
THE FREUDIAN UNCONSCIOUS COURSE (RECORDED VERSION)



DISCOVERY, DEVELOPMENT AND
CONTEMPORARY UNDERSTANDING

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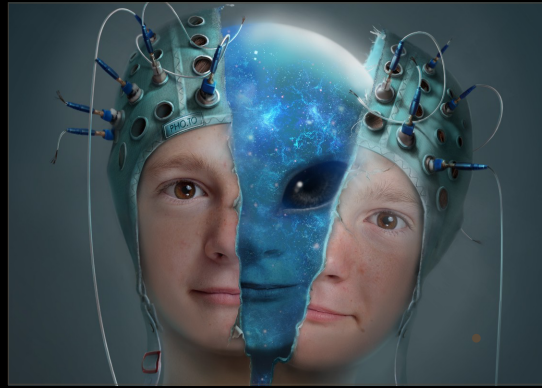
FREUDIAN UNCONSCIOUS

The Freudian Unconscious Course is about the dimension of the psyche that is not-conscious (un-conscious). The unconscious thinks and speaks a truth that the conscious dimension of the mind cannot bear to hear, and yet, repression of this truth, as Freud made famous, is not possible within the context of real self development.

In this course you will not get a replacement for the importance of a personal analytic session, but you will learn the underlying technical foundations for the importance of personal analytic work. This includes a deep dive into Freud's own work, but also its theoretical development in the work of Jacques Lacan, and the contemporary philosophical perspective in the work of Slavoj Žižek, among others.



SPEAKING WITH THE INNER ALIEN



Today we are taught about our psyche from the perspective of neuroscience or cognitive science. These disciplines offer an important perspective on the psyche, but they still often leave out a dimension that is crucial for self-knowledge: the thought and speech of the unconscious. This thought and speech holds the most intimate self-knowledge, preserved since the origin, and still reaching for expression. Unfortunately our conscious psyche often finds this knowledge hostile and alien. In this course we try to open the space for constructive contact.

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ORIGINAL SELF TO TRUTH OF SELF



We all begin in the womb and we all experience our first precious yet fragile years of life in an unconscious state of development. We carry this precious fragility with us into our later adult development and it continues to make its force known in the cracks and gaps of our conscious knowing. Here we push into these cracks and gaps to know self truth.



COURSE CONTENT

The course content is designed to guide you from a knowledge of original primal trauma, to a deeper conscious awareness of your creative capacities and truth. This involves exploration of the psychoanalytic perspective on metaphysics, dreams, sexuality, language, negativity, drives, immortality, and society.



0 - INTRODUCTION

The introduction sets or frames the stage for the course. Here we just have a few opening calls where I go over the basic importance of unconscious thinking.

1 - ORIGINAL TRAUMA

THE SUBJECT STARTS TO SPEAK. The beginning starts with the beginning: our birth and earliest years of life. These years were absolutely essential for our intimate development as subjects, but were also structured fundamentally by unconscious dynamics. In analysis the technique of free association is used to make contact with the earliest affective moments of our existence.

2 - METAPHYSICS & DREAMS

WHAT WANTS TO COME TO THE SURFACE? Metaphysics is about the way conscious subjectivity conceptualizes the world, and dreams are the royal road to the truth of conscious mechanisms. These dreams reveal a core of subjectivity in wishes or desires which reflect the most intimate early needs of identity. In thinking from this perspective we can potentially rethink metaphysics.

3 - SEXUALITY

PRIMORDIAL ASYMMETRY. In going back to unconscious desires of the earliest moments, we are in touch with libidinal energy (life force itself). Here we start to perceive asymmetry between libidinal energy and the world, where we start to find our concepts of masculine and feminine. From understanding this energy we can start to understand how man and woman come to be man and woman.

4 - LANGUAGE

READ MY DESIRE. Language in psychoanalysis takes on a new meaning and significance related to reflecting both the truth and movement of desire traced back to the origin. Here the signifier has primacy over the signified for the desire and development of the self. The consequence is a living theory of language, an understanding that language is always on fire with desire for the origin.

5 - NEGATIVITY

APPROACHING THE NEGATIVITY OF THE REAL. The principle of negativity is of essential importance to the unconscious origin, the structure of our desire in dreams, sexual identity, and reading signification of our language. We here think about how negativity structures identity, and opens necessity of self-analysis.

