

Carl Gustav Jung (1875–1961) joined Eranos since its beginnings and took part in the Eranos Conferences for twenty years (1933–1952). The Swiss psychologist gave a total of fourteen talks, from 1933 up to 1951. These were published in the Eranos-Jahrbücher and, later, in his Collected Works. He also gave an impromptu seminar on “The Solar Myths and Opicinus de Canistris” in 1943. He participated at Eranos for the last time in 1952, but only as a listener. Two commemorative Jahrbücher were published in his honor on his seventieth birthday (1945) and seventy-fifth birthday (1950). The Eranos Archive for Research in Symbolism also served as an indispensable iconographic base for important studies of his, such as Psychology and Alchemy (1944). It was at Eranos that the contracts for the American, English, and German editions of Jung’s Collected Works were drawn up in 1947 and that, in August 1956, the project for his autobiography, Memories, Dreams, Reflections (1961), became a reality.

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The Eranos Conference of August 7–15, 1939 was dedicated to the topic, “The Symbolism of Rebirth in Religious Representations of Various Epochs and Places.” Stimulated by the speakers’ brilliant presentations, on August 15 Carl Gustav Jung held two mostly improvised lectures on the topic, “The Psychology of Rebirth.” These became the closing speeches of the entire Conference. He spoke about rebirth as an archetype, as exemplified in the Koranic mystery of the Seven Sleepers and the angel al-Khidr, known as “the Verdant One.” This was a topic that was dear to theologian and Islamicist Louis Massignon, who opened the Conference with it. Jung placed great importance in the collaboration at Eranos of Massignon, from whom he first learned much of what he knew about spirituality in Islam. It was precisely at the 1939 Eranos Conference, a few days before the outbreak of the Second World War, that Jung came to understand a significant aspect of the problem of duality thanks to Islamic religious thought: an achievement that had been anticipated nineteen years earlier by an emblematic dream he had in North Africa, in Tunis (1920), and that had to wait for the Answer to Job (1952) to be fully elaborated. For the first time, this volume presents the 5-page manuscript of the notes written on the stationery of the Hotel Monte Verità in Ascona, where Jung usually stayed 1933-39 during the Eranos Conferences. Furthermore, the book includes for the first time the original version of the 46-page typescript entitled “Lecture by Prof. Dr. C.G. Jung at the 1939 Eranos Conference, on ‘Rebirth,’” which was later revised, expanded, and published in the Eranos-Jahrbuch and then his Collected Works.