

DARK LIGHT OF THE SOUL



by Kathryn Wood Madden, Ph.D.

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Dark Light of the Soul explores the inner journeys of Jacob Boehme, the seventeenth-century Protestant mystic, and C.G. Jung, the twentieth-century depth psychologist. Each was concerned with the immediacy of experience, yet comprehended the importance of spirit as a transforming presence in human life. Kathryn Wood Madden connects the experiences of these two pioneers, focusing on a “ground of being that contains all opposites in potentiality.” She examines those experiences from the perspective of depth psychology and religion, offering meaningful insights for anyone on a path of inner development, as well as for professionals in clinical settings.

*“Readers will be grateful to Kathryn Madden for her clear discussion of Jung’s and Boehme’s experiences of and reflections on the nature of unitary reality. Her clinical insight and spiritual response to the otherness that addresses us from this depth, brings light to the life of our souls.” —Ann Belford Ulanov, Ph.D., Christiane Brooks Johnson Professor of Psychiatry and Religion, Union Theological Seminary; psychoanalyst in private practice, and author of *The Unshuttered Heart: Opening to Aliveness/Deadness in the Self* (Abingdon Press, 2007)*

*“In this beautifully crafted book, Kathryn Madden shows how traumatic breakdown may turn out to be the first step in a psychological/spiritual breakthrough to a deeper “unitary reality” that supports us all. By exploring the breakthrough experiences of C.G. Jung, Jacob Boehme, and her own clinical cases, she shows how psychotherapeutically mediated contact with this “ground of being” (both immanent and transcendent) can make all the difference in the healing of trauma.” —Donald Kalsched, Ph.D., author of *The Inner World of Trauma: Archetypal Defenses of the Personal Spirit* (Routledge, 1996)*

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