

The Forgotten Tongue: Myth, Fairytale and the language of Nature – Their Significance for Therapy and Counselling

The ancient tales portray the feel of human experience with an accuracy far beyond the scope of factual narrative. How can this help us in counseling and therapy?

These same tales commonly portray humans transacting and conversing with other creatures and there is a growing consensus that recovery of such power of “speech” is key to individual and collective well-being (or even our species survival). How can we integrate this perspective into the practice of counselling and therapy? The workshop will be an investigation of both the power of story and the relevance of connection to other living beings which it describes.

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