



Winnicott on Jung

A Series of Four Seminars Exploring Dissociation

In his last decade Winnicott was profoundly immersed in Jung, both through his ongoing exchanges with fellow paediatrician and leading Jungian analyst Michael Fordham, and through his close study of Jung's autobiography, culminating in his controversial review. This remains a riveting, if enigmatic, read: it asserts a dissociated split in Jung's personality consequent on a failure of maternal holding.

Coinciding with this he dreamt "*for Jung and some of my patients, as well as for myself*" a 'healing' dream whose culmination he described in a letter to Fordham: "*Here was I awake, in the dream, and knew I had dreamt of being destroyed and of being the destroying agent. There was no dissociation..*". Evidently then his exploration of Jung's psyche was also a means of self-analysis: inhibition of elemental assertiveness in early experience left a legacy of unintegrated aggression (the root cause of dissociation) in both men. Thus Winnicott's lifelong preoccupation with the True/False Self dichotomy gives an added poignancy to his description of Jung as someone "*who started off knowing, but lacked a self with which to know*".

These seminars will endeavour to bring Winnicott's insights into his own/Jung's pathology to bear on participants' own clinical experience, thus informing our contemporary approaches to narcissistic disorders, particularly dissociation. They are open to all, though anyone attending the earlier WMIP series on either Jung, Winnicott or Narcissism would be particularly welcome.

Monday evenings: 7.00 – 8.30pm.

Dates: 23rd, 30th April, 7th and 14th May 2012.

Venue: West Midlands Institute of Psychotherapy
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Cost: WMIP Members £110; Non-Members £130 Places limited, early application is advised.

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