

3rd BRIDGES AND BOUNDARIES CONFERENCE
21st July, 1979. 10.30 - 7.30
Kenilworth Hotel, Great Russel Street, London WC1

MAGIC AND HUMANISTIC PSYCHOLOGY

The various occult and pagan traditions have their own modes of personal development but could benefit from greater awareness of and contact with the techniques of Humanistic Psychology. Those in the Growth Movement could in turn benefit from greater awareness of the methods and goals of pagan and occult groups and of the purpose and value of ritual. Many in the Growth Movement are reaching out to the transpersonal but turn to Eastern rather than to Western traditions.

The Conference will provide an opportunity for those involved in Humanistic Psychology and those involved in magic and paganism to meet and explore their bridges and boundaries. The structure will be informal; after short introductory talks there will be general discussion followed by small groups and workshops. In the evening there will be singing and poetry reading followed by a ritual in which all can join.

Tickets £2.50 from **Sue Ritchie, Aquariana, LBCM-OPAL, London WC1V 6XX** (cheques to Aquariana) 1/1p

Letters to the Editor

The Editor
Self and Society

Dear Editor,

The heart of Humanistic Psychology is **changed** and I have been aware for some time now of an inner metamorphosis taking place. The net result is that I am now withdrawing from all teaching commitments in the field of Adult Education and as Tutor/Group Leader for Surrey University as from Easter 1979 having spent many toiling, tearful, joyful years in the field of Humanistic Psychology applying my own

Psychosynthesis approach.

Having relinquished all former associations with groups, associations, institutes, etc. I am now aware of a serene and satisfying emptiness within me and surrounding me.

Where I go from here and what new fields may open up before me I know not. I have never been a participatory student of Zen as such but I recognise the signs in me of having reached a stage or state where no one in this world is of any help to me or needed by me. I am joyfully alone and yet responsive to all about me. The only attraction that makes sense to me is

household repairs and the rebuilding and refurbishing of my worldly abode for the comfort and pleasure of my dear wife and myself. Beyond that life will instruct me on the way ahead and I am confident and content to watch it happen.

In view of this you will, I hope understand that I am writing to say farewell to AHP as an organisation and relinquish my membership.

Humanistic Psychology has always been likened by me to a Delicatessen where one may forage amongst a vivid variety of sweet (and sour!) meats and 'fattening' foods to titillate the appetite and stimulate the emotional taste buds. As one of the counter hands I have been privileged to learn from the process of watching students

go on a sampling spree and then having tasted a few wares begin to make choices in keeping with the needs of their bodies, minds and spirits. Being in such a privileged position I have been able to reach out at any time and sample a few goodies myself whilst so employed. The diet is no longer attractive and to continue the analogy I feel I am moving on from this Delicatessen atmosphere to the shop next door where I can savour the fruits of labour and the fresh grown vegetables I plant and rear myself.

Blessings and every good wish to all aspirants in the AHP field of humanistic endeavours.

Ron Shepherd
Staines, Middx.

Dear Editor,

I almost prefer the overt, extrovert, chauvinist to the hidden, subtle one. The latter, in my book anyway, is one who insists on saying 'chairperson' however clumsy and tortured it may sound, who makes long speeches about equality and then, at the next conference (yes AHP conference at that) sidles up to the first stereo-pretty female and tries his luck with a half-grin on his opportunist face, and if one doesn't play his game, another will. We are all in it together. I am

angry because I'd like to do the same, somewhere in my mouldy script, and I won't. At the sexuality workshop the other day I saw in a flash the chauvinist I am. When a woman tells me she has a good satisfactory relationship, I hear her say keep off, and I do. When I then discover this is with another woman my chauvinist bit rears its ugly head and for a brief moment I am back where I was. Oh, hell!

Hans Lobstein
Ealing

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