



Alcestis
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Drama, Dream

and the Soul

with

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&

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*a residential weekend expedition into the soulful
terrain of*

myths, drama & dreams

*Yarra Valley Conference Centre
The Yarra Valley, Victoria*

October 1-3, 2010

It is increasingly difficult in our everyday world to sustain contact with the imagination and inner life yet it is vital for maintaining meaning and coherence in our lives. Two disciplines which stir the imagination and awaken the inner life are myths and dreams. Whether it is the larger story of myth or the personal narrative of a dream, both converse in the language of the psyche. On this residential weekend seminar **Brian Clark** and **Peter O'Connor** will use images, symbols and metaphors that arise from myths and dreams to reveal the personal and archetypal patterns of the human experience that engage us in soul making.

As part of the weekend seminar both Peter and Brian will work with the powerful dialogue of the 5th Century playwrights to set the stage for our work with myth and dreams. Brian will use mythic story lines and classical drama to develop an awareness of the archetypal patterns that myth exposes, while Peter will conduct dream groups to enrich and give personal meaning to soul. Both Brian and Peter will lead discussion groups and seminars on the personal and collective patterns that have been exposed through reading the plays, exploring the dream and discussing the myths.

The venue is the Yarra Valley Conference Centre, only one hour from Melbourne's CBD or Tullamarine airport, yet set amongst the rolling vine covered hills of the Yarra Valley. The weekend residential begins at 7:30 pm on Friday night (check in from 5 pm) and will close after lunch on Sunday.

Included: 2 nights in comfortable 4-star accommodation with private ensuite, all breakfasts, lunches, morning and afternoon teas Friday supper and a 3-course meal on Saturday night

Group numbers are limited so early booking is advised. A registration form follows; for more information, please contact Brian Clark on 8415-0315 or astrosynthesis@bigpond.com

Interstate participants welcome – we can help arrange airport transfers for you



Drama Friday, October 1

After introductions and a light supper, Brian and Peter will focus on myth and dream and their profound resonance with the psyche. As part of the discussion Peter will prepare the group for the dream experience and Brian will co-ordinate reading roles for the classical play which will be used.

The two Greek tragedies that we will concentrate on are *Alcestis* and *Medea* both potent plays that focus on the compelling fate of relationship and relatedness. These plays by Euripides present us with powerful themes that pervade our personal, familial and professional lives.

Dream Saturday, October 2

In the morning we will begin with an experiential dream group led by Peter. After the morning coffee break Brian will introduce us to some of the powerful myths of Greece that tell us about relationships, women and men and marriage. Then we will turn to two Greek tragedies *Alcestis* and *Medea* and read excerpts from these engaging dramas. We will continue throughout the day to explore the various psychological themes and emotions that are inherent in these classical dramas. Morning and afternoon teas, lunch and dinner are included.



Soul Sunday, October 3

9 am – 1:00 pm

In the morning Peter will lead the final dream group of the weekend. After the morning break Brian and Peter will consider the mythic themes that address the nurturing of the psyche. To finalise we will reflect on the task of how to en-soul the everyday and sustain an imaginative life.

Our weekend of musing will be held in the enchanting surround of the Yarra Valley. Places are limited so early booking is recommended. Fees include all seminars and groups including 4-star accommodation with private ensuite, all breakfasts, lunches, morning and afternoon teas Friday supper and a 3-course meal on Saturday night



Single Accommodation

\$ 795 if paid before 1.07.2010

\$ 850 if paid after 1.07.2010

Share Twin Accommodation

\$ 675 if paid before 1.07.2010

\$ 725 if paid after 1.07.2010

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Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

_____ Post Code _____

Phone _____ Mobile _____

Email _____

If you have any dietary requirements, please let us know _____

I prefer communication via: email post

Fees: An early bird rate of \$ 675.00 twin share is available until 1 July 2010 if fees are paid in full. After this date the seminar fees will be \$725.00. Single Rooms are also available for \$ 795 if fees are paid in full before 1 July 2010. After that date fees are \$ 850 for single accommodation.

Payment: \$ 150.00, as non refundable deposit on the weekend seminar, or
 \$ 675.00 as full payment (early bird available to 1 July 2010), or
 \$ 795.00 as full payment for single supplement (early bird to 1 July 2010)

Method of Payment: Cheque MasterCard Visa

Card No: _____ Expiry Date __ / __

Name on card: _____

Signature _____

Cheques payable to the Chiron Centre

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