“...psychoanalysis demands a sacrifice which no other science demands of its adherents: ruthless self-knowledge. It needs to be repeated again and again that practical and theoretical understanding of psychoanalysis is a function of analytical self-knowledge. Where self-knowledge fails, psychoanalysis cannot flourish.”

CG Jung
Volume 4 para 156
5 July 2016

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of all the analysts in the Chicago Society, as well as the non-analyst members of our Institute, I thank you for your expressions of concern and care following the deaths of analysts Robert Moore and Margaret Shanahan. I sought to respond personally to all who wrote or called, but am certain that in the rush of events I missed some of you. Our gratitude, however, is to all.

As I reported earlier, Robert shot his wife and then shot himself. Here is a link to the Chicago Sun Times report:

http://homicides.suntimes.com/2016/06/21/prominent-psychotherapist-dr-margaret-shanahan-fatally-shot-in-what-police-believe-was-murder-suicide-in-her-hyde-park-home/ The Sun Times has been particularly vigilant in covering the toll of gun violence in Chicago.

I wish we could offer you a clear explanation of what happened. We who perhaps should have best understood their predicament and suffering did not have that opportunity. Margaret and Robert found it difficult to be in community with their fellow analysts and had positioned themselves at the margin of our Society for at least a decade. Many efforts were made to reach out to them and sometimes they reached back…but never for long. Our relationships with them were cordial but distant.

Hence, to seek to understand what happened has required that we rely primarily on information gathered after the fact from persons who were closer to them than we were. One thing we have learned is that the couple specifically sought to keep knowledge of Robert’s medical status from their analytic colleagues. We also have learned that Margaret, an intensely private person, was seeking to manage Robert’s failing physical and emotional health primarily on her own. We had known that Robert was suffering from significant cardiovascular issues, and now know he also had developed a form of dementia, perhaps related to the cardiovascular problems. And we know that in recent months, even years, he had experienced episodes of paranoia, significant grandiosity (at times delusional), and fearful wrestling with his own death. These were not consistently present but were episodic and could be intense. Finally, we have learned that there also had been a significant financial setback and a decision to move from their longtime home.

Somehow, all of these factors, and likely others, converged in a deadly way, and we are left to ponder the sorrowful mystery that a man who made such a significant impact on the lives of many, dedicating himself to “facing the dragon of personal and spiritual grandiosity,” was in his life’s final scene overpowered by a dragon. And with the immensely painful reality that the woman who loved him – a woman of great refinement and cultivation, who also impacted many lives through her own practice – perished in the fiery energy that consumed him.

Holding their real achievements and goodness in tension with the darkness of their end is a vexing task for all whose lives intersected with theirs. Your compassion for Margaret and Robert, and for the Chicago Institute, helps, and we are grateful to be in communion with you. Going forward, we ask you to continue to hold in your hearts those who analyzed, supervised, or studied with Margaret and Bob. In so many cases, their agony and confusion is deep.

Peace to each of you,
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Thank you for organizing our responses to Robert and Margaret.

In 2003, I graduated from Chicago and joined the Admission Committee. Robert was a member. It was deeply satisfying to work with him. He was very earthy, warm, and accepting of all whom we interviewed. I learned a lot from him. He was a pleasure.

Margaret actually was part of my training group for a while. She was brilliant, outspoken, and funny.

Robert and Margaret were such a strong couple. I had been invited to their home as Margaret and I had a project to work on. She loved to garden and it was a glorious garden.

Shocked and saddened by their passing, and working with patients who live through traumatic bereavement, I know that the process that works for me is to use a Buddhist ritual. One said daily to help send energy to their bardo experience. And to live with the sadness of their passing.

There is no analysis available to really deal with these kinds of mysteries. But there is community, kindness, and being there for one another. They brought many learnings to us, didn’t they?

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“I sometimes pray not for self-knowledge in general but for just so much self-knowledge at the moment as I can bear and use at the moment; the little daily dose.”

C.S. Lewis
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&
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(http://www.rickbouchardlcsw.com/)

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Shane Windmeyer, M.S., Ed.
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“A man who lies to himself, and believes his own lies, becomes unable to recognize truth, either in himself or in anyone else, and he ends up losing respect for himself and for others.”
Fyodor Dostoyevsky
“A human being has so many skins inside, covering the depths of the heart. We know so many things, but we don’t know ourselves! Why, thirty or forty skins or hides, as thick and hard as an ox’s or bear’s, cover the soul. Go into your own ground and learn to know yourself there.”

Meister Eckhart
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**Spring 2018**
April 18-21
Millennium Harvest House, Boulder, Colorado
http://www.millenniumhotels.com/usa/millenniumboulder/
Room Rate $ 149 per night
(Kaitryn Wertz: kate@katewertz.com)

~Follow Up~
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Boulder Conference 2016

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“It is a sad fate for a man to die too well known to everybody else, and still unknown to himself.”
Francis Bacon
Messages from the Heart

Nine Bows, Buddhist Contemplation

“Homage to all that is healing
in a person’s life,
in traditions,
and in the world.
Homage to all that is healing
in the lives of saints and sages,
in this practice,
and in my own mind,
and
homage to all that is healing
in the stream of ancestral teachers,
in the immediate community of support,
and in our positive motivations.
Many many bright blessings on you and yours.
May all beings benefit.”

Names to hold in our healing meditations.

Charles Zeltzer
David Schoen
Deborah Bryon
Everett McLaren
Karen Kemper Magee
Linda Leonard
Lyn Cowan
Michelle Halsall
Sue Crommelin

Jung and the Concept of Time
AN EXPERIENTIAL WORKSHOP
With
SANDY GELLER
JUNGIAN ANALYST, ART THERAPIST
August 6 ~ 10-2pm
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Come in, cool off and immerse yourself in meaningful experiences with the creative; pastels, paints, clay, sandtray and story telling--all through a Jungian lens. Focus will be on creating mindful dialogue with psyche deepening your relationship to the symbolic attitude and exploring the concept of active imagination. No previous experience with art is necessary. These workshops are for students of Jung at all levels including therapists of all persuasions. Participants will have an experience of the healing potential of combining the expressive arts within a Jungian frame. It is the work of psyche on a personal level that extends beyond to the archetypal and the collective unconscious. Participants typically know more about themselves upon leaving than they did when they arrived.

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