

PSYCHO-QUADRATIC IIB: PNEUMATIC GENDER

JUNG'S (vs. MENDEL'S) 'ARCHETYPAL' GENDER

There is a notable twist to Jung's musing on "One, Two, Three – but, where is the fourth?" when we come to gender's biological 'ground' i.e. chromosomes might be made up of '4' nucleotides but gender is made up of '3' genetic strands: '2' feminine (a dominant X, a recessive x) and '1' masculine (a Y). The 'twist' resides in the way that it points to a potential re-balancing of the masculine dominance of the supra-biological Trinity. If this (potential) re-balancing were to actualize, the 'religious biologist' would put him/herself within reach of Plato's "fourth". As we have noted elsewhere, biology has struggled to include 'fiery' 'self-recognition', not only in its definition of "life" but also in its attempts to explain the 'fire' that was bio-genesis (despite many laboratory attempts to 'Frankenstein' life out of the nucleotides and the many searches for "E.T.", the only biogenetic event that has been 'discovered' occurred about 10 billion years post the Big Bang... itself a scientifically opaque event; moreover, the "singularity" of 'universo-genesis' is as opaque as the 'fiery' 'conscio-genesis' that occurred, arguably, 2,000yrs ago). All the same and whatever comes of this 'bio-archetypo-quadratic'...

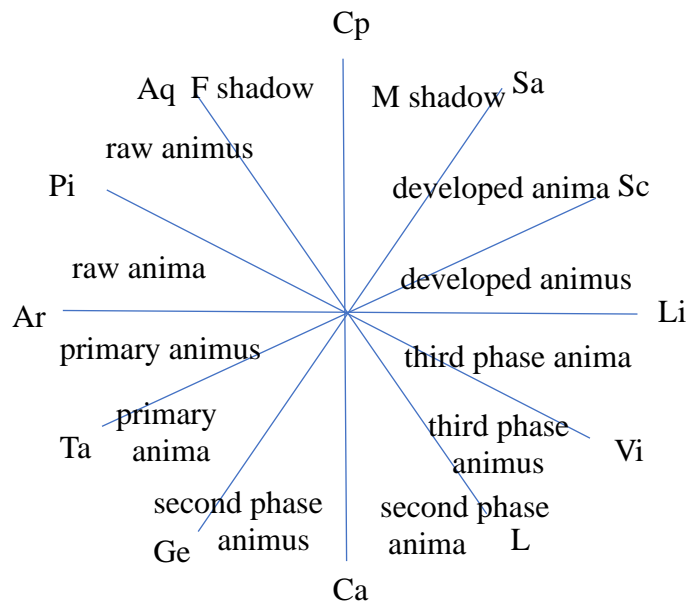
Jung's view of gender is straightforwardly quaternary: the self-recognizing male "self/ego" has a female figure in his unconscious, his "anima", and the self-recognizing female "self/ego" has a male figure in her unconscious, her "animus". These figures reveal themselves most clearly via their (respective) "projections" onto 'outer' contra-gender figures... also primarily groupable into '4s' i.e. the anima finds itself projected onto one's mother, sister, wife and/or daughter; the animus finds itself projected onto one's father, brother, husband and/or son. Equally often, these figures also appear in dreams... wherein valuable information about their lack of differentiation becomes clear e.g. the male analysand has been "transferring" the mother aspect of his anima onto the wife aspect and, in turn, the Jungian, no less than the Freudian, can see how psychological inbreeding can lead to as many problems as can physical inbreeding.

A lack of differentiation, however, is very often the very least of the problems thrown up by the anima-animus syzygy. A lack of development in the "self/ego" gives these figures the chance to rise up from the unconscious (for the animus, it is probably more accurate to say 'fall out' of the 'supra-conscious') and "possess" the undeveloped "self/ego"... whereupon we witness the moody man becoming a caricature of a woman and the opinionated woman becoming a caricature of a man. None of this, of course, is mutually exclusive of Freud's/Klein's views and, indeed, it is not difficult to identify the numerous points at which their views converge.

Then again, Jung tells us that these figures form their own 'internal' quadratic i.e. the 'negative' anima & animus is only half of the anima-animus 'picture'; there is also a 'positive' anima-animus that becomes 'inner guidance' for a hero/ine preparing him/herself for his/her "relationship to" (rather than "possession by") the 'further in (= outer)' archetypal realm. Unsurprisingly, these guides lead the hero/ine, first of all, to those tasks that would 'round out' his/her ego structure. For the hero, this usually means him being led into better differentiation of sensing & feeling (making him less moody); for the heroine, this usually means her being led into better differentiation of intuiting & thinking (making her less opinionated)...

