

Carl Jung's Theory of Personality

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Carl Jung's personality theory focuses on the interplay between the conscious and unconscious mind, universal archetypes, the process of individuation, and psychological types.

The theory emphasizes the integration of various aspects of personality to achieve self-realization and encompasses universal and individual dynamics.

It forms the foundation for the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator, a widely-used personality test.

Jung's Model of the Psyche

Carl Jung defined the psyche as the entirety of the human mind – both conscious and unconscious – encompassing thoughts, feelings, memories, and instincts.

He believed the psyche seeks wholeness through self-discovery and balance, guiding personal growth and understanding.

Like Freud (and Erikson), Jung regarded the psyche as made up of a number of separate but interacting systems.

1. **Ego:** Your conscious mind— what you actively think about and experience day-to-day. It includes your thoughts, memories, emotions, and sense of self.
2. **Personal Unconscious:** This part contains memories, feelings, and experiences that you've forgotten or suppressed but can still influence your behavior.
3. **Collective Unconscious:** Shared by all humans, it contains universal experiences and symbolic meanings known as archetypes.

These three components interact with each other and contribute to an individual's overall personality and behavior.

The Ego

According to Jung, the ego represents the conscious mind as it comprises the thoughts, memories, and emotions a person is aware of. The ego is largely responsible for feelings of identity and continuity.

Your ego forms the center of your conscious experience. It gives you awareness of who you are and how you fit into the world. It is your conscious sense of identity – your personal story about yourself.

It's essentially the "I" or your sense of personal identity.

The ego includes:

- **Thoughts and perceptions:** Your conscious reasoning and awareness of the world around you.
- **Memories:** Experiences you consciously recall.
- **Emotions:** Feelings you're actively experiencing and processing.

It maintains a coherent sense of self as you interact with your environment, giving you awareness of how you fit into the world and helping you maintain your personal story about yourself over time.

The ego is largely responsible for feelings of identity and continuity – it's what allows you to wake up each day with a consistent sense of being "you."

Why Does the Ego Matter?

Understanding Jung's ego helps you realize that:

- Your daily consciousness is only part of your deeper psychological reality.
- Self-awareness involves knowing how your ego works and how it interacts with unconscious elements.
- Growth and psychological health involve balancing the ego's needs with the insights and wisdom of your unconscious mind.

Personal Unconscious

While the ego handles your conscious experiences, Jung argued it only represents a small portion of your total psyche.

Beneath your conscious awareness lies a vast unconscious world, containing your hidden fears, desires, dreams, and deeper aspects of personality.

Carl Jung's personal unconscious is the part of our mind holding forgotten memories, hidden feelings, and personal experiences unique to each individual.



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It's where repressed thoughts and emotions reside, subtly shaping behaviors, dreams, and choices beneath our conscious awareness.

This layer includes:

- **Forgotten experiences:** Memories you no longer actively recall but can potentially retrieve.
- **Repressed memories:** Experiences you may have intentionally or unintentionally pushed out of awareness due to discomfort or trauma.
- **Complexes:** Emotional clusters around specific themes, such as family, relationships, or success. Complexes significantly influence your thoughts, feelings, and behaviors without your conscious awareness.

For example, Suppose you had an embarrassing experience giving a public speech as a child.

Even if you consciously forget about it, you might still feel anxiety when asked to speak in front of people as an adult. This anxiety stems from a complex stored in your personal unconscious.

“Everything of which I know, but of which I am not at the moment thinking; everything of which I was once conscious but have now forgotten; everything perceived by my senses, but not noted by my conscious mind; everything which, involuntarily and without paying attention to it, I feel, think, remember, want, and do; all the future things which are taking shape in me and will sometime come to consciousness; all this is the content of the unconscious” (Jung, 1921).

It's important to note that the contents of the personal unconscious are not always negative. They can also be positive or neutral aspects of experience that have simply fallen out of conscious awareness.

Why Does the Personal Unconscious Matter?

