

Jung's Dream Library

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The famous psychoanalyst, C.G. (Carl Gustave) Jung tells of a sort of uninvited book test in the form of a vision. One night, as he lay in bed feeling deeply concerned about the recent death of a friend, Dr. Jung sensed that friend's presence in the room. At first, Jung doubted his feelings, but then he decided that proof was irrelevant and that he might as well give his spectral visitor the benefit of the doubt. "The moment I had that thought," Jung relates, "he went to the door and beckoned me to follow him."

And so, Dr. Jung followed (in his vision) his friend "out of the house, into the garden, out to the road, and finally to his house. . . . I went in and he conducted me to his study. He climbed on a stool and showed me the second of five books with red bindings which stood on the second shelf from the top."

Jung was unacquainted with the man's study and did not know what books he owned. Curious, he went the next morning to his friend's widow and obtained permission to "look up something" in the man's library. "Sure enough," he reports, "there was a stool standing under the bookcase I had seen in my vision, and even before I came closer I could see the five books with red bindings. I stepped up on the stool so as to be able to read the titles. . . . The title of the second volume read: 'The Legacy of the Dead.'"

Discussion

More details and an analysis of this case may be found on pages 87-89 of *The Survival Files*.

For Further Information See: *Memories, Dreams, Reflections*, by C.G. Jung, 1963, pages 312-313.

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