



SOUTHERN ARIZONA FRIENDS OF JUNG

Technology and Soul: Jung and Posthumanism

A Lecture & Workshop with
Glen Slater, Ph.D.

Saturday, February 16, 2019

Lecture 9:00 am-12:00 pm:

Members: \$35; Non-Members: \$45

Workshop 1:00-4:00 pm:

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Grace St Paul's Episcopal Church (McBride Hall)
2331 E Adams St, Tucson, AZ

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Lecture (9:00am-12:00pm): Technology brings many gifts, but its shadow is omnipresent. People have begun to substitute experiences in cyberspace for everyday life, and the quest to merge mind and body with artificial intelligence is well underway. Chip implants will soon be commonplace, alongside developments in psychotropic medication, genetic engineering and robotics, all aimed to radically transform the fabric of human existence. It is critical that we uncover the unconscious patterns driving this ultimate makeover. Jung said that “civilized man . . . is in danger of losing all contact with the world of instinct,” adding that this loss “is largely responsible for the pathological condition of contemporary culture.” This lecture will present a Jungian understanding of instinctual life and psychological wellbeing in light of current and impending technologies. At the heart of the presentation will be a critical exploration of the posthuman movement.

Workshop (1:00-4:00pm): Modern psychological problems appeared alongside industrialization and mechanized life. In this workshop, we'll take a look back at the cultural-historical weave of technology and depth psychology, then consider how Jungian perspectives have been working to compensate our culture's increasing speed and fabrication. We'll reflect on ways to find soul in the face of technological change and explore how innovation might support rather than erode our psychic foundations. Film clips, journal exercises and discussion will be used to aid this exploration.



Glen Slater, Ph.D. trained in religious studies and clinical psychology. For the past two decades he has been on the faculty of Pacifica Graduate Institute where he is the Associate Chair of the Jungian and Archetypal Studies Program. Glen has written articles for Jungian journals and essay collections. He edited and introduced the third volume of James Hillman's Uniform Edition, *Senex and Puer*, as well as a volume by Pacifica faculty, *Varieties of Mythic Experience*. He is writing a book on depth psychology and new technologies.