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Dr. Joe Moore and APC Treasurer Steve Moskovitz

Saturday, February 8th 2020, 1PM to 5PM

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PRESIDENT'S REFLECTIONS

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As I look back on the last decade, I think that probably we have had decades where the shadow has been even more pronounced than in this last one. However, when I assess the three branches of the U. S. government today, I cannot help but see the "SHADOW" hovering over everyone. According to Jung, the shadow, in being instinctive and irrational, is prone to psychological projection, in which a perceived personal inferiority is recognized as a perceived moral deficiency in someone else. Certainly, this shadow projection is everywhere throughout the three branches. I may prefer the conscious ego of the Democratic Party, but I have to also realize that the Democrats have shadows and do project onto their Republican colleagues also. The problem now is that these projections have made it difficult for the government to function.

As Jung states, part of the problem is: "Anyone who has any ego-consciousness at all takes it for granted that he knows himself. But the ego knows only its own contents, not the unconscious and its contents. People measure their self-knowledge by what the average person in their social environment knows of himself, but not by the real psychic facts which are for the most part hidden from them. ["The Undiscovered Self," CW 10, par. 491.] In order to be a President, Senator, Congressperson, Supreme Court Judge, one needs to have a good size ego. They certainly measure their self-knowledge by what their constituents want or, at least, what they think they want. Although there are probably some of the above who are in therapy trying to become conscious of their inferior sides, they do not allow the public to know. (Thomas Eagleton, 1972) One wonders what lies within the shadows of Trump, McConnell, Pelosi and Chief Justice Roberts, et cetera.

I could not find my copy of M. Scott Peck's book: <u>People of the Lie: The Hope of Healing Human Evil.</u> I have had arguments with people who do not believe there is evil in the world, but I do. So, I looked for a synopsis of Peck's book on the web. I found in the "Limelight: Words and Pictures by Jonathan Timar this. "Peck describes evil as 'militant ignorance'. Evil people are obsessed with maintaining their self-image of perfection through self-deception. In addition, evil people will be selective about who they inflict their evil upon, while going to great lengths to maintain an image of respectability, normalcy with everyone else. As a result, evil people are well liked by the majority, and their victims come across as being overly sensitive, having a persecution complex, or even being crazy."

While I hope there are no evil people in our government, I also hope that in 2020 people vote for those people running for office who seem more willing to help those they will govern rather than hurt those people.

KML NEWS

The Kristine Mann Library was recently gifted 8 cartons of Jungian books from Francoise Richards' estate. Titles included, the Red Book, an almost complete set of the Collected Works, and many Jungian classics by von Franz, Hillman, Dr. Jung, Edinger and more! Many will be added to the Library collection and the rest will be saved for our Spring Fundraiser.

Please keep the Library in mind when considering what to do with your home libraries!



APC NEWS

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP MEETINGS

The Book Discussion Group meetings will be on the 4th Wednesdays of the month. Please join the club and become a member of Face Book. For more information, contact book discussion group leader Robert McCullough: metafizz@gmail.com phone: 212-532-8379

TUESDAY EVENING DISCUSSION

The next Tuesday Evening Discussion meeting will be on January 21st at 6:30 pm. We explore interesting quotes of Jung every month. Wine and cheese will be served.

SAVE THE DATE: February 8th, 2020

Steve Moskovitz and Joe Moore's workshop "Native American Ritual and Vine Deloria's Critique of C. G. Jung's Understanding of Native American Traditions" will be on February 8th, 2020.

POEM

Hope is a strange invention

by Emily Dickinson

Hope is a strange invention --A Patent of the Heart --In unremitting action Yet never wearing out --

Of this electric Adjunct Not anything is known But its unique momentum Embellish all we own --





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