Carl Jung's personal unconscious is important because it significantly shapes your thoughts, emotions, and behaviors, even though you're typically unaware of its influence.

Becoming aware of its contents allows you to live more authentically, heal old wounds, and grow emotionally and psychologically.

1. Influences Behavior and Emotions:

The personal unconscious can drive reactions and behaviors that seem irrational or disproportionate.

Understanding its content helps you recognize why you respond strongly to certain situations.

For example, a forgotten childhood rejection might cause unexplained anxiety in social situations as an adult.

2. Contains Complexes:

Complexes are emotionally charged patterns formed by past experiences. Individuation involves uncovering and resolving these internal conflicts.

A complex can be triggered by situations or interactions that resonate with its emotional theme, causing an exaggerated reaction.

They can significantly influence your choices, feelings, and self-esteem.

Common examples of complexes:

- **Inferiority Complex:** Feeling inadequate or inferior, leading to self-doubt, anxiety, or compensatory behaviors (like seeking excessive validation).
- **Mother Complex:** Unresolved feelings toward one's mother, which can manifest as dependency, fear of abandonment, or difficulty forming healthy relationships.
- **Power Complex:** An intense drive for control or dominance, sometimes stemming from feeling powerless earlier in life.

3. Insight into Inner Conflicts:

Conflicts stored in the personal unconscious can create psychological stress.

Bringing them into awareness helps resolve underlying tensions, improving mental and emotional well-being.

For example, hidden resentment toward a parent might affect your relationships later in life; recognizing this helps improve emotional health and relationships.

4. Guides Personal Growth:

Exploring the personal unconscious promotes self-discovery.

Jung believed that acknowledging and integrating unconscious material was essential to achieving a balanced, whole personality – a process he called individuation.

Individuation, according to Carl Jung, is the lifelong psychological process of becoming your true, authentic self.

It involves integrating and balancing all aspects of your personality – both conscious and unconscious -into a unified, harmonious whole.

For example, by examining forgotten creative talents or passions buried in the personal unconscious, you can lead a more fulfilling life.

Collective Unconscious

Carl Jung's collective unconscious refers to a deeper layer of the unconscious mind shared by all human beings.

Unlike the personal unconscious, which is unique to your personal experiences, the collective unconscious is universal and inherited – it contains instincts, patterns, images, and themes common across all cultures and time periods.

The collective unconscious is a universal version of the personal unconscious, holding mental patterns, or memory traces, which are shared with other members of the human species (Jung, 1928).

Key Features

- **Universal and Shared:** The collective unconscious is common to every human, regardless of individual experiences or cultural background. It connects us at a fundamental psychological level, giving rise to universal themes and symbols.
- **Inherited:** Jung believed these shared elements are passed down genetically, much like physical traits, and shape human behavior across generations. According to Jung, the human mind has innate characteristics “imprinted” on it as a result of evolution. These universal predispositions stem from our ancestral past.
- **Contains Archetypes:** Archetypes are universal symbols and themes that are shared across all human cultures and epochs. Some examples of these archetypes include the Mother, the Hero, the Child, the Wise old man, the Trickster, and so on. Each archetype represents common aspects of human experience.
- **Expressed Through Symbols:** The collective unconscious speaks to us primarily through symbolic language—such as dreams, myths, folklore, rituals, and religious symbols.

Examples

These ancestral memories, which Jung called archetypes, are represented by universal themes in various cultures, as expressed through literature, art, and dreams.

- **Mythology and Religion:** Similar stories and figures appear across diverse cultures—like creation myths, heroic quests, floods, or resurrection stories—demonstrating universal archetypes.
- **Dreams and Fantasies:** Universal symbols like flying, falling, being chased, or encountering symbolic animals appear in dreams across cultures, reflecting common psychological experiences.

