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BESIDES HUMAN BEINGS:

ANIMALS, THINGS, SPACE, TIME, AND GOD!

a day with Dr Salman Akhtar

Saturday 22nd May, 2010

The Treacy Centre, 126 The Avenue,
Parkville, Melbourne, 8.30 am - 5.00 pm

Parents and, to a lesser extent, grandparents and siblings, form the nexus of early relationships from which a coherent and functioning self is seen to evolve. However, non-human factors also play a significant role in the formation and sustenance of an individual's personality.

These factors include animals, inanimate objects, the topography and climate of the physical environment, passage of time, and belief in God's existence. Not only do these factors help form human personality, they continually impact upon it as the life span unfolds. This neglected area of depth-psychology will form the core of the workshop.

The actual and metaphorical role of non-human influences upon human emotional life will be elucidated with the help of vignettes from clinical work, popular media, poetry, and day-to-day lives of all of us. The relevance of these ideas to psychotherapy and psychoanalysis will also be discussed.



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