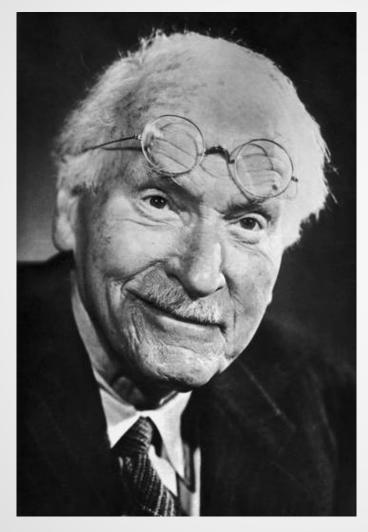
# The Labyrinth

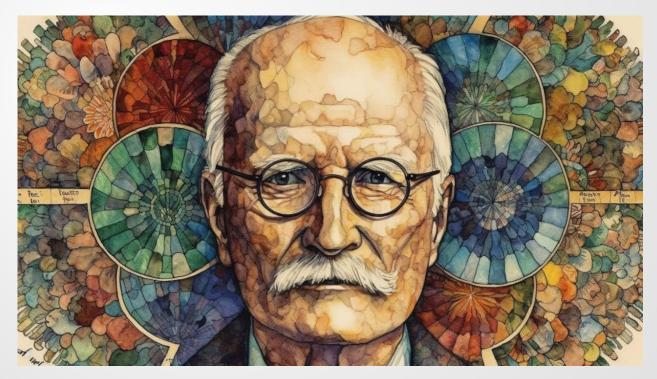
the symbol of the maze in Jungian psychology

# Carl Gustav Jung (1875-1961)



- Renowned psychiatrist, psychotherapist, and psychologist
- Sigmund Freud viewed him as his spiritual successor
- His work has influenced psychiatry, anthropology, archeology, literature, religious studies, and evolutionary theory
- Founder of the school of analytical psychology
- Regarded as one of the most important psychologists in history

 Is the mind of a new born baby a blank slate, or does it have a preformed structure which influences how we experience the world?





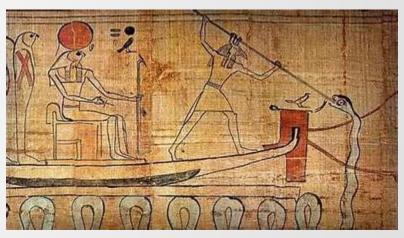
- Jung was an expert in religious and mythological semiology
- Lots of religions share symbols despite never having contact with one another
- Those symbols often appear in the fantasies and dreams of schizophrenics



The Serpent

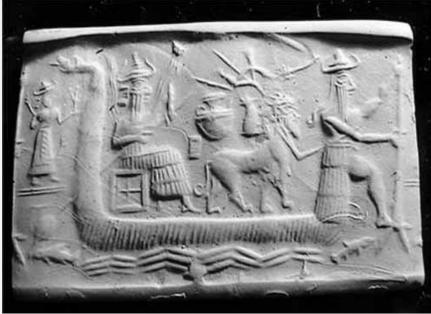






#### The Flood





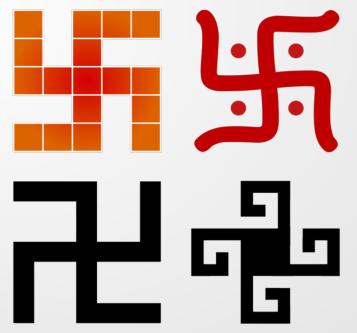


- <u>The Psyche</u>: the foundation of a person which contains elements that are pre-personal, or transpersonal, or common in all
- is separated into:
- 1. consciousness (personality)
- 2. personal/collective subconscious
- The psyche's elements reside in the subconscious, and it is those elements that Jung called *archetypes*

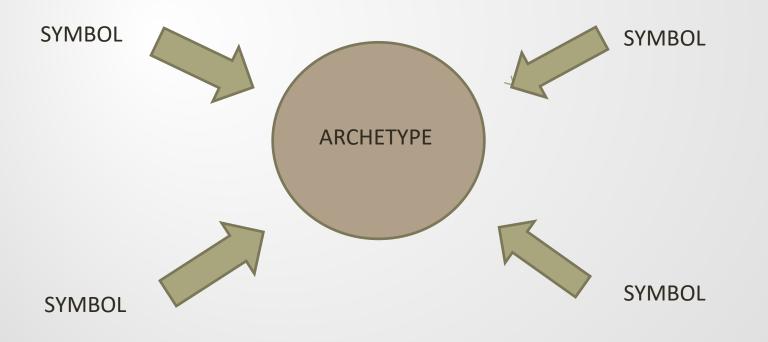


- Just like the body is born with organs, so is the mind born with psychic organs, the *archetypes*
- An archetype is hidden and can't be located like the physical organs
- The existence of an archetype is revealed by the way it is expressed in consciousness
- An archetype is expressed through symbols

