

Simple Ways to Work with Dreams in Counselling

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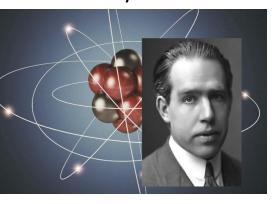
Paul McCartney composed 'Yesterday' in a dream in 1965 – he heard it fully formed in the morning



21 dreams in The Bible - warnings and prophecies

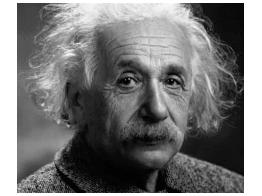
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Niels Bohr saw the structure of the atom in a dream and won the Nobel Prize for Physics in 1922 Einstein discovered the principle of relativity after a vivid dream



In 1845, Elias Howe saw how to design the sewing machine needle in a dream





Salvador Dali saw "Persistence of Memory" in a dream



When a really great dream shows up, grab it!



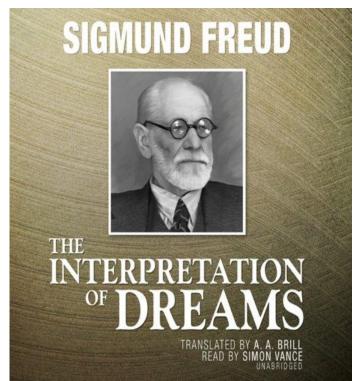
Larry Page dreamed he could download the entire web onto some old computers lying around, so he got up in the middle of the night and realised it was plausible – the result was Google

Do you remember the stories you write in the night?

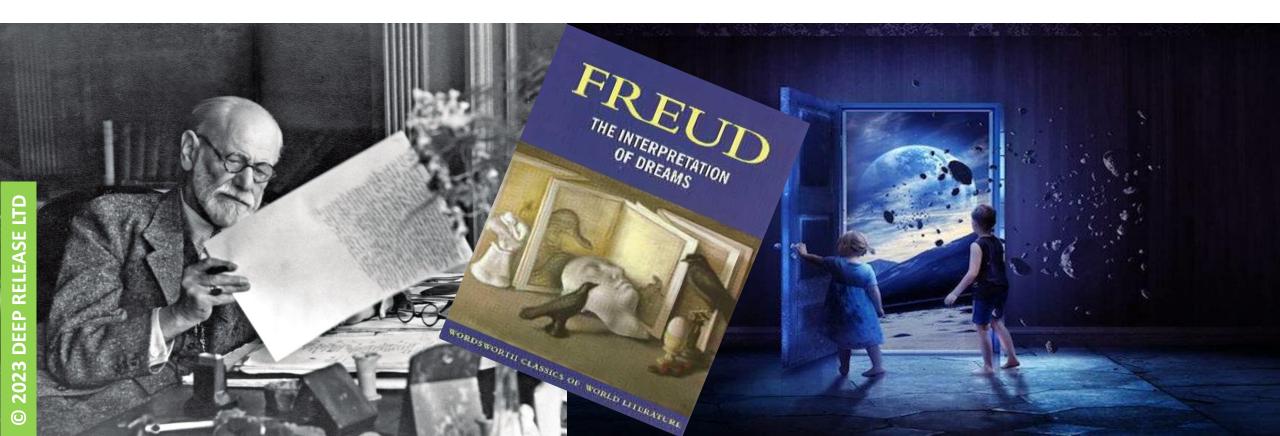
WORKING WITH DREAMS



FREUD (1856 – 1939) "The interpretation of the dream is the royal road to a knowledge of the unconscious activities of the mind..."



