

The C.G. Jung Society of Alberta in Calgary is pleased to present

# Dr. Urs Mehlín

## Monsters and Vampires: Facts and Fictions



**Parkdale United Church, 2919 – 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue N.W.**

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**Friday, October 26, 7:30 pm**

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**LECTURE:** Members \$10.00, non-members \$15.00

To be well-behaved, to be happy, healthy and nice; in short: to be "normal" is probably what most of us average citizens try to be or to become. However, there exists, like in everything, an "other side"; there are shadows, individually as well as collectively. And the more we try to ignore or to repress these shadows, the more they are likely to get out of control and to become autonomous. Monsters of different kinds are images of psychic realities, which are not compatible with culturally accepted norms. As good Jungians, we will try to establish a "Monster-typology," and then focus on one particularly fascinating figure: the Vampire. He (and she!) haunts for centuries not only through many countries and cultures, but also through dreams and nightmares, stories and pictures of our present time. By exposing the dark creatures to the light of consciousness, we will try to better understand their ambiguous fascination, their dangerous beauty and also their archetypal meaning; and we will also examine the consequences of individual and collective vampiric tendencies and temptations in different kinds of relationships.

**Saturday, October 27, 10:00 am**

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**WORKSHOP:** Members \$90.00, non-members \$140.00

We will deepen and enlarge the topic of vampiric abuse in relationships. Very often, biographically conditioned reasons and their disturbing projections onto the respective partner end in mutual disappointment and estrangement, in pain and suffering. Rather often we have a tendency to overestimate the influence of personal and interpersonal constellations and to overlook their archetypal background. Different kinds of "arche"-typical kinds of relations shall be discussed and exemplified and amplified by corresponding images from myths, novels and films.

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