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Five Key Points on Cultural Complexes

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For those who missed Dr. Kimbles' lecture and workshop on October 11-12, he has shared these kernels in summary on cultural complexes.

1. They are complexes that operate at the group level of the cultural unconscious organizing deeply held collective beliefs and emotions that operate in group life and within the individual psyche.

2. They function autonomously within each individual and group.

3. They organize the attitudes, emotions and behaviors that make up group life. As energetic fields, the cultural complexes are impersonal dynamics.

4. They facilitate the individual's affective relationship to the group's



"In" energies...

cultural patterns. When functioning positively, cultural complexes structure the individual sense of belonging to and identification with the individual's cultural, racial, ethnic or social group; negatively, on the basis of belongingness we generate stereotypes, prejudices and a whole psychology of otherness as threats.

5. They provide both individual and group a sense of belonging and identity within an historical continuity of shared emotional assumptions.

The energies of the archetypal and personal levels of the psyche are activated in cultural complexes.

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Did You Know?

- ✓ In October 1986, Murray Stein packed Kane Hall speaking to our Society on "Guidelines for Success in the Modern Marriage." His key question was, "Can anyone stay married anymore?"
- ✓ He also led a Saturday workshop on his recent book *In Mid-Life* for 4.5 Continuing Medical Education credits.

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C. G. Jung Society Volunteer Opportunities

We all benefit from sharing the effort to keep our society active. When we ask for volunteer help there is usually no indication of what is involved. The following notes should help give an understanding of exactly what kind of effort goes with each volunteer effort. Some possibilities are one-time, and some are monthly. If you would like to consider one of these opportunities, or just ask questions about them, contact John Krausser by Email at jkrausser@attbi.com.

Activity Opportunities

All activity volunteers are granted half price admission to Friday events.

Membership Correspondence. This activity involves some elementary work with the membership file and word processor on the office computer. Once a month renewal letters are sent to members whose renewal date falls the following month. Reminder post cards are also sent for those who are over due on their renewals. When renewal slips come in the mail an entry is made in a register and a thank you letter with a new membership card is mailed out. This requires about two or three hours a month, and the hours when it is done are very flexible.

Book Sales. Event book sales have been a nominal source of income for the society at best, but it is felt that they are important to event guests who want to broaden their understanding. We have previously sold books on consignment from East West Book Shop, which is located at 65th Avenue and Roosevelt. To offer this again would require a once-a-month effort by someone to pick up the books at the store on Friday evening, set up the display, do the cashiering, and return the books on Saturday or Sunday.



Publicity Mail-outs. Current publicity is fairly minimal. Once monthly an ad for *The New Times* and three posters (all 8½ x 11 inches) for the University of Washington are mailed out or delivered. The ad and posters are currently computer prepared by Anne Arthur. At the beginning of each season (i.e.,

Turning a Hand... August) direct contacts should be made to confirm the addresses and schedules of the mailings.

Event Cashiering. Diane Bogue has been event cashier for many years and is happy to continue. However, she has recently taken on the role of Office Manager, and it would be good to have someone to help her out with the event work. It would require arriving about a half hour before events. Event attendance is free.

Research Opportunities

Fund Raising. Some Jungian groups in other cities hold auctions or other events to supplement their budgets. Our Jung Society has an annual used book sale in the lobby of the Good Shepherd Center, but there may be other possibilities. People often have a variety of ideas, but the challenge is to find and plan a practical event or ongoing program.

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Schedule of Events

- ✓ Dec. 13 — James Jarrett, Lecture
- Dec. 14 — J. Jarrett, Workshop
- ✓ Dec. 22 — *Winter Solstice*
- ✓ Jan. 1 — *New Year's Day*
- ✓ Jan. 5 — *Twelfth Night Party*
- ✓ Jan. 10 — Gary Toub, Lecture
- Jan. 11 — G. Toub, Workshop
- ✓ Jan. 18 — Fairy Tales class begins
- ✓ Feb. 7 — Murray Stein, Lecture
- Feb. 8 — M. Stein, Workshop
- ✓ Mar. 7 — **Newsletter Deadline**
- ✓ Mar. 14 — Ann B. Ulanov, Lecture
- Mar. 15 — A. Ulanov, Workshop

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Publicity. There are a number of possibilities for additional publicity outlets, but none have been contacted recently. Possibilities include community newspapers—both ads and events calendars; additional locations to put up posters—e.g., colleges, bookstores etc.; city newspaper calendars; and others. This study would provide a reliable list of specific venues, names of contacts, phone numbers, dates for sending information, and any other particulars.

Library Networking. We have over 2,000 volumes relating to Jungian thought and psychology. Through the dedicated efforts of Linda Sheaffer, our library catalog is available in Microsoft Excel™. The challenge is to make this available through Internet connection to other library users. In addition to the technical aspects it would be necessary to develop working relationships for all other aspects of cooperating with the other libraries. Two categories of libraries suggest themselves to begin with: local academic institutions, and other Jungian collections in other large cities.

Book Sales. Several organizations like ours, such as The Theosophical Society, operate bookstores. Some preliminary inquiries indicate that annual licensing for a retail book outlet is about \$100. Normal retail prices include a 40% markup, which suggests we could both provide a member service and supplement the society's income. A study could be made to verify these figures, identify good wholesale sources, suggest ways to sell the books, and make a projected profit and loss analysis.

—John Krausser



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Reading Hollis

At the last annual meeting in June, Lynn Davis Fox asked anyone who might be interested in a Jungian Dialogue group to put their names on a list. Several people had indicated their interest. So far, the group has met four times. The first three were at my house in Wallingford and the most recent was at the Trinity Church (8th and James). We are grateful to Paul Collins for offering us the use of a room in the Church to meet.

At our first gathering we brought favorite poems and passages to share. And it was clear that there was an interest in doing this again. With Lynn's guidance we are now reading James Hollis' book *Creating a Life*. We even have an Email list that one of our group members put together. Our gatherings bring together seven to twelve participants for some reading and sharing. Some of us have made it all four gatherings and some of us to one or two.

So far, our meetings have been every last Sunday of the month from 5:00-7:00 PM. If you missed the announcement in the Autumn Newsletter and would like more information, Email anne_arthur@yahoo.com or leave a message at (206) 501-8444.

— Anne Arthur, Newsletter Editor

“To be religious is to have a life that flows with the presence of the extraordinary.”

—Ann Belford Ulanov

“It is not only possible, but fairly probable, even, that psyche and matter are two different aspects of one and the same thing. The synchronicity phenomena... show that the nonpsychic can behave like the psychic, and vice versa, without there being any causal connection between them. Our present knowledge does not allow us to do much more than compare the relation of the psychic to the material world with two cones, whose apices, meeting in a point, without extension—a real zero point—touch and do not touch.”

—C. G. Jung, *The Structure and Dynamics of the Psyche*, Collected Works vol. 8, para. 418