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### “ADLER AND THE ARCHBISHOP”

On Sunday, March 27, the Chicago Adlerian Society hosted **Bob Powers** and **Jane Griffith**, who gave a wonderful presentation on the friendship between Adler and William Temple, Archbishop of York and Canterbury.

Bob called us all to action by reminding us (as if we needed reminding) that we live in critical times, when our leaders are committing atrocities in the name of democracy and religion. By reminding us of our own commitment to Adler’s concept of Gemeinschaftsgefühl, he set us up to understand the friendship between these two men, who represented the often opposite poles of science and religion but were unified by the desire to encourage tolerance and humanity during the turbulent pre-World-War II times. Adler was a Jewish scientist who taught that the most important marker of mental health was a sense of connection to others. Temple was an Anglican Archbishop who felt that the most important goal of religion was connection to others, as well as to the divine.

Bob Powers took us on a journey that started in Europe in the dangerous 1930’s, to London, where Temple tried to convince Parliament to take an official position denouncing Hitler’s crimes against the Jews, to the American South during the 1960’s, where hundreds of clergymen gathered to protest the death of a Chicago seminarian during the race riots. We heard about a cocktail party attended by Alexandra, another daughter of Adler, at which she revealed that her father had been baptized. Finally, we learned that the private correspondence of William Temple and Alfred Adler still exists in England, and that Bob and Jane have received a grant to study it further. At this time, the grant is empty, but when the money is raised, it will be used to study this correspondence and publish Bob and Jane’s research about it.

It was a privilege to be able to attend this event, and an important reminder that social interest, however badly translated that description is, was alive and well during one of the darkest periods of human history, and needs to be kept alive in order to understand and address the critical human rights issues at work in our world. Our thanks go out to Bob and Jane for their time and wisdom.

In April, **Karen Drescher** and **Mark Stone** will discuss their book, “Adler Speaks: The Lectures of Alfred Adler.” Congratulations to Les White, who premiered his one-man show at the Edgewater Café March 31.

If anyone knows any counselors, psychologists, or other mental health professionals in the Tampa, FL area, please contact **Aimee Daramus**. She is considering relocating to Tampa and needs to find out what the job market is like in that part of the country. Her e-mail is [aimeed@earthlink.net](mailto:aimeed@earthlink.net).

**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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