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... and, of course, in the zodiac, the 'positive' versions of the anima-animus lead the hero/ine in an anti-clockwise direction. This seems simple enough, but the 12-ness of the zodiac brings up a number of talking points, schematize-able as...



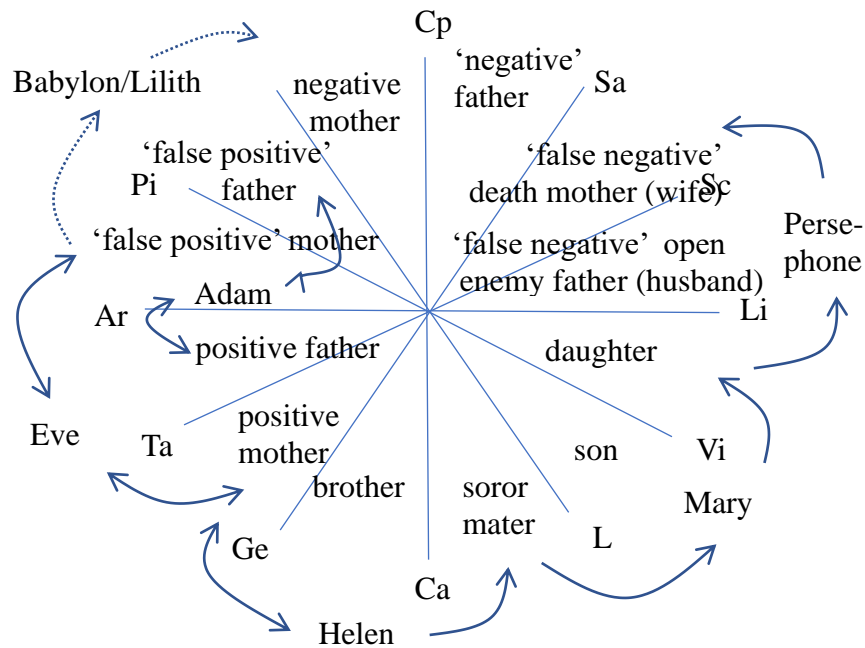
... (i) before a Jungian analysis encounters dreams of his/her anima-animus (and, because, in addition to "possession by", there is also "identity with" the anima-animus, men also have an animus and women also have an anima), s/he typically, but not always, encounters dreams of the same-sex "shadow" figure; it follows, therefore, that the shadow is located 'before' the animus-anima – in Capricorn – and, insofar as Sagittarius is accessed "regressively", the shadow becomes 'gender-balanced' (even if '9' is accessed progressively, '9's 'transcendence-phia' renders it 'semi-negative')

(ii) we split the opening phase of the differentiation into 'raw' and 'primary' to accommodate Jung's descriptions i.e. the "everybody thinks..." character of "animus possession" links to the collective, gestational-winter-night, dreaming sign, Aquarius; the "over-valued madonna" character of "anima possession" links to the collective, gestational-winter-night, dreaming sign, Pisces... although, in other discussions, Jung exemplifies the first phase of the animus with the '1-ish' sports hero and the first phase of the anima as a '2-ish', straightforwardly biological "Eve"

(iii) for Freudastrology, the most important feature of the 'raw animus-anima' is its seductiveness; then again, many traditional astrologers will argue that we restrict this adjective to the '12 (raw)-anima'; it is, of course, easy to agree with the traditional restriction if enough attention is paid to the "regressive" (of Pisces two) fish insofar as its seductiveness flows back into the '11 (raw)-animus'... but, in any case, the history of Utopian-Aquarian politics is littered with the 'proto-seductive' (= cosmetic) face Of 'perfect order'; seductive or not, behind '11 idealism's façade, we see '11 eccentricity' devolve into '12 chaos' at the drop of a Grand Poobah's funny hat...

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So, what do '11' and '12' seduce us to think and feel? Answer: that we can have our collective ideals realized without concerning ourselves with the machinations of individual id-developments. The "id" is Freud's term but Jung also knew that '11/12's reactions (e.g. "reaction formation") to the id are ferociously non-developmental. In turn, the 'raw animus-anima' could be re-named, the 'false positive father-mother'...



