

OST Fall Lecture Series
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Living in the Light and the Truth – Discipleship 101 and the Honors Program

Overall Outline ...

1. October 4th – **A Biblical Perspective** – On Living in the Light and the Truth
 - *Living in the light as the refusal to lie and as metanoia*
 2. October 11th – **An Anthropological/Theological Perspective** – On Living in the Light and the Truth
 - *Living in the light and the truth as living out the divine energies inside us*
 3. October 18th – **A Practical Perspective** – On Living in the Light and the Truth
 - *Some Commandments for the Long Haul for living “with sincerity”*
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October 11th ... An Anthropological/Theological Perspective - Living in the light and the truth as living out the divine energies inside us

- I. **The deepest reality inside of us – The “Image and Likeness of God”**
 - Not as static, aesthetic image inside us, but rather ...
 - a powerful fire/” godly” energy
 - the transcendental properties of God “branded” inside our souls
 - *One*
 - *True*
 - *Good*
 - *Beautiful*
 - Not as wild, non-intentioned fire, but as “constellated” fire
 - The difference between Freud and Jung
 - We are living in truth and the light when we are faithful to these divine energies inside of us.
 - How do we read these energies and tease out their intentionality?
 - Many different, valid, approaches to this.
 - Here we will go by the way to “archetypal energies”

II. Living in the truth and the light by living out the divine archetypal energies inside us.

A. Introduction ...

1. The concept of “archetypal energies”- The image and likeness of God (*Imago Dei*) inside of us

2. What is an archetype?

A psychic blueprint / imprint – an archive

Configured energy

Instinctual patterns of energy / feeling / thought

Our collective unconscious

Our “hard-wiring”

3. As constellated around certain energy centers

i. As “father/mother” – “king/queen”

ii. As “prophet”

iii. As “magus/Sophia”

iv. As “lover”

4. As seen clearly in Jesus’ teaching and actions

i. Jesus – a “father/mother

ii. Jesus as “prophet”

iii. Jesus as “magus”

iv. Jesus as “lover”

5. Some “qualities” of these energies

- They are irrepressible – if they aren’t accessed and allowed to express themselves healthily, they will act out in their shadow side.
- They are imperialistic
 - once accessed, the energy tends to want all of you
 - when strongly accessed, the energy tends to weaken your access to the other energies

B. Some explication vis-à-vis each of these energies

- “Father/Mother” – the energy to
 - order
 - feed
 - carry
 - bless
 - In its adolescent/shadow expression = *The Boy/Girl King and Queen*
- “Prophet” – the energy
 - to wage peace and truth
 - In its adolescent/shadow expression = *the “hero”*

- **“Magus/Sophia” – the energy**
 - *to teach*
 - *instruct*
 - *Guide*
 - *Initiate*
 - *speak the right words that are needed.*
 - In its adolescent/shadow expression = *the trickster*
- **“Lover” – the energy**
 - *to create and receive love and delight in life*
 - In its adolescent/shadow expression = *the ascetic or the addict*

C. Two axioms with which to summarize ...

- We live in the truth and in the light when we access and live out the deep intentionality of the innate “divine” energies within ourselves.
 - Conversely, we are doomed to act out unconsciously all the archetypal configurations which we do not access and control through conscious ritual. We will either act out for Godliness or for grandiosity. But what is deepest within us will act ... either in its goodness and light or in its shadow.
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