- <u>Symbols</u>: an image conveying something unknown, conveying subjective meaning
- Unlike a sign which has a fixed meaning, a symbol's meaning depends on the observer and the sociocultural context it finds itself in



 By interpreting symbols, we can understand the archetype they are alluding to (symbols gather around the thing to be explained)



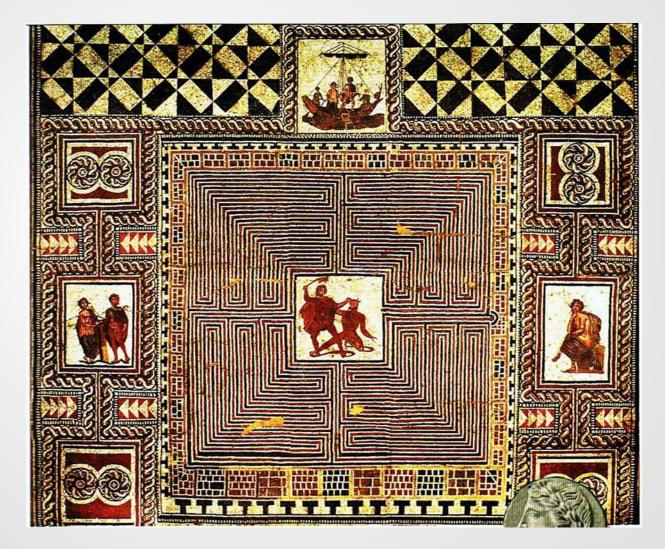
#### Archetype of the Labyrinth



# Symbol of the Labyrinth

- A primordial symbol similar to the Serpent, the Divine Child, the Flood etc.
- Variations of the labyrinth are found throughout almost every human civilization





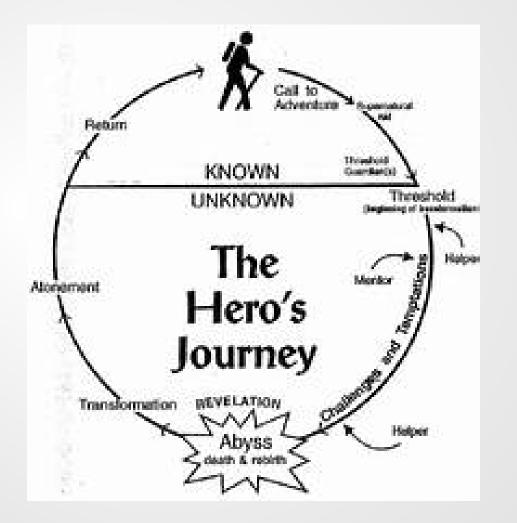


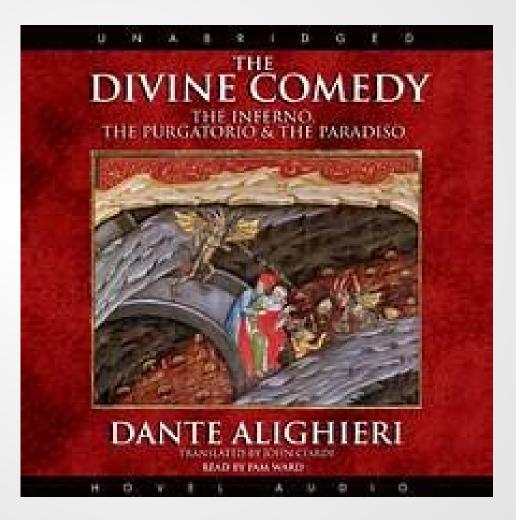




# The Archetype of the Labyrinth

- A secluded liminal space, a heterotopia that calms the mind
- A labyrinth symbolizes the cosmos, completeness, unity, and the spiritual journey of life
- In essence it is a symbol of the individualization process; the discovery of one's self through the traversal of a path full of twists and turns, dead-ends, and dark entities









# THANK YOU !!!!!!!!



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