... (i) even though '2 Eve' is primarily biological, the more her biology is mixed up in the 'false positive' seductive mother, the more "regressive" she needs to be seen; and, given the neoteny of Homo sapiens – that which allows us to place her in between '12' and '2' – we begin to clarify the outline of why Monotheism's "divine drama" has viewed her in a negative light; and, noting FA's anti-clockwise=development attitude, we feel justified whenever we cast a positive light over Helen, Mary and Persephone

(ii) even though '1 Adam' is primarily chthonic (e.g. made from dust), the more his biology is mixed up in the 'false positive' cosmetic father, the more "regressive" he needs to be seen; and, given the current "regressive-precession" from the Age of Pisces to the Age of Aquarius – that which allows us to place him in between '11' and '1' – we feel justified in casting a dyadic light over the apparent '1 singularity' of Adam

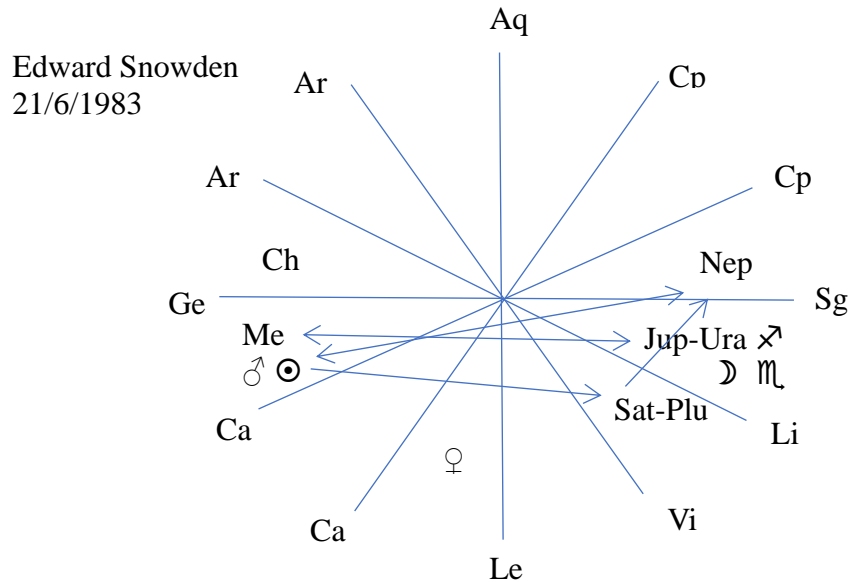
(iii) with traditional astrology aligning "open enmity" with the 7th house and "death" with the 8th house, we realize that a lack of development into-through the 3rd quadrant leads the individual into a 'negative' appraisal of these spheres of life; then again, if there is a "transformation" in the 2nd quadrant, this will 'feed up' into the 3rd quadrant and bring about a "transformation" there too... what seems to be 'negative parenting' is eventually shown to be 'filler' for the black hole-ish, (genuine)-spouseless vacuum; we add the term 'genuine' to spouse because, as we have noted in our notes on Donald Trump, being 'married-on-the-outside' doesn't mean a hell of a lot...

CAPITALISM AT THE CROSSROADS: ‘3 GEMINIAN’ HEROISM

Although the human father of monotheism, Abraham, would never have called it “the anti-clockwise development-spiral”, the psychological fact of him being willing to “sacrifice” his son to his Father was his admission, ‘against Adam’, that the Tree of Immortality was out of reach. To put it in zodiacal words, Abraham had realized the need to ‘imagine’ a path from Aries to Leo-Virgo-Libra-Scorpio (rather than, as noted on the prior page, from Aries to Aquarius-Capricorn-Sagittarius in the manner of the Greek gods, Ouranos-Chronos-Zeus). And, to put it in Mosaic words, Abraham’s anti-clockwising spirit set up a chance to understand the ‘inner’ value of the 1,000+yrs-in-the-making 10 Commandments, not excluding the ‘most often broken’ of the 10 i.e. ‘3 Gemini’s 3rd Commandment... that Jews obey better than proselytizing Christians.