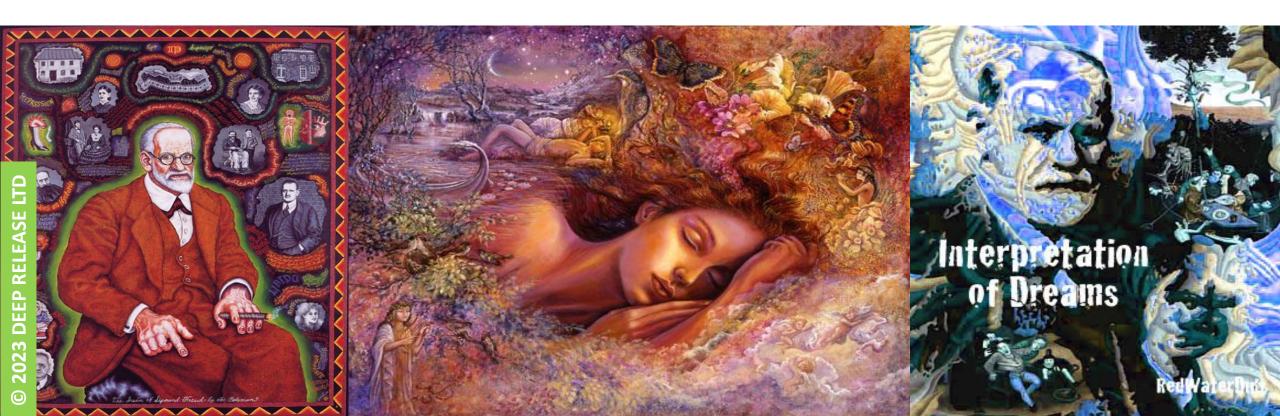
- The dream comes from the events of the day before the dream the "day residue"
- This is straightforward in children, but adult dreams are more complicated
- Adult dreams are distorted and the dream's real meaning is hidden
- Essentially Freud believed dreams were about wish fulfilment



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What is the earliest dream you can remember?

- The manifest content of a dream is the detail we remember
- The latent content is what the dream really means
- Free association of the manifest content reveals the meaning of the dream through analysis
- Freud was the 'expert' he would tell you what the dream meant



CARL JUNG

The dream is the small hidden door in the deepest and most intimate sanctum of the soul... Carl Jung

CARL JUNG

- Jung held the theory that the universe projects itself symbolically onto our unconscious minds, using imagery to transmit *ideas that language can't*
- He pioneered the idea of *symbols* coming from the *collective unconscious*
- These are 'archetypes' which have developed in the universal history of human beings

