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Psyche and Soul: A New Meta-narrative for Psychoanalysis in the 21st Century

Abraham Heschel, the great Jewish Rabbi, once wrote that "our mind is like a fantastic seashell, and when applying our ear to its lips we hear a perpetual murmur from the waves beyond the shore. Citizens of two realms, we all must sustain a dual allegiance." Such a "dual allegiance" conforms with what Jung discovered as the divine/human origin and destiny of many heroes in the body of world mythology. He speculated that this universal motif pointed to something fundamental about human life and its libidinal motivations i.e. that we are not only driven by biological drives, but that we also have "immortal longings" and live on the threshold of a great mystery.

Many recent psychoanalytic writers are discovering clinical support for Jung's wider definition of the libido and its mystical implications. In this lecture we will assemble some of these findings and construct a potential new meta-narrative for psychoanalysis in the 21st Century.

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