

SOUTHERN ARIZONA FRIENDS OF JUNG

Facing Climate Change: A Jungian Perspective

A Presentation by Jeffrey Kiehl, PhD, Jungian Analyst

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Nobody can afford to look around and to wait for somebody else to do what he is loath to do himself. But since nobody seems to know what to do, it might be worthwhile for each of us to ask himself whether by any chance his or her unconscious may know something that will help us.

—C.G. Jung (CW 18, par. 599)

Human caused climate change has placed life on the planet in a precarious state. It is imperative we address this situation as soon as possible for the longer we wait, the more we commit future generations to great disruption. Yet there is great resistance to addressing this issue, especially within the United States. Jungian psychology provides a unique means to understand the problem of climate change for it recognizes the importance of the unconscious in our lives. In this presentation, I explore how the dynamics of unconscious processes relate to climate change and how these processes provide pathways to addressing the problem. I consider further the current myths that lie at the root of our collective dissociation from nature and how these myths are intertwined with cultural complexes active in the US. The presentation concludes with a discussion of how to reconnect to the sacredness of Earth, which is essential to address the issue of climate change.

Presenter Biography:

Jeffrey Kiehl, PhD, is a Diplomate Jungian Analyst and senior training analyst for the C.G. Jung Institute of Colorado and the Inter-Regional Society of Jungian Analysts. He is also an adjunct professor at the University of California, Santa Cruz and an adjunct faculty member of Pacifica Graduate Institute, where he teaches a course on Ecopsychology. He is the author of *Facing Climate Change: An Integrated Path to the Future*, which provides a Jungian perspective on climate change. His most recent articles include: A Tale of Two Cultures: Climate Change & American Complexes in *Cultural Complexes and the Soul of America: Myth, Psyche and Politics* and Mandala as Portal to Healing in *ARAS Connections*. Jeffrey has presented on various Jungian topics at national and international conferences. He lives in Santa Cruz, CA.

Learning Objectives:

1. Understand the current state of environmental disruption
2. Understand what a cultural complex is
3. Understand the self-regulation of psyche and its relation to climate change
4. Explore methods to reconnect to the sacredness of nature