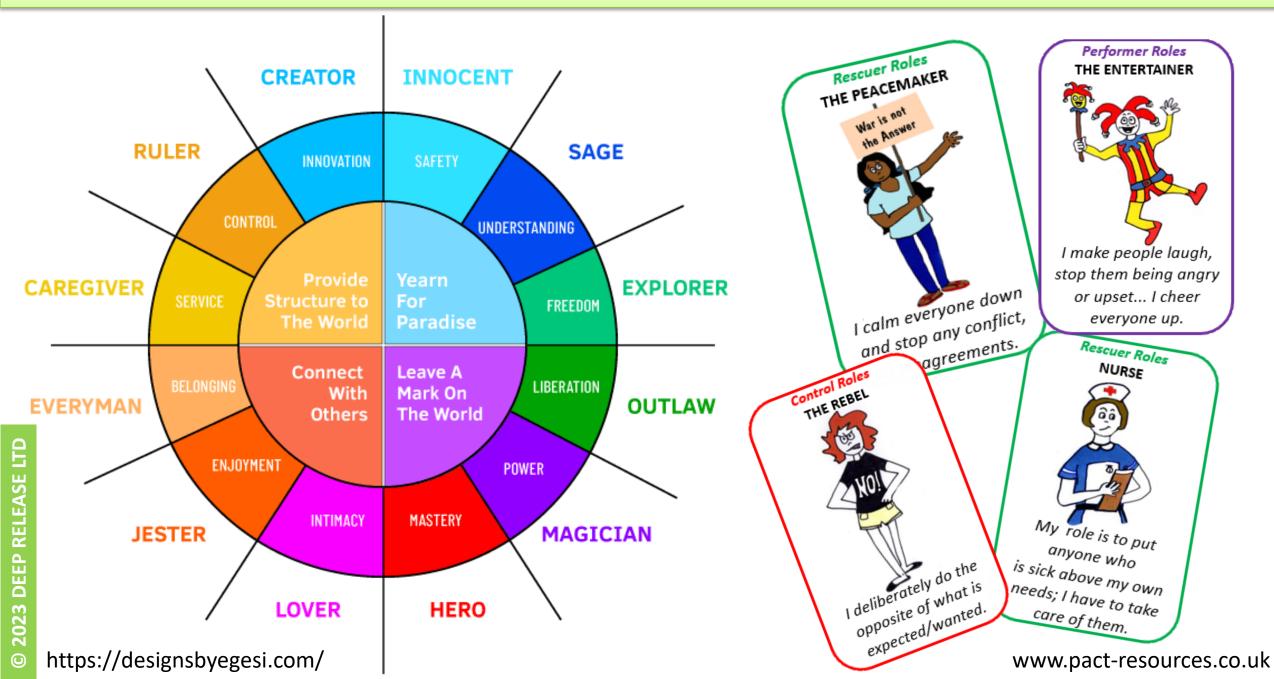




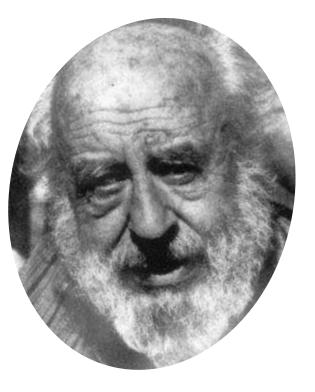
"The Rebel"

Greta Thunberg Brave & bolshie *"I'm gonna change* the world...."

ARCHETYPES



INTEGRATING DREAMWORK IN COUNSE



PERLS (1893 – 1970)

"You are the maker of the dream... Whatever you put into the dream must be what is in you..."



Look at each piece in the dream. What does it tell you? How does it fit into the whole?

Discover the beauty when it is all put together!



GESTALT DREAM WORK

"In Gestalt therapy we don't interpret dreams. We do something much more interesting with them. Instead of analysing and further cutting up the dream, we want to bring it back to life".

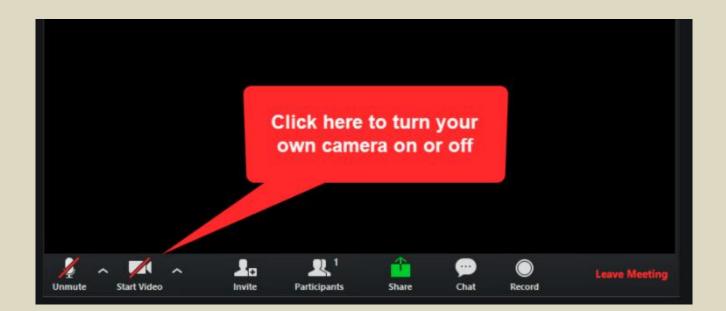
- Gestalt is interested in what we want to avoid, areas of our life and our personality that we have disowned or are phobic about.
- Perls believed that dreams are the royal road to <u>integration</u>.
- We have to re-own projected and fragmented parts of the personality and re-own the hidden potential that appears in the dream.



