Henry Corbin: Reflections on Persian Sufism and Jung’s Psychology
Richard Stein, M.D.

A series of synchronicities involving “the green man” led Richard Stein to explore the work of Henry Corbin (1903-1978), a French scholar of Islamic studies at the Sorbonne. Corbin, who was a regular speaker at the Eranos Lectures and thus knew Jung, delved deeply into the roots of Persian Sufism of the 12th to 13th centuries. He introduced the idea of “the mundus imaginalis” into Jungian psychology, deeply influenced the work of James Hillman, and showed us that active imagination is many centuries old in Persia. Corbin’s critique of Jung is both respectful and insightful, and adds a spiritual dimension to depth psychology from an unexpected source. The presentation will include an overview of Corbin’s life and main interests, an introduction to the world of Khidr (the green man) of Islamic lore, and points of contact between Sufism and Jungian psychology.

Richard Stein, M.D. is a psychiatrist and Jungian analyst who has been in private practice in San Francisco for over 35 years. His experience in India in the early 1970’s led him to a lifelong exploration of the spiritual as well as clinical dimensions of Jungian depth psychology. His study of the parallels and differences between Jung and Sri Aurobindo has been expanded by explorations in shamanism, Sufism, and Kabbalah.

Private Tour: J. M. W. Turner at the de Young Museum
by docent and analyst Shira Barnett
8:45 AM September 13 and September 20
Details and Registration will be announced by e-mail
Saturday, December 5, 2015
9 AM to 5 PM
Goldman Theater in the David Brower Center
2150 Allston Way
Berkeley, CA

Members of the Friends of the Institute - free
Non-members and guests, students and interns - $35
Optional box lunch $15
Registration link will be provided by e-mail.

“Moonrise” still photo from video by Deborah O’Grady, 2015

In January, 2016, Cal Performances will present Des Canyons aux Étoiles by Oliver Messiaen in conjunction with a visual experience of Utah’s canyons created by photographic artist Deborah O’Grady. Her video piece, sensitively attuned to the music, has been commissioned by the Saint Louis Symphony, which will be performing Messiaen’s composition in its entirety at Zellerbach on January 31. In anticipation of this major event, we have the great pleasure of offering this full-day program that will explore the spiritual, aesthetic and ecological dimensions of the canyon landscape in relation to Messiaen’s otherworldly music and the breathtaking visuals O’Grady has produced. Deborah O’Grady will discuss the making of her piece and dialogue with five speakers, each of whom will present different ways of engaging with this highly evocative demonstration of how geological environment and human art can resonate in psyche.

Presenters:
Deborah O’Grady, photographic artist
Karlyn Ward, analyst and musician
Joscelyn Godwin, esoteric musicologist
Cassidy Anne Medicine Horse, professor
Jared Farmer, geohumanist historian
Patricia Demery, analyst and author
ARAS at the Institute

ARAS extends a warm thank you to all those who attended our event celebrating Penelope Dinsmore and her artwork. Paintings are still available and on show at the the San Francisco C. G. Jung Institute. All proceeds have been generously donated to the archive.

ARAS also extends gratitude to all who made a donation to our Kickstarter event which raised $15,000 supporting our NYCPioneer Teens Summer Program to offer another great, free session of creativity through the study of art and symbol.

Friends of the Institute are encouraged to access ARAS by appointment at the Institute.

The DETLOFF LIBRARY will be adding more Jungian e-books to the collection this year, in addition to the digital edition of the Collected Works of Jung that was added last year. Friends who would like to make use of these, or have book circulating privileges, should contact the Library (library@sfjung.org or 415-771-8055 x207)

We are preparing to launch an Archives web site, with finding aids and a selection of digitized photos from our now extensive Institute History photo collection. The archive contains many photos and the personal papers of Joe Henderson and other founders of the Institute. We will welcome visitors and researchers soon after the launch.

If you would like to volunteer for projects in the library or archive, please contact Marianne Morgan (mmorgan@sfjung.org).

Friends Reading Groups

The Friends reading groups meet once a month in private homes hosted by a volunteer. Each group selects its own reading list. The groups meet in San Francisco, Berkeley and Walnut Creek. The Marin County group is resuming and will meet in Mill Valley midweek, early afternoon. We continue to try to gather enough interested members to re-create a reading group on the Peninsula. Those interested either in joining or in hosting a group should contact Phyllis Stowell: ptstowell@gmail.com

7Ak.032 Life-sustaining pink elephant amidst lotus vegetation. Ajanta Caves, India, Gupta Period, ca. V-VI.
Benefits of Membership

The Friends of the Institute offers a way to affiliate with the San Francisco Institute and to feel part of the extended community of those who find personally and socially meaningful the insights of C. G. Jung and those who have expanded and amplified his work. We welcome both analysts and non-analysts. Our mission is to apply the insights of Jungian psychology to cultural offerings in fine art, literature, music, films, and related fields of interest in the Bay Area. Membership Fee, $100.

- Complimentary attendance and priority early reservation for Friends events
- Opportunity to join a Friends Reading Group
- Mailed copies of RHIZOME, our biannual newsletter
- Private Tours at the San Francisco Art Museums by a docent/analyst, for a fee
- Institute Library privileges
- Access to ARAS at the Institute
- Discount on most Extended Education Programs

Volunteers

Friends of the Institute volunteers include analysts and non-analysts. Anyone who acts as a volunteer attends events free and has an opportunity to become a more active participant in the Jungian community. Please contact Phyllis Stowell if you are interested. ptstowell@gmail.com