

#### APPENDIX 4: EXAMPLES OF JUNG'S SPIRITUALIST EXPERIENCES

E.g. Jung encountered “spirits” and seems to have become something of a medium himself. In 1916, for example, his house “felt” haunted, and his daughters reported seeing ghosts! At one point, the main door of the house was open and the doorbell began ringing frantically and it was as if, suddenly, a whole crowd of spirits burst into the house. Jung wrote down what they were saying and as he did so they slowly disappeared. Jung then spent three days seemingly taken over by an episode of automatic writing and produced his famous work: “Septem Sermones”.

Then when Jung was 69, he had a heart attack and an “out-of-the-body” experience followed by a number of visions and a feeling of living in a state of bliss. It was after this that his major works were written!

When he was much younger, in 1913, he had a series of prophetic visions of a “frightful catastrophe...the floating rubble of civilization...the whole sea turned to blood.” When war broke out later he realized his dreams had, in fact, been to do with this and that, therefore, his subjective visions or dreams were “more than personal” and he needed to understand “to what extent my own experience coincided with that of mankind in general.” (quoted in J.B.p.51)

He also “met and talked with the biblical characters of Elijah and Salome but the most important figure he encountered was called Philemon.” (S.B.p53) Philemon was an old man with bull’s horns and a kingfisher’s wings. Then at this time Jung was amazed to find- just by chance- a dead kingfisher by the lakeshore! Amazed because kingfishers were very rare there and he had never before found one and never did again. Jung looked upon Philemon as a “ghost guru sent to teach me my spiritual path.” (J.B.p55)