

Religion 255 – Fall, 2015  
Depth Psychologies and Religious Ethics – CH101

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This course invites you to look at your own dreams, loves, conflicts, moral beliefs and religious practices, and those of people around you, from the perspective of unconscious passions. Drawing on the clinical findings of Freud, Jung, Fromm, Erikson and contemporary psychoanalysts, the course investigates how these clinicians explored the unconscious mind and how it influences our behavior. The guidance these depth psychological theories and modes of self-exploration offer regarding how to live and what to believe are considered alongside their findings about typical psychic disorders.

Evaluation: Grades will be based on (1) two in-class examinations on **Sept 24** and **Nov 3**; (2) the final examination **Dec 18**; (3) a 5 page written dream interpretation due **Oct 15**; (4) class participation, reflection papers and unannounced in-class written assignments. Text messaging and online computer use, in addition to being rude, dilutes your attention and that of your classmates from class participation and will lower your final grade.

**Reserve Articles available on Blackboard** – Several articles used in this class are available online under REL 255 on Blackboard.

### **Class Schedule and Reading Assignments**

Sept. 1 Introduction

Sept. 3 **Sigmund Freud and the Foundations of Psychoanalysis**

Freud, Sigmund. *Interpretation of Dreams*, ch. 2.  
Optional Supplementary reading: Erik Erikson, "The First Psychoanalyst"  
*Insight and Responsibility*, ch. 1: 19-46.

Sept. 8 **Psychoanalytic Interpretation**

Freud, Sigmund. *Interpretation of Dreams*, ch 2 (review) & 6, Sections A (pp. 311-319), B (pp. 340-344) E (pp. 385-395) and I (pp. 526-531)  
Read the whole of Ch 2---the assigned sections from Ch 6 do not cover the whole of the sections. Section A of Ch 6 includes the Introduction and section A up to ii A Lovely Dream; Read all of B, Read Section E up until "A Hat as a symbol of a Man," and Read I up until "in selecting examples of dream-interpretation I have so far as possible avoided dreams..."

- Sept. 10 **Interpretation of Dreams**
- Sept. 15 **Psychoanalytic Theory**  
 Wallwork, E. "Sigmund Freud: The Psychoanalytic Diagnosis: Infantile Illusion." In Roger Johnson and Ernest Wallwork, et al., *Critical Issues in Modern Religion*, second edition (1991), ch 5, pp. 118-131.
- Sept. 17 **Freud's Analysis of Religion**  
 Wallwork, E. "Sigmund Freud: The Psychoanalytic Diagnosis..." in *Critical Issues*, pp. 131-138.
- Sept 22 No Class
- Sept 24 **First Exam**
- Sept 29 **Freud on Determinism and Responsibility**  
 Wallwork, E. *Psychoanalysis and Ethics*, ch. 3, pp. 49-58; ch. 4, pp. 75-100.
- Oct 1 **Freud on Morality, Ethics and Psychoanalytic Faith**  
 Freud, S. *Civilization and Its Discontents*, chs. 2 and 5.  
 "Rabbinic Commentary on the Love Commandment" and "Christian Commentary on the Love Commandment."
- Oct 6 **C.G. Jung: On the Unconscious**  
 Storr, A., ed., *The Essential Jung*, pp.13-27, 65-68, 71-74, 84-85.
- Oct. 8 **C.G. Jung: On Religion**  
 Storr, *Essential Jung*, pp. 87-102, 118-127, 229-249.
- Oct. 13 **A Jungian Ethic**  
 Neumann, Erich, *Depth Psychology and a New Ethic*, chs 4-5, pp. 76-135.
- Oct. 15 **Dream Papers Due**  
**Erich Fromm: Post Freudian Humanistic Psychology**  
 Fromm, Erich *Psychoanalysis and Religion*

- Oct. 20 **Fromm on Character and Religion**  
Fromm, Erich *Psychoanalysis and Religion*,
- Oct. 22 **Frommian Ethics**  
Fromm, Erich. *The Art of Loving*, ch. 2, parts 2-2, 3d (p.38-63)
- Oct. 27 **Paul Tillich: Theological Existentialism and Psychoanalysis**  
Johnson and Wallwork, *Critical Issues in Modern Religion*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, pp. 364-378.
- Oct. 29 **Tillichian Ethics**  
Tillich, "Being and Love," in Tillich, Paul, *Love, Power and Justice*, ch2 (pp.18-34)
- Nov. 3 **Second Exam**
- Nov. 5 **Erik Erikson: Psychoanalytic Ego Psychology**  
Wallwork, "Erik Erikson," in Johnson and Wallwork, *Critical Issues in Modern Religion*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, ch 10, pp 178-191.
- Nov. 10 **Erikson's Egosocial Psychology and Review**
- Nov. 12 **Erikson on Psychosocial Development**  
Wallwork, "Erik Erikson," in *Critical Issues*, pp. 183-191 (review).
- Nov. 17 **Erikson on Religion**  
Wallwork, "Erik Erikson," in *Critical Issues*, 191-203.
- Nov. 19 **Erikson's Religious and Ethical Ideals**  
Wallwork, "Erik Erikson," in *Critical Issues*, ch. 191-210.
- Nov. 24-26 **Thanksgiving Vacation**

Dec. 1 **Erikson on Gandhi**

Erik Erikson, *Gandhi's Truth*, Part III, ch. 1, pp. 229-254.

Dec. 3 **Religious Gurus**

S. Kakar, "The Guru as Healer," in S. Kakar, *Analyst and Mystic*, ch. 2, pp. 35-54.

Dec. 8 **"Illusion" in Contemporary Psychoanalysis**

Meissner, W.W. "Religion in Psychoanalytic Perspective," in his *Psychoanalysis and Religious Experience*, ch.7, pp. 160-184.

Dec. 10 **Psychoanalysis and Religion Today**

Ernest and Anne Wallwork, "Psychoanalysis and Religion: Current Status of a Historical Antagonism," in Joseph Smith and Susan Handelman, ed, *Psychoanalysis and Religion*, ch. 9, pp. 160-169.

**Dec. 18 Final Exam 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM in CH 101**

Textbooks Available for Purchase

Freud, Sigmund. *Interpretation of Dreams*. ISBN 0-380-01000-3

Freud, S., *Civilization and Its Discontents*. Paper. Ww. Norton. ISBN 0-393-30158-3

Fromm, Erich. *Psychoanalysis and Religion*. New Haven: Yale University Press. ISBN 0-300-00089-8

Storr, A., ed., *The Essential Jung*. Princeton University Press, Princeton Paperback. ISBN 0-691-02455-3

Neumann, Erich, *Depth Psychology and a New Ethic* 06-131777-2

Johnson and Wallwork, *Critical Issues in Modern Religion*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition. ISBN 0-13-193996-3

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