**AGM Presentation by Andrew Jamieson**

**Saturday 27th January 2.00pm**

**The Gravitational Field of Authentic Need**

***some Right Brain thoughts in a Left Brain world***

The work of Freud and Jung in the first 30 years of the 20th century which pioneered the world of the unconscious, had a contemporaneous literary parallel in the work of such writers as Kafka, Rilke, Eliot and Hesse. All these writers spoke of a subliminal, concealed reality that provided an alternative view to the prevailing rational pragmatism of the time.

In exactly the same 30 years, Max Planck, Niels Bohr and Werner Heiserburg described a quantum world laying down the laws of a hidden, invisible masked truth upon which is founded the physical world and our place in it.

In the 100 years which have followed these ground breaking decades, there has been a persistent rancorous dispute between those who see the world through the lens of left brain empirical rationalism and those who favour a right brain approach that views our world as greatly affected by this concealed reality which surfaced in the opening decades of the 20th century. This view places growing emphasis on the human capacity for intuitive, instinctive potential which has lain dormant is our feral, primal natures and which now seek greater recognition.

In his talk, Andrew Jamieson will focus on this 100 year debate. From it he will tentatively propose a quality that often emerges in our work as psychotherapists, where we constantly meet a phenomena that he describes as ‘The Gravitational Field of Authentic Need’. With particular reference to Iain McGilchrist’s seminal work ‘The Master and his Emissary’, Andrew will consider these strange providential accidents and serendipitous coincidences, which we as a profession often speak of but have no theoretical context to describe. The only exception to this is Jung’s controversial writings on *synchronicity* which are not embedded in the theoretical literature which BCPC uses as the bedrock of its training.

Do humans, as a species of animals, have corresponding intuitive, instinctive powers that are found in almost all other animals? When expressing true Authenitc Need, which rises out of the Organismic Self, do we set up some kind of gravitational field that attracts exactly those connections, those experiences which we need to aid and support the emergence of our developing, evolving selves?