WORKING WITH A DREAM

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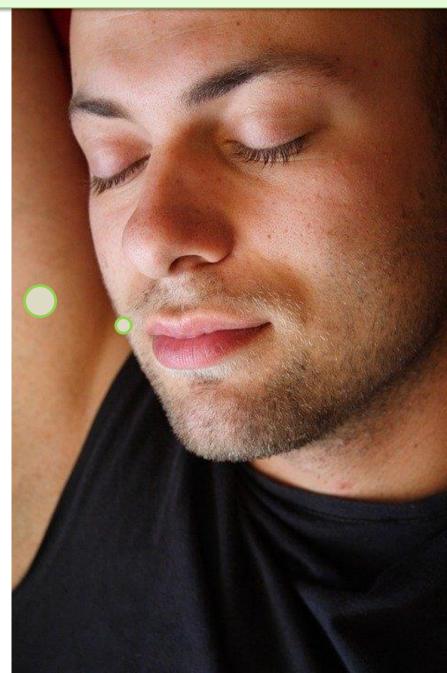
CONTINUE WRITING YOUR DREAM

"I'm walking towards the person, and I can

see.....'



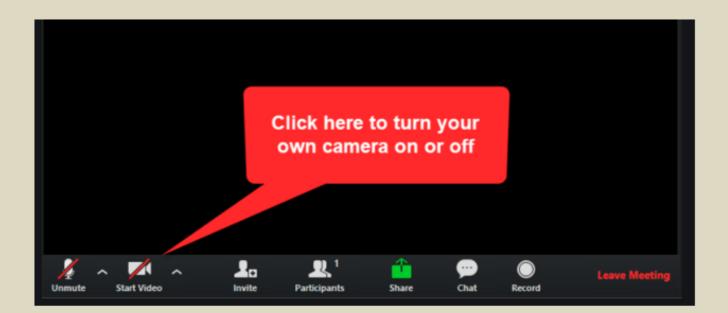
- Where did the
 - dream stop?
- Continue writing
 - the dream you wrote in the night



CONTINUING TO WRITE YOUR DREAM

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How in touch are you with your own dreams?

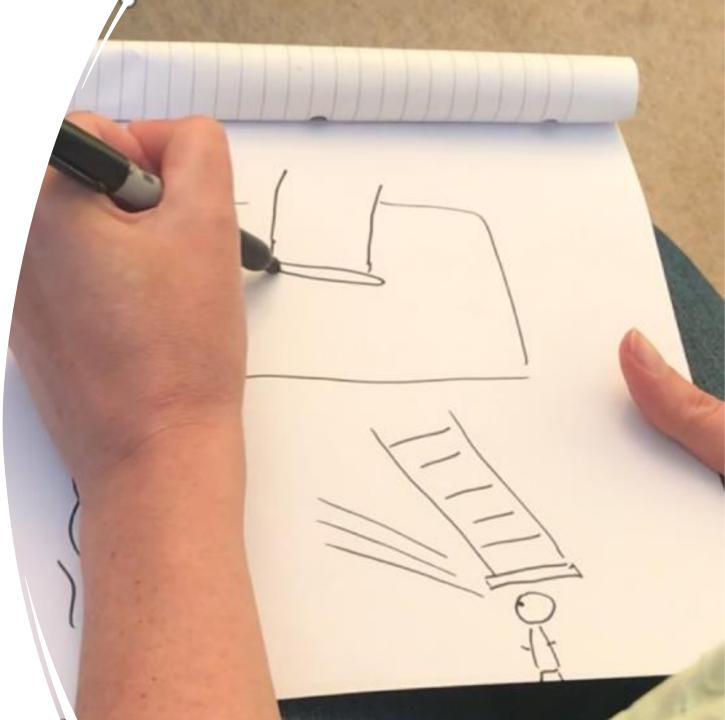
What did you feel about this way of working with dreams?

