

Stranger Things: A Psychological Exploration of Extraordinary Mysteries

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*The collective unconscious is a function that always operates,
and man has to keep in touch with it.*
- C.G. Jung, CW 18, par.369.



The Fourfold Face by Peter Birkhauser

In the episodic series, *Stranger Things*, the quiet town of Hawkins hosts a U.S. government laboratory whose experiment goes awry. The story unfolds as a young boy goes missing, and his friends and family attempt to rescue him. In their search for the missing boy, they are faced with what it is that has taken him. His mother's love, the imaginations of his friends, and a uniquely powerful girl offer resources in dealing with the animated subjects of darkness responsible for the boy's abduction.

Together we will view two episodes covering both seasons of this series and discuss the unfolding of the psychological drama. We will see how the psyche is working through the creators of *Stranger Things* to give us an image of what we are dealing with collectively and personally in our contemporary world, and how it may be offering help or resolution. Jung writes in his *Memories, Dreams, Reflections* that this was what he was attempting to do, that is to provide understanding and purpose as to how the unconscious presented itself to individuals and the collective. This may have a different teleology than what it seems.

Learning Objectives:

1. Analyze the archetype of the child in its masculine and feminine aspects.
2. Identify and describe the psychological meaning behind both the destructive and helpful aspects of the unconscious.
3. Compare and contrast the mythic cycle of abduction and rescue to a contemporary psychological situation.
4. Explain the concept of teleology in relation to the individuation process as described by Jung.

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