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Re-Envisioning Imaginary Companionship as a Psychospiritual Phenomenon

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While childhood imaginary companionship is pervasively experienced, it has historically been misunderstood, sentimentalized, feared, and/or devalued. A breadth of Psychodynamic and Developmental research has clearly posited imaginary companionship far beyond the earliest interpretations fearing demonic possession. Dr. Langone will revisit this psychospiritual perspective on imaginary companionship, drawing upon Humanistic and Transpersonal psychology. In so doing, imaginary companionship will be re-envisioned as a personal creation mythology akin to mystical states of consciousness. This presentation will offer a theoretical explanation regarding the purpose of imaginary companionship (*teleology*) with ancillary attention given to categorical and causal analyses of imaginary companions and the children who create them.

WHEN: Saturday May 12, 2018 (10 AM – 12 PM)

WHERE: Christ Church Parish
149 Court Street, Plymouth, MA
Use Grant St. entrance
Off-street parking on Grant St. (on-street parking also available where noted)

Jace Langone, Psy.D. is a Licensed Clinical Psychologist with an extensive background in the helping professions and a large scope of clinical experience, including outpatient pastoral counseling, nursing home and assisted living facility outreach, outpatient community mental health, inpatient counseling with children, and day treatment for adults. In addition to imaginary companionship, Dr. Langone's interests include the fields of Humanistic and Transpersonal psychology, comparative religion and mythology, existential philosophy, and shamanism. Dr. Langone has presented at local, regional, and national forums. For more information, please visit www.drjacelangone.com.

COST: \$30 if you register by May 7, 2018
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