Monotheism might have got off to a fine start 4,000yrs ago but, 2,000yrs before that (i.e. 4,000BCE’s shift from the Age of Gemini to the Age of Taurus), monotheism would likely have been relegated to second place behind Gemini’s, polytheistic “10,000 things” bereft of “5,000 centres”. At this time, no-one knew what a material was ‘truly’ worth... comparative military tribal strengths and market forces would have been the ‘valuators from without’. This pre-historic era was imagined as a “regression” i.e. the Golden Age (Leo) was followed by the Silver Age (Cancer); then, with men becoming greedy and savage, we arrive at the Bronze age (Gemini) and the subsequent Age of Heroes (Taurus e.g. Theseus) links the Bronze age to the then-current Iron age (Aries). God knows what imaginer-Hesiod would have made of the shifts from the Age of Aries to the Age of Pisces and the Age Pisces to the Age of Aquarius. FA’s proposals: Carbon and Silicon, the latter being in need of a hero who can pick up Darwin’s semi-dropped Taurean baton (see, ‘Psycho-quadratic I’). Agreed, Freud did pick it up, but our study of gender makes us wonder if he fumbled things a bit at ‘3 Gemini’.

So, let’s examine Freud’s fumble through the lens of silicon-o-philic...



... and, if, dear reader, you are a bigger fan of ancient history than of very recent history, you might need to be reminded that Edward Snowden took the decision

to publish a range of classified C.I.A. documents in order to expose the “Big Brother” path down which the U.S.A. has been treading. In other words, with this ‘Example V’, we are picking up the Ariadne threads that were unfurled in ‘Example IV’ i.e. making the distinction between “regressive capitalism” and “progressive capitalism”. But...

What has all this got to do with depth psychology? FA’s answer: like Freud and unlike Jung, it is possible to consider collective issues in terms of the “personal, family-dynamic unconscious”; specifically, it is possible to consider “regressive capitalism” and “progressive capitalism” as Cain-Abel-ish “hostile brothers”. If, dear reader, you are a nationalist (if, dear reader, you have read this far along, it is unlikely), we expect that you will view Edward as a Cain insofar as he put the U.S.’s international security at risk, but that is the nature of white-turns-into-black-into-white-into-black-without-stopping-at-grey Gemini; and, as you can see in his birth chart (scroll up), it is difficult to find a ‘more Geminian’ horoscope than Edward’s. For a contrasting example, ‘less Geminian’ Donald Trump’s natal horoscope shows natal Mars in Leo on the ascendant and the Sun-ruler, Mercury, in Cancer in the 11th house. During the 1st half of his life, Trump could be seen as an “infantile”, capitalistic Leo, “de-integrating” ‘down’ to his tricky planets in the 2nd house and “regressively re-integrating” ‘up’ to his ascendant; during these late stages of the 2nd half of his life, his Sun-Uranus in Gemini flips back and forth between the ‘white’ “paranoid schizoid position” and the ‘black’ “paranoid schizoid position”. If he were to generate the ‘grey’ “paranoid schizoid position” that could put the (proto-developmental) “depressive position” into his view, he would first need to “transform” the paws of his “gestational” Solar Lion.

How well, then, has Edward “transformed” his Solar big cat? The first item of interest here is that he is still young i.e. at age 37yrs, he has yet to hit his mid-life crisis (or, at least, his mid-life transition) and his Solar “progression” across Leo has another 25yrs to go. Also, his 2nd “progressed” new Moon heading for his (“pg”) I.C. will occur after his mid-life Saturn-opposite-Saturn, Uranus-opposite-Uranus, Neptune-square-Neptune. Despite this, the key focus for the Freudastrologer would still be his Mercury in Gemini on his Gemini ascendant because this symbolizes thinking that is an integral part of the “persona-mask-self-ig”, in contrast to the 3rd house’s phase of thinking that resides behind the “persona-mask-self-ig”. And, so, if an analysand has thoughts that s/he would like to ‘kill’ regressive capitalism, s/he would, first of all, need to ‘kill’ the regressive capitalist within. To this end, s/he would do well to seek the guidance of a Jungian therapist with whom his/her taboo thinking around nationalism, imperialism & populism can be explored. Although “thoughtcrime” is the ultimate in surveillance, analysands have many inner “Big Brothers” (Freud called them “repressions”) to deal with before the psyche has the ‘7 balance’ to deal with the outer versions.

One aspect of a natal Sun in Gemini that is, perhaps, ‘worse’ than a natal Sun in Taurus is that the Sun’s “progression” through Cancer occurs too early in life to be able to make good sense of family dynamics... recall, here, that Taurean Freud’s Solar “progression” into Cancer began at age 45 (1902). For the Freudastrologer, this places extra importance on the already-very-important I.C. If Edward were to enter therapy, we would be especially encouraging for this during his upcoming Lunar “progression” over his I.C., even if this won’t happen until 2035. That gives him 15yrs to deal with Freud’s gloomy-doomy resignations in respect of our “discontented civilizations”.

