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Introducing Bion: Some Basic Dimensions

James Ogilvie will introduce an aspect of Bion's psychoanalytic engagement with the "primitive mind," focusing on some of the basic turns through which he engages us. Bion has a remarkable ability to bring us into a more immediate, "from the inside" contact with areas of psychic fragmentation and rebirth. We will explore how he does this, with attention to his use of images – invoking dimensionality or its absence—of space, time, and infinite extent or singular density. As he puts it, the psychoanalyst is particularly challenged in having to "employ methods which have the counterpart of durability or extension in a domain where there is no time or space as those terms are used in the world of sense." Clinical implications will be considered.

2 CE Credits for Psychoanalysts, Social Workers and Psychologists

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CONTINUING EDUCATION INFORMATION

LEARNING OBJECTIVES: Participants will be able to (1) describe two ways in which Bion's description of primitive mental states invokes the presence or absence of spatial and temporal dimensions, and (2) describe at least one clinical and one theoretical implication of Bion's presentation of primitive mental states in terms of the presence or absence of spatial and temporal dimensions.

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