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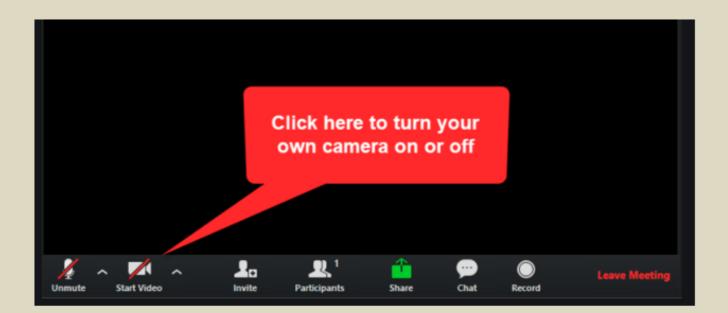


DRAWING THE DREAM



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DRAWING A DREAM STORYBOARD



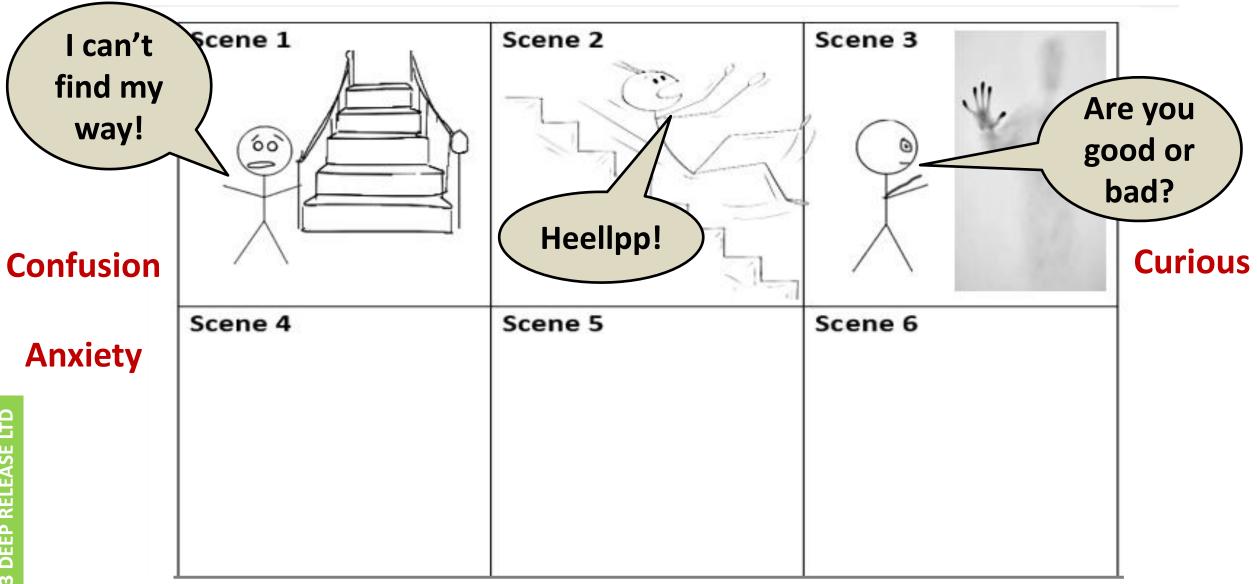
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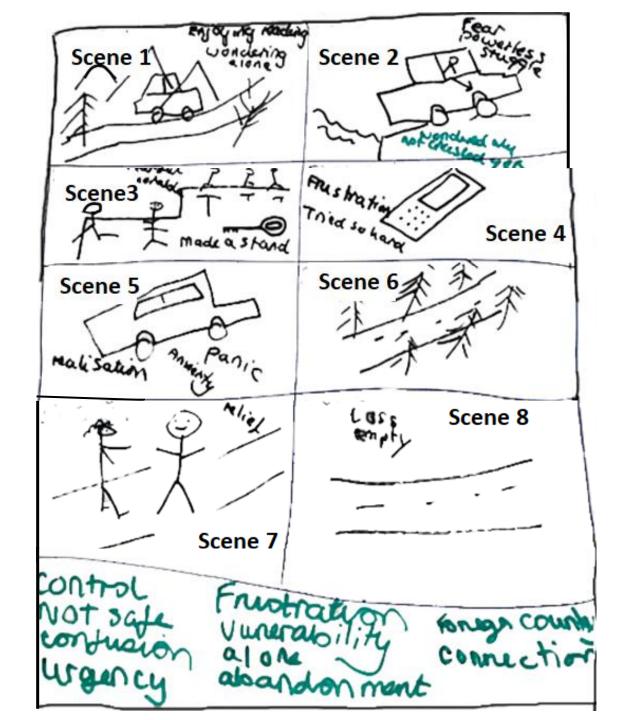
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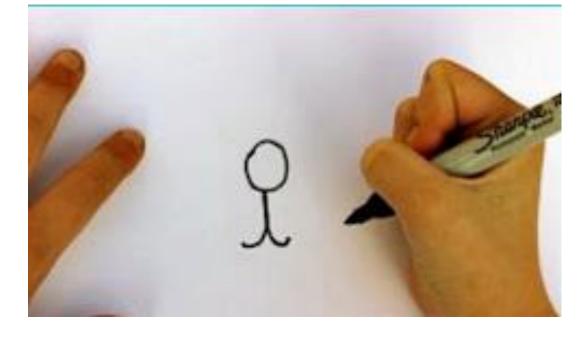