- **Cultural Patterns:** Shared rituals or ceremonies (like coming-of-age rituals or marriage ceremonies) appear worldwide, reflecting universal human experiences.
- **Pop Culture and Media:** Films, books, and stories repeatedly follow archetypal patterns (e.g., Harry Potter as the Hero, Yoda as the Wise Old Man) because they resonate with collective psychological themes.

Why the Collective Unconscious Matters:

The collective unconscious influences our behaviors, dreams, and myths, shaping how we understand the world, connect with others, and experience life.

It's why cultures across the world have similar myths, dreams, and beliefs – even though they've never met.

Recognizing these universal patterns can provide insight into your own unconscious motivations, fears, desires, and behaviors.

The collective unconscious is like an inherited mental library, filled with books (archetypes) everyone shares, regardless of culture.

The collective unconscious consists of pre-existent forms, or archetypes, which can surface in consciousness in the form of dreams, visions, or feelings, and are expressed in our culture, art, religion, and symbolic experiences.

Therapists using Jungian approaches often explore collective symbols and archetypes in dreams or creative expression to help people access deep psychological insights and healing.

‘The form of the world into which [a person] is born is already inborn in him, as a virtual image’ (Jung, 1953, p. 188).

Jungian Archetypes

Jungian archetypes are universal, symbolic patterns embedded deep within the collective unconscious of every human being.

These psychological blueprints represent fundamental human experiences and instincts that transcend individual cultures and historical periods.

Archetypes manifest as recurring characters and symbols that appear across all human societies.

Common examples include the Hero (the brave protagonist who overcomes challenges), the Mother (the nurturing protector), the Wise Old Man (the mentor figure), and the Shadow (the hidden, darker aspects of personality).

We encounter these archetypal patterns throughout human expression – in ancient myths, religious texts, literature, art, dreams, and modern storytelling.

They appear so consistently across different cultures because they emerge from shared aspects of human psychology and experience.

Jung believed that archetypes actively influence our thoughts, emotions, and behaviors by providing unconscious frameworks through which we interpret and respond to the world.

They help explain why certain stories, symbols, and character types resonate so deeply with people regardless of their cultural background.

According to Jung (1921):

‘the term archetype is not meant to denote an inherited idea, but rather an inherited mode of functioning, corresponding to the inborn way in which the chick emerges from the egg, the bird builds its nest, a certain kind of wasp stings the motor ganglion of the caterpillar, and eels find their way to the Bermudas. In other words, it is a “pattern of behaviour”. This aspect of the archetype, the purely biological one, is the proper concern of scientific psychology’.

Jung (1947) believes symbols from different cultures are often very similar because they have emerged from archetypes shared by the whole human race which are part of our collective unconscious.

For Jung, our primitive past becomes the basis of the human psyche, directing and influencing present behavior. Jung claimed to identify a large number of archetypes but paid special attention to four.

Jung labeled these archetypes the Self, the Persona, the Shadow and the Anima/Animus.

The Persona

The persona (or mask) is the outward face we present to the world. It conceals our real self and Jung describes it as the “conformity” archetype.

This is the public face or role a person presents to others as someone different from who we really are (like an actor).

The Persona, as explained by Carl Jung, is the aspect of our personality that we present to the world as a means of social adaptation and personal convenience.

The term originates from the Greek word for the masks that ancient actors used, symbolizing the roles we play in public.

You could think of the Persona as the 'public relations representative' of our ego, or the packaging that presents our ego to the outside world.

A well-adapted Persona can greatly contribute to our social success, as it mirrors our true personality traits and adapts to different social contexts.

However, problems can arise when a person overly identifies with their Persona, unable to differentiate between their professional role and their authentic self.

An example would be a teacher who continuously treats everyone as if they were their students, or someone who is overly authoritative outside their work environment.

While this can be frustrating for others, it's more problematic for the individual as it can lead to an incomplete realization of their full personality.

The Persona is shaped during childhood, driven by the need to conform to the expectations of parents, teachers, and peers.