6 - DRIVES & IMMORTALITY

MORTAL DESIRE TO IMMORTAL DRIVE. The discovery of the death drive pushes analysis beyond the pleasure principle and life force. Death drive has the goal of maintaining higher order tensions which lead to identity deaths. Consequently the location the immortal drive is paradoxically the location of identity death.

7 - SOCIETY

THE CONTRADICTION BETWEEN INDIVIDUAL AND SOCIETY. There is an eternal trade-off between libidinal fixations and social constraints which repress desire for work to benefit the social order. Here there is a possibility to work beyond this tension for a sublimation drive for creative self-expression and discovery of truth.

8 - TRUTH & CREATION

CULTIVATING EMBODIED RELATION TO THE HOLE. There is a hole of self-truth where creation is possible, this hole is where the libidinal drives fixate on what is missing in being. In cultivating self-understanding one develops an embodied relation to the hole in being, and capacity to become other to what is now.





This course covers THE FREUDIAN UNCONSCIOUS with recorded workshops and lectures

COURSE CONTENT:

INTRODUCTION (0), ORIGINAL TRAUMA (1), METAPHYSICS/DREAMS (2), SEXUALITY (3), LANGUAGE (4), NEGATIVITY (5), DRIVES/IMMORTALITY (6), SOCIETY (7), TRUTH/CREATION (8)

(8 SESSIONS, WORK AT OWN PACE)

COURSE STRUCTURE:

Recorded lectures, workshops, and animations, Lifetime access, bonus materials, and 1-on-1 options

COURSE OUTLINE

This course has been designed to help guide you through the most difficult concepts in psychoanalysis, from their original discovery in Freud's work, to their later development in Lacan's work, and their contemporary relevance in Žižek's work.



TIER 1: GENERAL

\$400.00

The general tier gives you lifetime access to the recorded lectures, workshops, animated videos, bonus content and personal work and reflection papers in the sections described above (from trauma to truth/creation). You can also join the open access Facebook group from the original course, and share your reflections with an active community.



General course contents

Virtual community space

TIER 2: 1-ON-1 (LIMITED)

\$600.00

The second tier gives you access to everyone in Tier 1 plus the option for 4 1-on-1 sessions with me (1 hour each, valued at \$50.00 per session) to work through either the original course materials or to reflect on your own personal self-discovery through the course materials (i.e. the personal or professional approach).

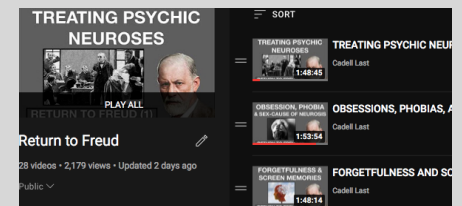


1-on-1 sessions

Deeper dives / extra time

BONUS

This course was recorded in 2019 but also includes updates from recent work done in 2021-2022 as it relates to the Return to Freud open access videos. These bonus videos will give you greater depth and perspective on Freud's original discoveries as you move through the course.



RETURN TO FREUD

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Cadell Last is a philosopher with a background in anthropology, history and psychoanalysis. He is committed to a pathway focused on understanding the human condition. This pathway was first explored with abstract intellect, and culminated in his PhD thesis (*Global Brain Singularity*). However, paradoxes and contradictions in his embodied performance led him to a deeper spiritual and analytical inquiry, which included psychoanalysis, men's work/circling, and a realization of how sexual energy informs knowing. In designing this course he hopes psychoanalytic knowing can be extended to broader public with relevance to both personal and philosophical inquiry.



TESTIMONIALS

"One of the most powerful experiences I have had in linking high order philosophy with psychoanalysis. As a psychoanalytic psychotherapist, I cannot emphasize enough how this course has helped with my own self understanding and consequently critical thinking." Roshanak Vahdani, Jungian psychotherapist

"As a student in philosophy, I gained a lot from engaging with this course. It must not be underestimated how valuable this kind of work can be, [...] tarrying with the negative within and without, and in improving one's understanding of both personal and professional interests. I would have have gained as much as I did reading Freud and Lacan, had I not had the opportunity to learn with Last. Last provides quality material with care, and I have great faith in his project." Mika Leinonen, philosopher (with focus on Aristotle and Hegel)

"It has been a precious and invaluable experience studying under Cadell Last. I have benefitted greatly from first-hand experience of his generous, personal, intellectual guidance. His course is organized, rigorous and packed full of relevant information[.] I hav studied at numerous universities at post graduate level and Cadell's courses have provided me with the best readings and opportunities of learning[.]" Megan Lorrayne, psychotherapist and health coach