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TIME TO DRAW YOUR DREAM!



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Any Questions or Comments?

GESTALT DREAMWORK

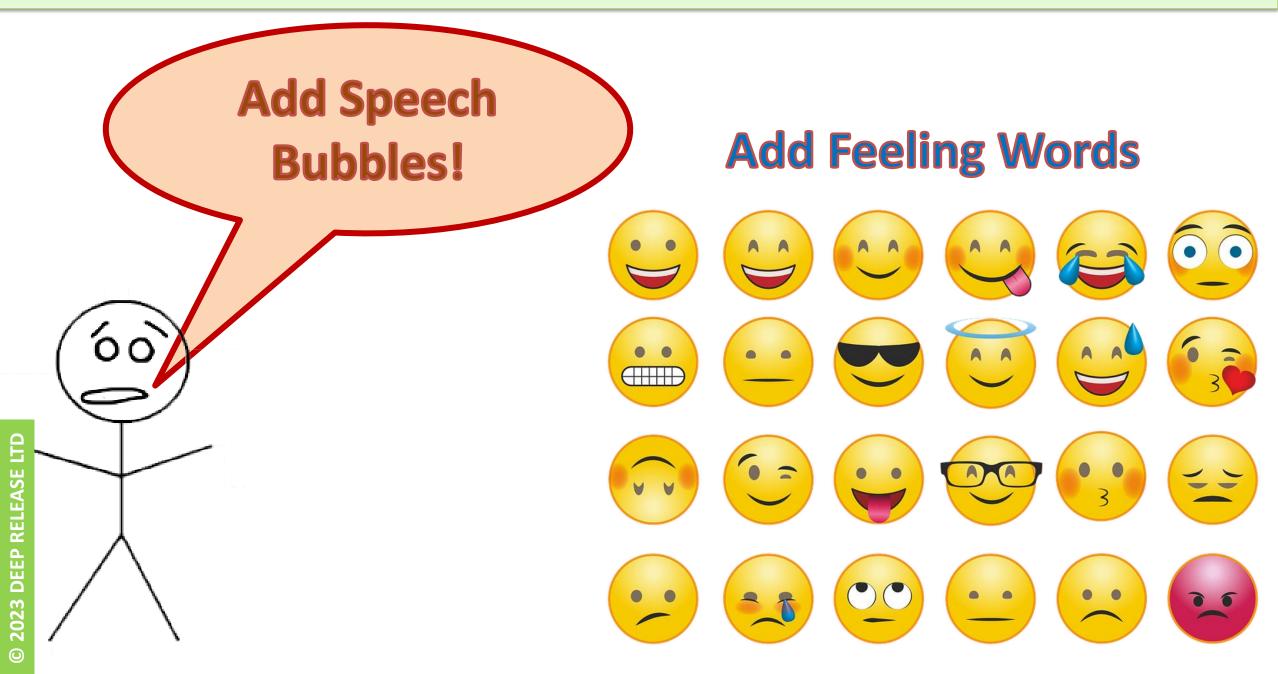
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EXPLORING THE PARTS OF YOUR DREAM