This usually results in the Persona encompassing the more socially acceptable traits, while the less desirable ones become part of the Shadow, another essential part of Jung's personality theory.

The Anima/Animus

Another archetype is the anima/animus. The "anima/animus" is the mirror image of our biological sex, that is, the unconscious feminine side in males and the masculine tendencies in women.

Each sex manifests the attitudes and behavior of the other by virtue of centuries of living together.

For men, there exists an Anima (a feminine inner personality), and for women, an Animus (a masculine inner personality).

These archetypes are derived both from collective ideas of femininity and masculinity and from individual experiences with the opposite sex, beginning with the person's parents.

The Anima and Animus exist in the unconscious as counterbalances to a person's conscious sexual identity, serving to complement their experience and understanding of their own gender.

Like the Shadow, the Anima and Animus are often first encountered through projection.

For example, the phenomenon of "love at first sight" can be explained as a man projecting his Anima onto a woman (or vice versa), which leads to an immediate and intense attraction.

Jung acknowledged that so-called "masculine" traits (like autonomy, separateness, and aggression) and "feminine" traits (like nurturance, relatedness, and empathy) were not confined to one gender or superior to the other.

Instead, he saw them as parts of a holistic psychological spectrum present in every individual, opposing Freud's predominantly masculine-centric theory.

The Anima and Animus represent our 'otherness', connecting the ego to the broader psyche, thus forming bridges to the unconscious.

Engaging with these complexes can enrich an individual's understanding of their gender and self.



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The Shadow

The Shadow archetype, as defined by Carl Jung, encapsulates the parts of ourselves that we may reject, disown, or simply don't recognize.

Rooted in both our personal and collective unconscious, the Shadow contains traits that we consciously oppose, often contrasting those presented in our Persona – the outward 'mask' we show to the world.

This is the animal side of our personality (like the id in Freud).

It is the source of both our creative and destructive energies. In line with evolutionary theory, it may be that Jung's archetypes reflect predispositions that once had survival value.

The Shadow isn't merely negative; it provides depth and balance to our personality, reflecting the principle that every aspect of one's personality has a compensatory counterpart.

This is symbolized in the idea: "where there is light, there must also be shadow". Overemphasis on the Persona, while neglecting the Shadow, can result in a superficial personality, preoccupied with others' perceptions.

Shadow elements often manifest when we project disliked traits onto others, serving as mirrors to our disowned aspects. Engaging with our Shadow can be challenging, but it's crucial for a balanced personality.

This process, which can involve recognizing and integrating these 'dark' elements into our conscious self, aids in fostering a well-rounded personality.

This interplay of the Persona and the Shadow is often explored in literature, such as in "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" and "The Picture of Dorian Gray", where characters grapple with their dual natures, further illustrating the compelling nature of this aspect of Jung's theory.

The Self

Finally, there is the self which provides a sense of unity in experience.

For Jung, the ultimate aim of every individual is to achieve a state of selfhood (similar to self-actualization), and in this respect, Jung (like Erikson) is moving in the direction of a more humanist orientation.

That was certainly Jung's belief and in his book "The Undiscovered Self" he argued that many of the problems of modern life are caused by "man's progressive alienation from his instinctual foundation."

One aspect of this is his views on the significance of the anima and the animus.

Jung argues that these archetypes are products of the collective experience of men and women living together.

However, in modern Western civilization men are discouraged from living their feminine side and women from expressing masculine tendencies. For Jung, the result was that the full psychological development both sexes was undermined.

Together with the prevailing patriarchal culture of Western civilization, this has led to the devaluation of feminine qualities altogether, and the predominance of the persona (the mask) has elevated insincerity to a way of life which goes unquestioned by millions in their everyday life.

Psychological Types

Carl Jung's psychological types theory suggests that people experience the world using four principal psychological functions – sensation, intuition, feeling, and thinking – and that one of these four functions is dominant for a person most of the time.

