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Seminar On Dream Analysis. C.G. Jung (Jung Seminars) (v. 1)



Synopsis

While the basis of these seminars is a series of 30 dreams of a male patient of Jung's, the commentary ranges associatively over a broad expanse of Jung's learning and experience. A special value of the seminar is the close view it gives of Jung's method of dream analysis through amplification. The editorial aim has been to preserve the integrity of Jung's text.

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Customer Reviews

This volume presents the entire text of the transcript of one of Jung's unpublished seminars, given in English in Zurich to a small class of students. Until now the transcripts of these seminars, in which Jung expounded his views on psychology and his analytical methods, as well as his ideas on society, the individual, religion, and a variety of other topics, have been circulated only privately, to a restricted group.

I purchased this volume in its original printing in 1984 and read some 600 plus pages (of the more than 800 pages) before traveling overseas. Unfortunately I never completed the book but instead started Jung's *Zarathustra*, and from time to time re-reading much of those first 600 pages over and over again. Upon reading this volume I had been inspired to write nearly 3 volumes of my own dreams, many with associations and interpretations which became valuable foundation for self

growth. Still reading after all of these years. I would also recommend Von Franz's "Dreams" and "Way Of Dreams" as valuable supplemental reading on Jung's method of dream interpretation. Fantastic!!!

If one has read some of Jung's scientific books, or any of his books, something in each is touched upon in the Dream Analysis seminars collected in this volume. Jung, over the course of about six months of weekly lectures, analyses the dreams of a male patient in his late forties. This in itself is a rarity because Jung did not discuss men's dreams as often as those of his women patients. It is difficult to avoid such words as "remarkable" or "astonishing" in describing what Jung does here. Jung purposely chooses "everyday" dreams and not "big archetypal" ones to analyse because, as he says, the everyday ones are more difficult to analyse and therefore the more analytically instructive. Jung's forays into mythology, anthropology, 'primitive' psychology, religion, and philosophy, as well as into his own psychological concepts of the psyche, are truly an experience to behold, if only after the fact in this transcript. The volume's editor quotes Jung as admitting that there were errors in some of Jung's extemporaneous expositions which should be, are are, clearly corrected. But these are few and do not take away from the whole, which is a "method" of dream analysis whose effect is little short of the realization before one's eyes of the whole psychic life of one man in all of its hidden nuances and overt terrors and where nothing less than the history of mankind and all that it has thought and felt over centuries and centuries is brought in as an aid in the explanation. One cannot help (especially if one is a man) to see oneself as the dreamer in many instances, making the book salutary beyond any self-help dream "cookbook". One gets a sense of Jung alive with his daemon standing there transfixed by his topic and simply pouring out what he knows to be true. A convincing, remarkable performance.

Dreams have immense practical meaning for the individual and in some cases for the culture he is immersed in. I am quite sure that many youngsters in New Orleans had premonition dreams about the impending disaster of hurricane Katrina. However there is no organization set up in place which these dreams could have been taken to the *elders* of the community and discussed as to a course of action to take. If only the dreams of revelation of future events had been listened to and a proper course of action and a educated response could have resulted in a much less suffering. Those with faith and BELIEVED in these children's dreams of the impending disaster, would have taken the necessary precautions to evacuate and thus may have known to take their beloved pets with them. As it was no dreams were recorded, and so Katrina came with unseen fury as a thief in the

night. Dreams reveal things we refuse to see or that we should well take into account. Peoples pets died in this storm.Jung's grasp of dream language provides a working model of how one approaches these odd storied messages.Even the smallest details has something to convey to the entire picture of meaning.Man faces a world in which triubles surround him on all sides.Never before has it been of utmost importance to understand ones dreams as the days we live in. Dreams very often forewarn one of some impending danger if a certain attitude is continued.Now is the time to read Jung's Seminar on Dream Analysis.I should mention , if you are atheist you will find reading any Jung to be very rough going, to the point of *its no use*.Jung emphasized in all his works a proper religious(not *churchy* type) attitude is essential to work with the psyche.Listen and understand your dreams, this will show the atheists what Jung is getting at.Atheists have a recurrent image running throughout all their dreams.Merry-go-round is one typical image, and also the car won't start, or you have 4 flat tires, or you run out of gas. All these are very typical images in atheists.PaulJuly 3,2008EDITFor those with any serious interest in becomming a profesion psychotherapist or any realted profession, , this book is essential.Jung was far ahead of his time in diagnosing peoples psyches. This book was from a seminar given in 1930, before most readers birth. Imagine that!!! Yet still has not been given its due credence by the healing profession. Shows how mankind is still in the dark ages.The only one associate Jung had that followed in his path was Von Franz.What transpired after Jung's death , has become JungianISM. Which Jung, being the *prophet* (powerful intuition) that he was, predicted there would be rampant JungianISM following his ideas.Von Franz in her book, His Myth In Our Time, says that Jung is well on his way to becomming better known. Von Franz missed it by some yeras.Still we see very little following in Jung. I forsee a better acceptance and interest in Jung beginning sometime next 2 decades. Yes it will take that long.I do not attend any Jungian group, nor visit the Jungain Chat Board called Kaleidoscope.*been there done that*. JungianISM is not my *cup of tea*.Amazing that most all who follow Jung are atheists. Yet Jung himself explicitly stated that w/o experience of the soul his concepts are dead on paper. If you are atheist you are wasting your time in Jung.The christians , fundamental that is, have fear of Jung. Yet its the christians who are ina better position to grasp his ideas. Versus the atheists who have no spiritual experience, and yet flock to Jung as their life line to a connection to the would within.Strange times we live in, weird world we inhabit.Paul BestJuly 17,2008New Orleans

....was often at his best (and worst) in his seminars, some of which have now been translated into English. Jung often spoke directly out of his intuition and spiced what he said with numerous

illustrations from case histories and his own special studies.

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