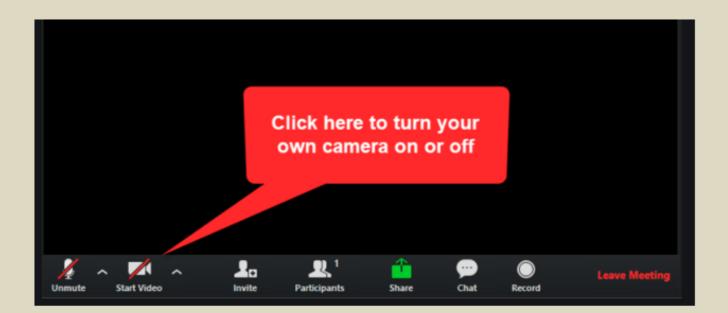




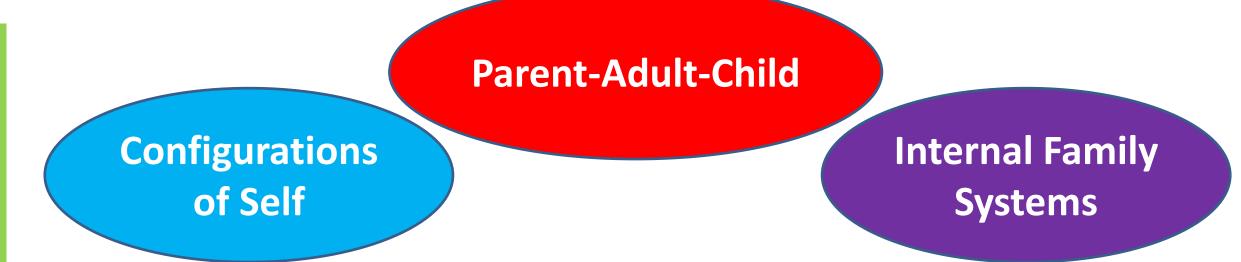


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- The concept of *'the whole is different from the sum of the parts'* can sometimes be helpful in dreamwork as we seek to *integrate parts of ourselves* revealed in the dream story
- Gestalt is interested in our *unfinished business*
- Our unconscious will pull us towards addressing *disowned parts of ourself*, or things we haven't really looked at enough
- When the parts are integrated, we achieve balance and harmony



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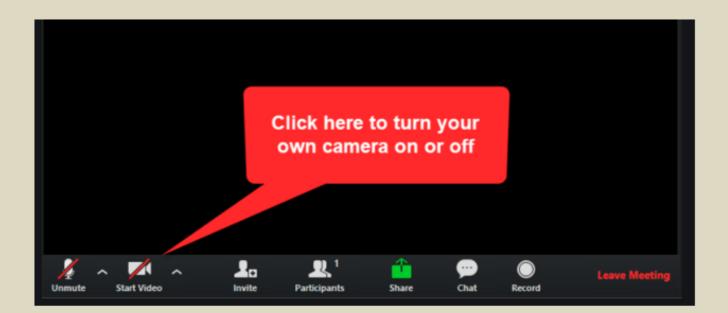


BECOMING THE PARTS OF THE DREAM



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Reflect on the teaching – any questions?

15 minutes



Any Questions or Comments?

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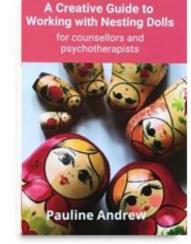
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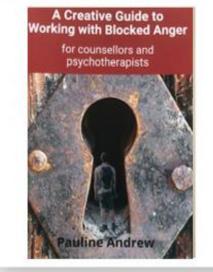
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