Each of these cognitive functions can be expressed primarily in an introverted or extroverted form. Let's delve deeper:

1. **Thinking (T) vs. Feeling (F):** This dichotomy is about how people make decisions.

Thinking' individuals make decisions based on logic and objective considerations, while 'Feeling' individuals make decisions based on subjective and personal values.

2. **Sensing (S) vs. Intuition (N):** This dichotomy concerns how people perceive or gather information. 'Sensing' individuals focus on present realities, tangible facts, and details.

They are practical and literal thinkers. 'Intuitive' individuals focus on possibilities, interconnections, and future potential. They are often abstract and theoretical thinkers.

3. **Extroversion (E) vs. Introversion (I)**: This pair concerns where people derive their energy from.

Extroverts are oriented towards the outer world; they tend to be more outgoing and sociable, deriving energy from interaction with others and the external environment.

Introverts are oriented towards the inner world; they tend to be quiet and reserved, deriving energy from reflection, inner feelings, ideas, and experiences.

In the context of these pairs, everyone has a 'dominant' function that tends to predominate in their personality and behavior, along with an 'auxiliary' function that serves to support and balance the dominant.

The other two functions are less prominent and constitute the 'tertiary' and 'inferior' or 'fourth' functions.

The Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI) is a personality inventory based on these ideas of Jung.

The MBTI uses a questionnaire to measure psychological preferences in how people perceive the world and make decisions, assigning a type composed of four letters, like 'INFJ' or 'ESTP', based on their answers.

Each letter corresponds to one preference in each of the dichotomous pairs.

It's important to note that, while these categories help us understand different personality types, human behavior is complex and can't be wholly captured by these categorizations.

People often exhibit different traits in different situations, and this fluidity is not fully accounted for in such models.

Individuation

Individuation, according to Carl Jung, is the lifelong psychological process of becoming your true, authentic self.

It involves integrating the conscious and unconscious parts of our mind and reconciling our many inner contradictions.

In practical terms, the process of individuation might involve self-reflection, dream analysis, exploration of personal symbols and themes, and conscious engagement with the unconscious parts of the self.

It is often a transformative journey that can involve significant psychological changes and growth.

It's important to note that, according to Jung, individuation is a natural process and an inherent goal of human life.



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However, it also requires conscious effort and active engagement with the unconscious to fully realize this potential.

Key Features

1. Self-Awareness and Self-Discovery

Individuation is about deeply knowing yourself—your true motivations, values, desires, fears, strengths, and weaknesses.

It's not about changing who you fundamentally are but discovering and accepting the depth and complexity within you.

Example: You might realize your career choices reflect family expectations rather than your true passion. Individuation encourages you to explore and understand what genuinely drives you.

2. Integration of the Unconscious

One crucial step in individuation is bringing unconscious elements of your psyche into conscious awareness. These include:

- **The Shadow:** Hidden traits, feelings, and desires you avoid or reject. For example, acknowledging your anger or envy instead of pretending these feelings don't exist.
- **Anima and Animus:** The inner feminine (in men) and masculine (in women) energies within your psyche. Integrating these can help balance your emotional life and relationships. For example, a man developing greater emotional sensitivity or a woman embracing her assertiveness.
- **Complexes:** For example, confronting a "success complex" rooted in parental expectations allows you to pursue success on your terms.

3. Balance and Wholeness

However, individuation is not about achieving some form of perfection. Instead, it is about recognizing, acknowledging, and integrating different aspects of the self.

This includes embracing the paradoxes and complexities of human nature and developing an understanding and acceptance of oneself, warts and all.

- Rationality vs. Emotion
- Strength vs. Vulnerability
- Independence vs. Connection
- Conscious vs. Unconscious

4. Personal Meaning and Fulfillment

Individuation helps you live a life that feels meaningful, authentic, and fulfilling – one aligned with your inner truths rather than external pressures.

It encourages you to trust your inner wisdom and pursue a life aligned with your genuine identity and values.

For example, choosing a career or lifestyle that genuinely resonates with you, even if it deviates from societal norms.

