

The Woolger Institute for Psyche and Spiritual Traditions presents:

**A Special Autumn Conference
Sat 10 October Columbia Hotel W2**

C.G. Jung, Goethe

and the POLITICS OF THE SPIRIT

Ancestors, Mediums and Lovers

During this stimulating and provocative day, we will examine hitherto unexplored questions regarding Jung's debt to German Romanticism, spiritualism, and Judaism through the eyes of four prominent students of his life

Our speakers are:

Paul Bishop, Ph.D (Glasgow University)

Margaret Meyer, Ph.D

Leon Schlamm Ph.D. (Kent University) and

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International lecturer, teacher and writer, and graduate of the C.G. Jung Institute (Zurich)

The role of Goethe as an intellectual influence on Jung's life has often been remarked; in *Memories, Dreams, Reflections*, Jung regards Goethe as his pre-eminent spiritual ancestor. Why was Jung so fascinated and in many ways identified with Faust's struggle with Mephisto, with Goethe's involvement in German politics, his alchemical researches, and his romantic affairs?

And how seriously did Jung take the family legend that his grandfather was an illegitimate son of Goethe? Mediumistic talents ran high in his mother's family and led Jung to research the channelling of his cousin Helly Preiswerk. Helly's guides saw herself and Jung as reincarnations of the lovers Goethe and Sophie Preiswerk, but Jung broke off the experiments fearing that Helly was in love with him. And what of the 18th century figure Jung called Personality No 2? Could this have been the ancestral "spirit" of Goethe?

Goethe's Faust, especially the figures of the murdered couple Philemon and Baucis, continued to haunt Jung throughout his life. In his visionary *Red Book* his spirit teacher bears the name Philemon as does a late carved memorial to Faust's "penitence". Does this explain Jung's foolhardy political involvement with Jewish issues during the Nazi era, even becoming a spy for Allen Dulles' US Intelligence services (OSS) during the Second World War?

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