

# **The C.G. Jung Society of St. Louis Presents Lionel Corbett, M.D.**

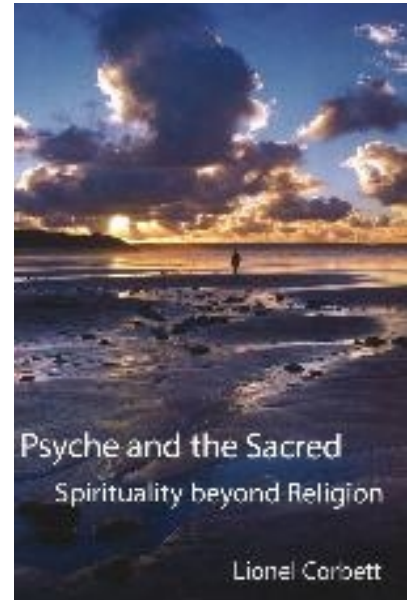
## **LECTURE & WORKSHOP**

### **“Psyche & the Sacred: Spirituality beyond Organized Religion”**

**Lecture: Fri., July 18, 7:00 - 9:30 P.M.**  
**First Congregational Church UCC**  
**6501 Wydown, Clayton, MO 63105**  
**Fee: Friends - \$20 Others - \$25**  
**Full-time Students - \$10**

Spiritual structures require periodic renewal. When our spirituality cannot be contained within traditional institutions, there is an urgent need for new ways to articulate our experience of the sacred. From within the depth of the psyche, a new image of the divine is emerging alongside and within traditional Judeo-Christian images. Depth psychology gives us a language to articulate this emergence, allowing our experience of the sacred to be articulated without the need for recourse to traditional theology, doctrine or dogma. This lecture describes an approach to spirituality based on personal experience of the sacred.

**Workshop: Sat., July 19, 9:00 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.**  
**First Congregational Church UCC**  
**6501 Wydown, Clayton, MO 63105**  
**Fee: Friends - \$85 Others - \$95 (Includes Lunch)**  
**Students - \$47.50 (No lunch)**



**Morning Topic: “The Case of Job: A Psychological Approach to the Suffering of the Innocent”**

The story of Job raises eternal questions about the suffering of the innocent. In this workshop, Job will be considered as if he were a contemporary person undergoing a severe crisis. This crisis results from his severe losses, which activate important complexes. As a result of his suffering, Job experiences the numinosum in a way that is related to both his character structure and his cultural setting. Using the language of depth psychology, we will examine the ways in which his psychopathology, his character structure, and his God-image were affected by his experience of the numinosum. In the process, I will suggest a depth psychological approach to suffering and the notion of the dark side of the divine.

**Afternoon Topic: “The Self as the Totality of Consciousness: Psychotherapy without Separateness”**

In this presentation, I will offer an alternative to the traditional notion that psychotherapy occurs between two individuals who produce an inter-subjective field. Instead, I will describe a larger perspective that sees no fundamental separation between therapist and patient. In this model of psychotherapy, both participants are manifestations of, and are contained within, a superordinate field of Consciousness. We are separate at the level of the ego and conventional reality, but at the deeper level of the transpersonal Self we are not divided.

Each of us is a part of this Totality, and therapist and patient are simply meeting aspects of themselves. At this level, because we know ourselves as the other, there is no “I-Thou” distinction. This approach broadens our usual understanding of the therapeutic field, changes the therapist’s view of his or her client, and builds a bridge between psychotherapy, depth psychology, and the contemporary views of consciousness that are emerging from within quantum physics.

Lionel Corbett, M.D., trained in medicine and psychiatry in England and as a Jungian analyst at the C.G. Jung Institute of Chicago. Dr. Corbett is a core faculty member at Pacifica Graduate Institute. His primary dedication has been to the religious function of the psyche, especially the way in which personal religious experience is relevant to individual psychology. He is the author of *Psyche and the Sacred*, and *The Religious Function of the Psyche*. He is co-editor, with Dennis Patrick Slattery, of *Depth Psychology: Meditations in the Field and Psychology at the Threshold*. He has also authored “Spirituality Beyond Religion”, a set of audiotapes published by Sounds True.

