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### *The Necessity of the Serpent*

The Serpent encounters Jung many times throughout his journey in *The Red Book*. Both feared and, oddly, befriended, the Serpent manifests as both "adversary" and source of "nourishing wisdom." Through this strange and impersonal figure, we focus on Jung's discovery of how the psyche works and how it entwines with what we believe lies at the heart of reality. Thus personal and impersonal aspects of psyche lie on either side of the borderline of the unknowable. We will explore what to do with this in living our lives, with our possibilities and problems.

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