Inspired By Dreams: Depth Psychology and The Mythic Imagination

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Bibliography List

Adams, Richard. Watership Down. Avon Books, New York. 1975. A simple paper back copy of this powerful novel. A delightful adventure that has enthralled children and adults alike for more than thirty years. Adams admits that he relied heavily on Joseph Campbell's work, The Hero With A Thousand Faces, when constructing his epic. I must admit that it was the cartoon version of this tale that first got me excited about the world of fantasy and literature when I was very young.

Bettelhiem, Bruno, The Uses of Enchantment. Alfred A. Knopf, New York. 1976. Not just for children, fairytales are powerful releasers of repressed psychological material. Bettelhiem discusses how fairytales can be used for personal transformation, and how a scholar should research the tales told by the common man.

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The Book of Mormon. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Salt Lake City, Utah. 1981. The core text of one of the fastest growing religious groups in America. The Book of Mormon allows one to catch a behind the scenes glimpse of a religion being born. Even after the section known as The Book of Abraham had been completely exposed as a fraud, it still provides an important reminder that not all that comes to us in the guise of spirituality is legitimate, or psychologically healthy.


Campbell, Joseph. The Hero With A Thousand Faces. Princeton University Press. 1973. Campbell's classic. The Hero's Journey is proven to be a universal motif, not only in religion, but also in art, philosophy and individual dream imagery.

Campbell, Joseph. Myths to Live By. Bantam Books, New York. 1971. Campbell explains how mythology can become pathologically dangerous after its images loose their original meaning. What myths are we living by today? What myth should we live by in the future? Campbell presents not only his voluminous scholarly insights, but also his personal philosophy of how our world can become a more healthy and mythological rich environment.
Campbell Joseph. *Oriental Mythology*. The Viking Press, New York. 1974. The worlds preeminent scholar of comparative religion and mythology explores the myths of the east. Using both the stories the people told, and the artifacts they left behind, Campbell recreates a world that may be incomprehensible to the average western reader. East and West are so socially dissimilar, and yet the archetypes and motifs found within the two meta-traditions show an astounding amount of verisimilitude.


*The Complete Grimm's Fairy Tales*. Pantheon Books, New York. 1972. The Germanic mindset has always been informed by mythic substructures found in its folktales and legends. This living mythology has the potential to lead to fascism and holocaust, or to self sacrifice and rebirth. The raw material for both the art and wars of the twentieth century are present in The Brothers Grimm's timeless collection.


Cowan, James. *Mysteries of the Dreaming*. Brandl and Schlesinger, Wilberforce, Australia. 2001. Cowan's work among the Australian aborigines was not that of an anthropologist. He provided the indigenous people with painting supplies so that they could record their dreamtime stories, and make a profit in the process. In return, Cowan was given access to many of the strange, and strangely familiar rites and passages that mark the aboriginal lifecycle.

*Dammapada: Wisdom of the Buddha*. translated by Karischandra Kaviratna. Theosophical University Press, Pasadena California. 1996. Here are the original teachings of the Buddha, both in Pali and English. Like the Proverbs of Solomon and The Tao Te Ching, the Buddha does not try to convince or berate, he simply shows that there is a way to live which causes suffering, and a way of living where suffering is negated.


Eliot, T.S., *The Wasteland*. Dover Thrift Editions. 1998. The print quality could not be shabbier, but the words contained therein have little parallel in the English language. Eliot's vision of what our world is becoming is frightening, confusing and full of references to the world of the mythopoetic imagination. The question to be asked is, "is
Eliot describing an external place, and internal state, or some nightmarish combination of the two?"

Freud, Sigmund. *The Interpretation of Dreams*. Avon Books, New York. 1998. One of Sigmund Freud's most accessible works. The Interpretation of Dreams provoked a revolution in the way that we look at not only the content of our dreams, but of our waking life as well.

Freud, Sigmund. *Totem and Taboo*. Vintage Books, New York. 1946. Freud makes a valid attempt to translate his theories of the unconscious to the culture at large. His main focus are the religions and superstitions of indigenous people groups.

Gimbutas, Marija. *The Goddesses and Gods of Old Europe*. University of California Press, Berkeley, Ca. 1996. Gimbutas' book reveals that the symbols we are so familiar with today: the cross, swastika and spiral are as old as civilization itself, and may represent a 10,000 year old matriarchal society were woman and fertility were worshiped.