How Individuation Occurs

The journey toward individuation usually includes steps such as:

- **Facing your Shadow:** you recognize and integrate hidden, unconscious aspects of yourself, reducing projections onto others.
- **Exploring Archetypes:** engaging with inner figures (like the Hero, Shadow, or Anima/Animus) to deepen self-understanding. You explore and integrate your internal opposite-gender energies, balancing your emotional and relational life.
- **Listening to Your Dreams and Symbols:** dreams often provide symbolic insights guiding your psychological growth.
- **Developing a Stronger Ego-Self Connection:** creating harmony between your conscious identity (ego) and your deeper, unconscious self.

Theory of the Libido

Carl Gustav Jung (1948) developed a nuanced understanding of the concept of libido, differing from his mentor Sigmund Freud.

While Freud largely defined libido as sexual energy and considered it a primary motivator of human behavior, Jung diverged from this interpretation, broadening the definition of libido.

Jung saw the libido not merely as sexual energy, but as a generalized life force or psychic energy. According to his theory, this energy is not only the driver behind our sexual desires but also fuels our spiritual, intellectual, and creative pursuits.

It encapsulates the totality of the energy of life, incorporating all our drives and motivations.

In Jungian psychology, the libido is an important component of individuation, which is the process of integrating the conscious with the unconscious, while still maintaining one's individuality.

This process is key to the overall psychological development and mental health of an individual, and the libido, as the motivating psychic energy, plays a central role in it.

When it comes to conflict and pleasure-seeking, Jung's theory views these as parts of psychic self-regulation. The psyche uses the libido to balance out conflicts within the individual, striving towards a state of equilibrium.

This energy is directed towards areas of conflict to facilitate growth, development, and adaptation, reducing internal tension and dissatisfaction.

Furthermore, this psychic energy or libido also drives us towards seeking pleasure and fulfillment, which are integral to our self-realization and growth.

This can be seen in our desires for creativity, intellectual stimulation, and spiritual experiences, among others.

The libido in Jung's theory, therefore, encompasses a more holistic understanding of human motivational dynamics.

Freud Vs. Jung

Carl Jung was an early supporter of Freud because of their shared interest in the unconscious. He was an active member of the Vienna Psychoanalytic Society (formerly known as the Wednesday Psychological Society).

When the International Psychoanalytical Association was formed in 1910, Jung became president at the request of Freud.

However, in 1912 while on a lecture tour of America, Jung publicly criticized Freud's theory of the Oedipus complex and his emphasis on infantile sexuality.

The following year this led to an irrevocable split between them and Jung went on to develop his own version of psychoanalytic theory.

Sigmund Freud and Carl Gustav Jung were two pioneering figures in the field of psychology, and while they shared some common ground, they also had significant differences in their theories. Here are some of them:

The Unconscious Mind

Freud believed that the unconscious mind is a reservoir of repressed experiences and desires. He saw it as primarily personal and filled with content that was once conscious but has been forgotten or suppressed.

Jung, on the other hand, proposed the idea of a collective unconscious that contains archetypes or universal symbols and themes. This is in addition to the personal unconscious that parallels Freud's conception.

Human Motivation

Freud's theory emphasized the importance of sexual drive (libido) in shaping human behavior. He proposed that psychic energy was primarily derived from sexual instinct.

Jung, however, suggested that human motivation was not only driven by sexuality but also by a more general life force encompassing other motivations, such as creativity, spirituality, and intellectual pursuits.

Psychosexual Stages

Freud developed a theory of psychosexual stages (oral, anal, phallic, latency, and genital) which asserted that early childhood sexual experiences greatly influenced the development of adult personality.

Jung didn't follow this model and instead proposed a lifelong process of psychological development, which he termed individuation.

Dream Analysis

Both Freud and Jung placed emphasis on dreams as keys to understanding the unconscious mind. However, Freud saw dreams as wish fulfillment and a way to delve into an individual's hidden desires.

