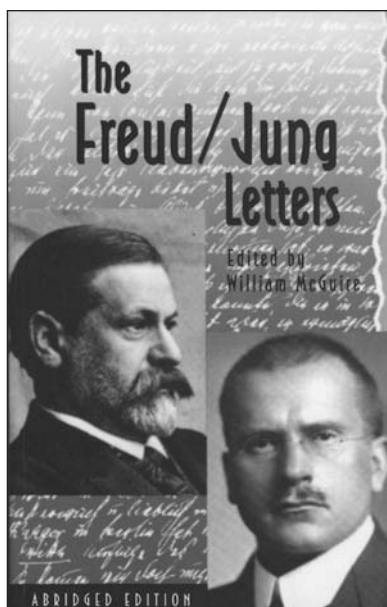


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I am confident that you will often be in a position to back me up, but I shall also gladly accept correction.” So wrote Freud in his first letter to Jung in 1906. Over the next eight years the tenor and tone of their correspondence changed dramatically, reflecting the growing differences in their approach to the theory and practice of psychology and psychoanalysis. Their disagreements, captured here, led to the dissolution of their relationship as mentor and student. Jung’s break with Freud is one of the most famous stories in the early history of psychoanalytic thought. As late as 1959 Jung was moved to refer to the letters as “that accursed correspondence.”

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