Each moment is unique, each edition brings with it distinctive characteristics. The Jungian Journal 38/1, reflecting the situation in which we all live, will be launched late. We are experiencing a pandemic that has imposed drastic changes in the pace of daily life. We had to retreat to protect ourselves, convened to a compulsory introversion mobilized by social isolation. The empty streets, the planes at the airports and, confined within our homes, we become witnesses of the already announced civilizational crisis that deeply questions the structural pillars of the economic development model, based on the apology for consumption, fossil energy and the devastation of nature. The crisis brought about by the arrival of COVID-19 on the one hand threatens humanity and, on the other hand, presents itself as an extraordinary opportunity for reflections on what is truly essential for life.

The articles selected to compose this edition, although arrived at different times, attuned to fundamental issues arising from this context. We start with the article “Love”, Pandemic and the Confined Analyst, which analyzes the poem “Love” by Vladímir Maiakóvski, establishing relations with Brazilian inequality, the pandemic and the possible place of the analyst. In the second text, Psychic Wounds, Jung and Narcissism, the author reminds us that “it is through the transformation of psychic energy and the formation of symbols, that the development of the psyche is essentially carried out”. C. G. Jung’s Katabasis: From Ancient Myths to Modern Visionary Experiences, sought to revisit C.G. Jung, his experiences of descending to the underworld, or world of the dead, followed by the return to the world of the living, the ana-basis. Dynamics of Care: from Analytical Psychology to SUS, rescues premises of analytical psychology as possibilities for reviving the discussion on difficulties faced in the scope of public health in Brazil. Exile and the Kingdom: Integration of the Exiled Family reflects on the cultural shock brought by exile, which insinuates itself in events that affect people's daily lives and the direction of countries. Identity, Double and Active Imagination - Reading of Cortázar’s “Distant” Tale, works on the interface of analytical psychology and literature, in a dialogue between the “Distant” tale, by the writer Julio Cortázar, and the Jungian approach. Rites of Passage and Dynamics of Consciousness explains moments of overcoming-transgressions to interdictions, with which the human being reaches new times of life. Finally, the review Life began there: a story of corporal repercussion, can somehow inspire us and keep alive the idea that “it is in the heart and hands that the touch that reaches us arises”.

The solution of the conflict between nature and culture in a repressive way, as advocated by the terrible polarity of the Father Archetype, is incompatible with the survival of our species. We urgently need
creative solutions for Alterity that include a dialectical relationship with the ecosystem, with Democracy and promote Life.

We wish you good reading!

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