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Freud's Basic Writings

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Location: Live Webinar

Meeting Dates: Saturdays, 9:00 a.m.- 10:30 a.m. (EST):

- September 9, 16, 23, 30
- October 14, 21, 28
- November 4, 11, 18
- December 2, 9

CE's: 18

Cost: \$450

Course Description:

"...symptoms have a sense and are related to the patient's experiences"

"We must recognize... that these symptoms of... neurosis, these ideas and impulses which emerge one knows not whence, which prove so resistant to every influence from an otherwise normal mind, which give the patient himself the impression of being all-powerful guests from an alien world, immortal beings intruding into the turmoil of mortal life—these symptom offer the plainest indication of there being a special region of the mind shut off from the rest. They lead, by a path that cannot be missed, to a conviction of the existence of the unconscious in the mind..."
--Freud, *Introductory Lectures on Psychoanalysis*

Sigmund Freud summarized his thinking about the human mind and the new science of psychoanalysis in two sets of "Introductory Lectures" written 15 years apart. In this course, we will make use of these lectures and other seminal papers to explore Freud's basic theories and how they evolved with time and clinical experience.

Objectives:

1. To become familiar with Freud's basic theories, writings and how they continue to inform modern psychoanalytic perspectives and treatment.
2. To provide a critical foundation for studying and evaluating psychoanalytic ideas and techniques.
3. To provide an environment for dialogue in which students are encouraged to make connections between reading assignments and their own clinical and life experiences.
4. To familiarize students with the "literature" of psychoanalysis and how it's reading can enrich their work.

About the Instructor:

Wally Fletcher, D.Min., NCPsyA has extensive training and experience as a therapist, consultant, educator and non-profit executive. He is a Certified Psychoanalyst and Clinical Supervisor in the National Association for the Advancement of Psychoanalysis and a certified Clinical Fellow and member of the Board of Directors of the American Association of Pastoral Counselors. He teaches courses in Organizational & Strategic Leadership and in Pastoral Counseling at Neumann University and courses in the history and evolution of psychoanalysis at the

Philadelphia School of Psychoanalysis. He serves on the Philadelphia Department of Behavioral Health's Faith and Spiritual Affairs Advisory Board. He is also on the mental health faculty of CREDO, an intensive wellness program for clergy administered by the Pension Boards of the Episcopal and Presbyterian Churches US. He is currently the President of the PSP Board of Directors.