Jung viewed dreams as a tool for the psyche to communicate with the conscious mind, offering solutions to problems and revealing parts of the self through the use of universal symbols.



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Religion and Spirituality

Freud was quite critical of religion, viewing it as an illusion and a form of neurosis.

Jung, conversely, saw religion and spirituality as crucial components of the human experience, often associated with the process of individuation and the expression of archetypes from the collective unconscious.

Assumption	Jung	Freud
Nature and purpose of the libido.	A generalize source of psychic energy motivating a range of behaviors.	A source of psychic energy specific to sexual gratification.
Nature of the unconscious.	A storehouse of repressed memories specific to the individual and our ancestral past.	A storehouse for unacceptable repressed desires specific to the individual.
Cause of behavior.	Past experiences in addition to future aspiration.	Past experiences, particularly in childhood.

Critical Evaluation

Jung's (1947, 1948) ideas have not been as popular as Freud's. This might be because he did not write for the layman and as such his ideas were not a greatly disseminated as Freud's.

It may also be because his ideas were a little more mystical and obscure, and less clearly explained.

On the whole modern psychology has not viewed Jung's theory of archetypes kindly.

Ernest Jones (Freud's biographer) tells that Jung "descended into a pseudo-philosophy out of which he never emerged" and to many his ideas look more like New Age mystical speculation than a scientific contribution to psychology.

However, while Jung's research into ancient myths and legends, his interest in astrology, and his fascination with Eastern religion can be seen in that light, it is also worth remembering that the images he was writing about have, as a matter of historical fact, exerted an enduring hold on the human mind.

Furthermore, Jung himself argues that the constant recurrence of symbols from mythology in personal therapy and the fantasies of psychotics support the idea of an innate collective cultural residue.

In line with evolutionary theory, it may be that Jung's archetypes reflect predispositions that once had survival value.

Jung proposed that human responses to archetypes are similar to instinctual responses in animals. One criticism of Jung is that there is no evidence that archetypes are biologically based or similar to animal instincts (Roesler, 2012).

Rather than being seen as purely biological, more recent research suggests that archetypes emerge directly from our experiences and are reflections of linguistic or cultural characteristics (Young-Eisendrath, 1995).

However, Jung's work has also contributed to mainstream psychology in at least one significant respect.

He was the first to distinguish the two major attitudes or orientations of personality – extroversion and introversion (Jung, 1923).

He also identified four basic functions (thinking, feeling, sensing, and intuiting) which in a cross-classification yield eight pure personality types.

Psychologists like Hans Eysenck and Raymond Cattell have subsequently built upon this.

As well as being a cultural icon for generations of psychology undergraduates Jung, therefore, put forward ideas that were important to the development of modern personality theory.

Most of Jung's assumptions of his analytical psychology reflect his theoretical differences from Freud.

For example, while Jung agreed with Freud that a person's past and childhood experiences determined future behavior, he also believed that we are shaped by our future (aspirations) too.

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According to Carl Jung what information is stored in the personal unconscious

According to Carl Jung, the personal unconscious stores forgotten or repressed experiences and information from an individual's life.

It includes memories, thoughts, and perceptions that are not immediately accessible to conscious awareness but can potentially become so.

It also houses emotional clusters of thoughts, known as "complexes", that can significantly influence an individual's attitudes and behaviors.

What is Jungian psychology?

Jungian psychology, also known as analytical psychology, is a school of psychotherapy founded by Carl Jung. It emphasizes the importance of individual psyche and personal quest for wholeness, focusing on concepts like the collective unconscious, archetypes, psychological complexes, and the process of individuation.

According to Jung what was the ego separated into?

According to Carl Jung, the ego, or conscious mind, is part of a larger system that includes the personal unconscious and the collective unconscious.

He further divided the psyche into various components, including the Persona (public face), the Shadow (unconscious, repressed aspects), and the Anima/Animus (contrasexual inner personality).

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