

Dear Friends:

You don't know how deeply I regret not to be with you. You are meeting at a most crucial time in our society. The structure of our society has greatly changed and not always for the good. We in the western world have been a neurotic society where people were mostly concerned with their superiority, regardless of the means by which they achieved it. When Adler spoke about the neurotic personality, he described modern man in general. Today with a misunderstood democratic freedom, society has become psychotic; like a schizophrenic who disregards and neglects society for his personal pleasure and benefit. Those of us who are anxious to meet social demands need to become a positive force in a decaying community. We need to point the way for a true social belonging in a relationship of full equality. I wish you the best results of your considerations.

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