



THE WHITE LION AS SYMBOL OF THE ARCHETYPE OF THE SELF

PRESENTED BY: DENISE GROBBELAAR



The speaker equates the white lion with the Jungian concept of the archetypal Self and illustrates the role of lions as an 'ordering principle' in the natural order of life on earth, similarly to the Self-being the regulating center in the human psyche. She explores the mythological association of lions with the sun as well as the deep-rooted symbolic significance lions hold for humanity since ancient times. She elaborates on the symbolic meaning of the colour white and the importance of white animals in spiritual traditions. Her hypothesis is positioned in the context of the ecological perspective, which demands a fundamental interconnectedness, which she considers essential to the development of consciousness and wholeness. The numinous experience of the hunt in traditional hunting mythologies, which took place in the context of a relationship with nature, is illustrated and juxtaposed with the current dissociation from the natural world and our own instinctual nature. The sacred hunt is contrasted with the great myth of The Infernal Hunt where the Accursed Hunter perpetually chases transitory worldly objects with an insatiable urge.

EVENT DETAILS:

Date: Tue 21st MAY
Time: 7pm for 7.30pm

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The concept of Wetiko is explored, which refers to a cannibalistic spirit driven by insatiable greed and selfish excessive consumption with no regard for others, cannibalizing the life-force. In conclusion, she argues that ‘canned hunting’, a caricature of the sacred hunt, where lions are killed for trophies in organized fenced-in circumstances, is a cannibalizing of the Self and a desecration of nature.

More About the Presenter

Denise Grobbelaar is a clinical psychologist working in private practice in Vredehoek, Cape Town. She is a Jungian analyst-in-training in the final stages of her training. She has been in private practise since November 2011. Prior to starting private practise, she gained eight years’ experience working in the field of adult mental health. This includes having worked at state facilities such as Groote Schuur and Valkenberg hospitals as well as managing a center in Observatory Cape Town for people with chronic and disabling mental illnesses, called Fountain House, a programme of Cape Mental Health Society.

Denise has a keen interest in mythology, shamanism and dream work. She has a deep love and profound sense of reverence for Nature and specifically the White Lions. In May 2016 and March 2018 she attended Dream Appreciation retreats at the Global White Lion Protection Trust in the Timbivati under the guidance of Graham Saayman, honorary member of the Southern African Association of Jungian analysts (SAAJA). She has been a member of a fortnightly Dream Appreciation group led by Graham Saayman since early 2013. She has recorded and tracked her own dreams for over 25 years.

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