*Great Religions of the World*. The National Geographic Society, 1978. This sumptuously illustrated volume includes essays by Ellie Wiesel, Huston Smith and others, as they introduce the world's largest religious groups. Not just an introductory textbook, this in-depth look at religion includes an essay on life in an Israeli Kibbutz and the travel journal of a Muslim on Hajj to Mecca.

H.H. Dalai Lama. *The Good Heart*. Medio Media, London. 1998. H.H. Dalai Lama discusses the Christian Gospels from a Buddhist perspective. He finds many parallels, as well as profound differences between the two faiths. On the issue of conversion from one religious tradition to another, I was surprised by his answer; "Grow in the soil you were planted in."

Heaney, Seamus. *Beowulf*. W.W. Norton and Co. New York. 2000. An anonymous poet's thousand year old epic masterpiece is rendered into English by one of the twentieth centuries great writers. Not only a ripping read in and of itself, it is also one of Tolkien's inspirations for his Lord of the Rings trilogy. No fan of mythology can do without a copy of Beowulf on their shelf.

Homer, *The Odyssey*. Robert Fitzgerald, translator. Anchor Books, New York. 1963. Not only a great read, almost 2500 years after it was written, but also the inspiration for Joyce's masterpiece, *Ulysses*.

Hoff, Benjamin. *The Tao of Pooh*. Penguin Books, New York. 1983. I've seen this book catalogued in many different sections in bookstores, including children' literature and humor. But *The Tao of Pooh* is more than a simple exercise in syncretism. It is a penetrating look into one of the worlds oldest and most misunderstood faiths. I do not know anyone who has read this book and not proclaimed, "I want to be a Taoist too!"

**Joyce, James. Ulysses.** Vintage International 1990. Joyce weaves a labyrinthine tale of a single day in dear dirty Dublin. His two protagonists are average men with average dreams, forced to confront their unconscious fears and desires while tipping a pint at a local pub. Joyce relies on Homer's *Odyssey* for his structure, but the novel is anything but a retread of mythological archetypes, it is a rejuvenation and recapitulation of universal drives and emotions.

**Joyce, James. Finnegans wake.** Penguin Publishing, New York. 1999. The most intricate book ever written. I can't pretend that I have completed the Herculean task of penetrating the true meaning of Joyce's penultimate work. But the language itself carries you away into a most delicious of contradictory states; a waking dream!

**Jung, C.G., Man and His Symbols.** Jung's final work, and his most accessible. Assisted by his closest compatriots, M-L von Franz and Jolande Jacobi, Jung assembles the final word on his life's work. Here Jung and his small band of disciples attempt a complete transformation of how humans relate to the world at large, and the world inside. The perfect book with which to begin an encounter with the unconscious.

**Jung, C.G., Memories, Dreams, Reflections.** Pantheon Books, New York. 1963. Jung's biography is more an internal monologue than an account of his life and career. The famous psychologist makes it very clear that the inner phenomena of his life has been far more important to him than any external events. One cannot help but envy a man who has such vivid and uplifting dreams.

**Marquez, Gabriel Garcia. One Hundred Years of Solitude.** De Oro, New York. 1995. Like Joyce before him, Marquez presents natural events in unnatural ways, normal people in abnormal ways and a vision reality of as being constantly suffused with magic. The result is a transcendent novel of such lyrical beauty, that a second read is almost demanded.

**May, Rollo. The Cry for Myth.** Dell Publishing, New York. 1991. A searching treatise on the necessity of myth in the lives of modern man, as well as an exploration of non-story based mythology, such as racism, sexism, etc. May's treatment of *Peer Gynt*, as the archetype of the divided hero is especially effective.

**Neihardt, John G. Black Elk Speaks.** University of Nebraska Press, Lincoln and London. 1988. This book introduced me to the world of Native American spirituality and its rich, yet unfamiliar world of poetic metaphors. A true vision by a true visionary, *Black Elk Speaks* is still read today by young Lakota boys and girls. It is a living testament to the healing power of myth.


