Following the Gypsy

Archetypal Images and the Journey of the Soul



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The image by which the flesh lives is the ultimate ruling necessity. We are in service to the body of imagination, the bodies of our images.

James Hillman

C. G. Jung said that the modern world has lost touch with our collective myth, and that the mystery of who we are lies buried deep within our individual souls. Our dreams, fantasies, and irrational longings connect us with the archetypal world of imagination and can guide us in our search for meaning in life. Throughout my life *gypsies* have appeared in my dreams and waking fascinations as companions on my soul's journey. This evening we will consider the *gypsy archetype* as an image of yearning and exile from soul, of passionate immersion in life and the possibility of living in full colour. To *follow the gypsy* is to follow the soul's deepest promptings, led by instinct and intuition, imagination and desire. To *follow the gypsy* is to saunter and peregrinate, turn around and circle back for a second look, and savour the moment with curious eyes. During the presentation, everyone will be invited to reflect on a significant image or symbol in his or her own life by means of a brief writing exercise.

Our inherent natures and the individual circumstances of our childhood put us in touch with particular archetypal patterns; these are the tapestries within which our lives are woven. Knowing who we are, celebrating who we are is individuating the archetype. **Marion Woodman**



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