



# The Tarot, Synchronicity, and the Psychology of C.G. Jung

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**Friday lecture:** March 20, 2015  
Non-members, \$15; Members, \$10

**Saturday Workshop**  
Saturday March 21, 2015  
9am to 1pm  
(brown bag lunch)  
Workshop Cost: \$60  
Members: \$45

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### Location

Han University  
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Tucson, Arizona



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**Lecture: Friday,**  
March 20, 2015,  
7 pm  
**Tarot, Synchronicity and the Psychology of C.G. Jung."**

The Tarot, a series of images in playing cards, was made popular at the turn of the 20th Century by the likes of Aleister Crowley, the Order of the Golden Dawn, and A.E. Waite. This presentation proposes that the Tarot is grounded in the

Hermetic tradition, which explains the similarity of these images to Alchemical images. This lecture will show how the structure of the Tarot maps with C.G. Jung's structure of the psyche. It will discuss how the Minor Arcana or playing cards are consistent with Jung's typological system, and the Major Arcana, or trumps, represent a series of Archetypal patterns on a journey to individuation. It will discuss the role of synchronicity, "an acausal connecting principle" in that links the image to daily events, or Archetypal experiences.

### **Workshop: Saturday, March 21, 2015, 9 am-1 pm** **Working with Tarot images for personal growth**

The presenter will discuss how the structure of the Tarot maps with C.G. Jung's structure of the psyche and how this may be useful in developing personal psychological awareness. We will work with the Tarot as a tool for personal growth in much the same way that Jung used the I Ching. Synchronicity investigates the significance of an event in the outside world when it triggers an energetic response in the psyche. We will try to "get a feel for" how synchronicity might work when using the Tarot. We will select Minor and Major Arcana cards and work with the feelings evoked by the images, individually and/or in small groups, to identify how these Archetypal patterns might represent aspects of our individuation journey.

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