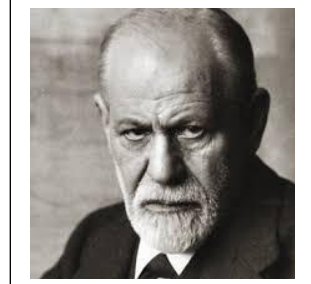
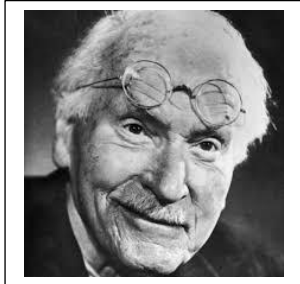


A Level Philosophy and Ethics Summer Assignment

One component of your A Level will require you to consider the work of psychologists, Freud and Jung. They looked at the effects of religion on the human psyche (mind).



Task 1

Try to find out about Freud's view of religion. You may come across the following terms and should try to find out what they mean:

- Religion as neurosis
- Religion as illusion
- Religion as wish-fulfilment
- Religion as womb regression
- Unconscious mind
- Id, Ego, Superego
- Oedipus Complex
- Primal Horde Theory
- Rejection of religion is 'maturity'

Task 2

Try to find out about Jung's view of religion. You may come across the following terms and should try to find out what they mean:

- The unconscious mind and the 'collective conscience'
- Religion as necessary for psychological wholeness or 'individuation'
- Necessity of religion to 'actualise' (make known) the 'archetypes' that are present in the psyche
- Details about archetypes that are present in the psyche (the self, anima, animus, shadow, God archetype, etc.)

Task 3

Using the information that you have researched, write between 600-1000 words on Freud and Jung's views about religion. You may like to write an additional paragraph which gives your own opinions about the validity of their views, i.e. do you think what they are saying is acceptable and which psychologist you think has the most acceptable view of religion. Do not worry about any terms you cannot find. Just try your best! See you in September!

Optional Additional Work

For people who are feeling particularly eager, you may like to look into/read about some of the following topics:

- The Cosmological Argument, Teleological Argument and the Ontological Argument
- Irenaeus' and Augustine's theodicies about evil
- Ethical Theory such as Utilitarianism, Natural Law, Ethical Egoism
- How such ethical theories are applied to the topics of immigration, capital punishment, nuclear weapons, animal ethics sexual relationships and medicine.
- Key thinkers on Atheism such as Richard Dawkins & Sam Harris. The term 'New Atheism'.

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