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*Ethics and the Spirit of These Times*

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In times of great chaos an ethical standpoint is pressed more firmly upon us, bringing into stark clarity the points of intersection between individual practice, and our personal, social, and public professional identities. This lecture explores where inner processes and outer collective realities meet, and the task of experiencing the 'living meaning' of the Spirit of *these* Times by looking towards 'the Spirit of the Depths.' Jung writes, "if we are not able to understand prospectively, then nothing is understood," and continues, "the constructive standpoint asks how, out of this present psyche, a bridge can be built into its own future." CW3 ¶397-398

Learning Objectives:

- Consideration of the 'points of intersection' between inner psychic processes and external collective realities, and the ethical obligations involved.
- Working from a constructive standpoint to perceive "psyches' bridge to the future"
- Reflections on the archetypal undercurrents of the present age and what they might be striving towards.
- Reflections on ethical boundaries in times of collective crisis

Bio

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