

Our world is bathed in ongoing biological, political, cultural, climate, and spiritual crises that seem endless. If anything, these disruptions appear to be spiraling into ever larger threat fronts that challenge our survival as a species.

Carl Gustav Jung, renowned Swiss psychiatrist, avowed in his archetypal psychology that there is a portal of transforming possibility if we have the courage to enter that doorway. That threshold entering demands that we embrace our individual and collective sufferings and then seek the path of meaning and destiny that is always resident deeply at the core of such trauma.

This book narrates how this destiny is found and lived forward for both each individual life and for our varied human cultures. It affirms and gives examples of the deep-soul dimension of life that lies under the often chaotic surface—the liminal realm of animate and guiding dream, vision, myth, and spirituality where the gods meet us so that we all can find our mutual way Home. This liminal world is navigated through the metaphoric and literalness of pilgrimage, performance, and political processes in our personal and cultural lives. What might be your path of destiny?

“Brilliant! Bold! Beautifully written! . . . Offering insight through dreams, personal experience, film, and psychological and philosophical reflection, Gibson takes us on a journey between the trauma of our divided world and the reflective reconciliation of acceptance that enables the harmony of human nature and the divine.”

—LINDA LEONARD, author of *The Wounded Woman*

“*The Liminal and the Luminescent* . . . sparkles like a peacock’s tail and illuminates many of the struggles of our time. It is a rich text grounded in history, psychology of religion, and Jungian archetypal thinking. . . . The book brings to the forefront the value of liminal experiences for the individual and the collective—namely, that these experiences can and do heal individuals and societies.”

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“Terrill Gibson’s legacy book, *The Liminal and the Luminescent*, is a worthwhile read for any person or practitioner interested in the Jungian perspective of soul craft. Clinicians will find many useful discussions of the evolution of ideas across the twentieth century. Gibson uses his intimate knowledge of the history of craft ideas to lead a way for mature clinicians to embrace Jung’s wisdom regarding evidence for the value of confronting the mysterious and mystical.”

—JAMES INGERSOLL, Senior Psychologist and Family Systems Specialist

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