

“Human beings are primarily responsible for the condition of our planet. What would Jung have to say about the possible lasting effects of the coronavirus pandemic on our responsibility towards the earth?”

What lies behind all this is a strong sense I am gathering that this dangerous virus faces the whole world with enormous long term problems, some of which arise out of the complex interconnectedness of much of our world particularly in the developed countries. People are already raising the question about the "New Normal" and I believe that Jung's approach could be very constructive in making choices, and in establishing new ways of being which are likely to be forced upon us. For example, and this is one of the fundamentals I hope this volume would address is how much of our lives are driven by what Jung would have called "the unconscious"? Put another way we might say "how much the is outer world governed by the inner world? – what is the actual relationship between the two?".

The question has been forced upon many people in the last three months – "what do we do with our time?" This naturally raises how we each regard time both in the sense of the moment by moment-ness of living, but also the time that we have left to become old and ultimately die.

If we can find new ways of relating to such issues, then it may be that human activities can adjust to its new conditions. Clearly such matters are not ever likely to be quick fixes, but are more akin to how psychological analysis can impact on the life of the individual, though here we are concerned more with the life of the collective.

Since we have before us many cultures, and the different ages from childhood through the middle years to old age to deal exhaustively with it, is likely to be far beyond our scope at this time but at least it might be a beginning.

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We invite answers in the form of essays or poems, and possibly some illustrations from long-standing Jungians who may or not be members. These could be collected in the form of a book, or booklet.

I want to emphasise that this whole thing is simply a germ of an idea to test the water. As things stand in my mind at this time I see the following: –

The key elements at this time are as follows: –

- 1 The aim would be to produce and publish a book of essays, poems and illustrations in approximately a year's time.
- 2 The hope is that we can provide some serious thinking of a distinctly, but not exclusively, Jungian flavour set between two covers.
- 3 Were this thought to receive encouragement from the committee and members I would be interested in helping to take it forward with some assistance and would want two, possibly three, people to help me with such things as, issue invitations, select the best contributions et cetera.
- 4 I do not see this as being necessarily open to all comers. I would be aiming at high quality work from established. people.