

The Good, the Bad, and the Downright Ugly: Distinguishing Healthy from Unhealthy Religious Systems



Date: Saturday, September 16, 2006


Time: 2:30-5:00pm

Location: Castleton United Methodist Church

7160 Shadeland Station

Indianapolis, Indiana 46256

(Located at 75th and Shadeland Ave and is very close to I-465 and State Road 69 on the Northeast side of Indy.)



This workshop will discuss concepts of group boundaries, approaches to individuality and growth and the theological/philosophical approach of healthy and unhealthy religious systems. We will also consider the psychodynamics of "offensive spirituality and spiritual defenses" in analyzing the health of religious systems. The philosophy of the workshop combines group and individual psycho-dynamic theory with the theology of Paul Tillich, Rosemary Radford Ruether and Sallie McFague, with emphasis on patriarchy as a form of idolatry of male. Ways that healthy and unhealthy religious systems affect women will be examined. The workshop will encourage discussion of personal observation and experiences of healthy and unhealthy religion. Together, we will work toward constructing a model of religion that is healthy for women and discuss ways to implement portions of this model in currently existing religious systems.

Speaker: Elizabeth S. Bowman, MD

Psychiatrist Elizabeth S. Bowman, is an Adjunct Professor of Neurology at Indiana University School of Medicine. She holds a Master of Sacred Theology degree from ChristianTheological Seminary. At the 2004 meeting of the American Psychiatric Association, she was awarded the Oskar Pfister award for her outstanding contributions to the interrelations between psychiatry and religion.

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