.

Please let us know what you would like to have us do for a program on the Red Book. We need to study it more!

Bunny

***2012 Jung Society Calendar***

**April 13-14 Muriel McMahon**

**May 11-12 Pittman McGehee**

**Summer Break**

**September 14-15 Elizabeth Clark-Stern**

**October 12-13 Kathryn Madden**

**November 9-10 Laurence Hillman**

**December 7-8 Gary Sparks**

**Muriel McMahon Learning Objectives (continued from Cover Page)**

1. An overview of multicultural beliefs on the death and dying process and how some cultures honour their dead.
2. An exploration of how death trauma causes Soul fragmentation and how to increase consciousness of these lost parts still constellating in the 'ancestral field.'
3. How to scan the subtle body and tune into ancestral memory and the 'ancestral field.'
4. Integration techniques and Traditional Ceremony for working with and honouring the 'ancestral field.'

TESTAMENT

I will go to a new land.  
I will start anew,  
Going out to the woods naked and alone  
And start anew—a shelter, fire,  
The planting of seeds for harvest  
Upon land which belongs to no one.

I will hold a land not owned,  
A wilderness place,  
Native and brave as Indian maize  
In self reliance, the standing alone  
Of pioneers and frontiersmen  
In a new land.

H.B.

*Twelfth Night 2012*

*Thank you Harold Bishop for sharing this beautiful reflection.*

**Statement of Purpose**

The C.G. Jung Society, a nonprofit education corporation established in 1973, publishes this newsletter three times a year. The purpose of the Society is to promote public interest in, and understanding of, analytical psychology and the current use of Jungian concepts by contemporary thinkers. The Society sponsors lectures, workshops, seminars and study groups, and maintains a library of Jungian materials. Programs are, for the most part, intended for the general public.

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Thank you!

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**Preregistration form**

Workshops, Seminars, and Courses are scheduled pending sufficient preregistration. **Preregistration is due one week prior to the beginning date.** Mail this form and payment to: C.G. Jung Society, 4649 Sunnyside Avenue North, Room 222 Seattle, WA 98103.

Questions? Email: office@jungseattle.org or call: (206) 547-3956.

**Payment must accompany your preregistration. No refunds.**

**Please check each event for specific fees, times, locations. (www.jungseattle.org)**

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