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February 27, 2005 Meeting Highlights

The Psycho-Social Aspects of Terrorism

Thank you, **Dr. Joseph Troiani**, for a presentation that was so terrific and thought provoking that **Chicago Adlerian Society** members stayed well into the night discussing it! **The Psycho-Social Aspects of Terrorism** covered such issues as:

- the history of terrorism,
- the conditions that encourage terrorism (such as global poverty, racism, and oppression),
- the goals of terrorists to cause fear and disorganize society,
- how terrorism combines political and psychological warfare,
- research into the birth orders of terrorists (overwhelmingly middle children – those who feel rejected and left out)
- the new “science” and future of terrorism,
- the types of psychological responses to terrorist acts,
- how one can cope successfully, and
- what we can do to educate ourselves, help in emergency situations, and contribute positively to society.

Dr. Troiani began by quoting **Adler**:

“War, national hatreds and class struggle – the greatest enemies of humankind – all root in the desire of groups to escape, or compensate for, the crushing sense of their inferiority. Individual psychology, which can cure individuals of the evil effects of this sense of inferiority, might be developed into a most powerful instrument of ridding nations and groups of the menace of their collective inferiority complexes.”

How Adler’s words still ring true today! Dr. Troiani also cited a New York Times article, from September 20, 1925, titled “Inferiority sense held to be our chief enemy”:

Adler and his followers believe that education is the only approach through which fundamental improvement in human affairs may be attained.

Adler today more than ever!

Over pizza and salad, **Chicago Adlerian Society** members and interested parties discussed the relevance of the talk to other issues, such as emergency, disaster, and trauma training, and gang membership and recruitment.

COMING UP COMING UP COMING UP COMING UP COMING UP:

March 27: Jane Griffith and Bob Powers on “Adler and the Archbishop”

Bacino's, 75 East Wacker Drive, downtown Chicago, private dining room

6-8 p.m.

Reserve your spot. RSVP please to this note.

April 24: Karen Drescher and Mark Stone will discuss their book “Adler Speaks: The Lectures of Alfred Adler.”

Adler in his own words, unbelievably easy to understand, and sounding very current, it is unbelievable that these lectures have not been available until now. Found in the Library of Congress, Adler's lectures cover subjects such as “**The Science of Individual Psychology,**” “**Mistakes of Childhood,**” “**Adolescence,**” “**The Family Life,**” “**The Problem of Death,**” and “**Psychological Aspects in a Time of Economic Crisis.**” Who has complained that Social Interest is difficult to define? It's all right here. Who has said that Adler did not have a developmental theory? It's all right here. You will not be able to put this book down!

May 21: Al Milliren and Wes Wingett on Adlerian Brief Therapy (all day seminar!)

Life Style group starting. “A Gathering of Eagles”

Educator Mortimer Adler (1902 - 2001; no relation to Alfred Adler) endorsed many of the Social Interest principles that Alfred Adler did, including the importance of early education, equality, and cooperative, democratic living. As founder of the Great Books Foundation, he taught a Socratic-like questioning method called “shared inquiry” which enabled readers of philosophy and literature to better understand and analyze a writer's intent. Applying his methods to Adlerian psychology and individuals' Life Styles and Work Styles assists clinicians, clients, and groups – in therapy or management situations – to better understand each other and work closer together, thus, equalizing the “power” between individuals. Presented by Les White, Psy.D., and Don Whitfield, Director of Higher Education, Great Books Foundation. **Note: due to a scheduling conflict, the Life Style group will not begin Thursday, March 10 – watch this spot for new date start.**

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Laurie Toth, ChiAdlSoc member and member of the curatorial staff at Chicago's historical and famous Glessner House Museum, wowed those at Sunday's meeting by showing a fascinating book from the Glessner House's current exhibit,

“The Nutshell Studies of Unexplained Death.” In the 1930 and '40s, heiress to the Glessner fortune made miniature “dollhouse” crime scenes to assist the police in solving crimes. See photographs of her work and some of her actual miniatures at Glessner House, located in the famous Prairie Row historical mansion section of Chicago’s South Loop, at 1800 South Prairie Avenue (phone # 312-326-1480). The hours of the exhibit are Wednesday thru Sunday, 12 noon to 3:00 pm. Cost? Just \$2.00. Stop by and say hello to Laurie!

Publishing news:

Les White reports a number of recent publications. Check out the APA’s Media Division’s Amplifier on-line newsletter/newsmagazine, Winter 2005, for **Real Star**, the experiences of an Adlerian psychologist on a reality TV show! Just go to your search engine (like Google) and type in **Amplifier Winter 2005**. Check out **The Common Review**, the magazine of The Great Books Foundation, for his article “Imperial Soap Opera,” on the Chicagoans who created the soap opera industry.

The Chicago Adlerian Society now meets once a month, usually the last weekend, except in special circumstances ... like holidays and our January workshop! Dues cheap: \$20.

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