Saint-Exupery, Antoine. *Le Petit Prince*. A Harvest Book, San Diego. 1971. Saint-X's timeless tale of a tiny boy who lives alone on a tiny planet. What could have been the recipe for a fatalistic exercise in the aloof and alone nature of man, turns into a tale of friendship and simple beauty. Need I even mention that *Le Petit Prince* is not only for children?

Shermer, Michael. *Why People Believe Weird Things*. Henry Holt and Co. New York. 2002. It is important when studying religion and the subconscious to have a grounding in science and skepticism. Otherwise, all religious claims will seem like *The Truth*, and the resulting relativism will weaken any potential for personal growth. Shermer's indispensable book candidly explores and exposes many of the frauds that spiritual searchers are libel to fall for.


Sophocles. *The Oedipus Cycle*. Harcourt Brace Javonovich Publishers, San Diego. 1977. Three of Sophocles' tragic Greek dramas, revolving around the life an death of King Oedipus and his daughter Antigone. Freud used Oedipus Rex as his chief metaphor when describing the so called "primal drama of the nursery:" the love triangle between a child and his parents.


Thompson, Hunter, S. *Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas*. Modern Library Edition, 1998. *Signed by the Author*. Thompson's Gonzo style of journalism makes this pseudo-biography a searing exploration of the American dream, as well as the demons that lie in wait in the depths of a man's soul. Thompson understands that his "weird trip," is more than just a reaction to the cornucopia of drugs he has taken. His deeper message is that our country has peaked, and we are now in for a slow, and possibly painful decline.
Viswanathan, Ed. *Am I a Hindu?* Halo Books, San Francisco. 1992. Written like a conversation between a father and son, the basic tenants of Hinduism are explored in this thoroughly entertaining primer. So often, we in the west encounters Hinduism as an academic subject, but Viswanathan presents his faith as an integral part of his everyday life.

Watts, Alan. *The Book*. Vintage Books, New York. 1989. Cosmically cool, calm and collected, Alan Watts reminds us of the best that the Beat generation had to offer. Not only an introduction to Vedanta, *The Book* is a call for the most radical adjustment of man's priorities, as well as a widening of his field of vision.


You Ali, Abdullah. *The Holy Koran*. Amana Publications. Beltsville, Maryland, U.S.A. 2001. This central text of the Muslim faith is rendered in clear English prose, while still retaining the poetical sense of the original Arabic. This volume includes both languages side by side, as well as commentary by the translator.
The Uses of Enchantment book. Read 424 reviews from the world's largest community for readers. Bruno Bettelheim, célebre psicólogo infantil, se interesó... de Enchantment really does not seem to show much if any possibility that there are different manners of interpretation possible and probable, that everything is somehow psychologically based on sex and on Freud's attitudes towards sex. Now if I were just ranking The Uses of Enchantment for its text and only for its text, I would most probably be rating it with a low three stars (readable but with some definite potential issues and problems). Bettelheim, Bruno. Published by Alfred A. Knopf, 1976. ISBN 10: 0394497716 / ISBN 13: 9780394497716. Used / Hardcover / Quantity available: 0. Bibliographic Details. Title: The Uses of Enchantment: The Meaning and Importance of Fairy Tales. Bettelheim, Bruno. Published by Knopf Doubleday Publishing Group (1976). ISBN 10: 0394497716 ISBN 13: 9780394497716. The Uses Of Enchantment: The Meaning & Importance Of Fairy Tales by Bruno Bettelheim. Download. The Uses Of Enchantment: The Meaning & Importance Of Fairy Tales by Bruno Bettelheim. Dave Edwards. After all, most of these stories lead to a satisfying and positive outcome, however monstrous some of their contents of characters appear to be when taken merely at face value. existence is projected by fairy tales as the outcome of the trials and tribulations involved in the normal growing-up process. An interesting observation the author makes, beyond the use of. success of the telling of these stories to children, as opposed to more direct attempts later in life through education, is their innovative use of allegory to prepare a child's integration of conscious and "A charming book about enchantment, a profound book about fairy tales."—John Updike, The New York Times Book Review Bruno Bettelheim was one of the great child psychologists of the twentieth century and perhaps none of his books has been more influential than this revelatory study of fairy tales and their universal importance in understanding childhood development. Analyzing a wide range of traditional stories, from the tales of Sindbad to "Hansel and Gretel" and "The Sleeping Beauty," Bettelheim shows how the fantastical, sometimes cruel, but always deeply