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*“Ars curandi into the transition from childhood to adolescence:*

*Puer’s adventures”*

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Focus



To care in the transition from childhood to adolescence in disease



**Preadolescence**  
(aged 10/11 to 13)

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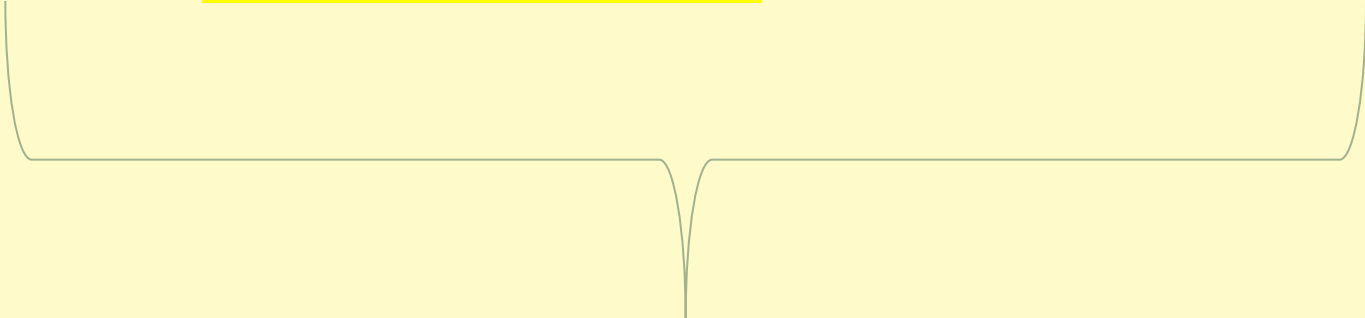
**Preadolescence**  
(aged 10/11 to 13)

Transition  
time

Liminality among  
space-time between “no  
more” and “no Yet”

New balances

Emotion  
and  
Body  
Changes



Disease?

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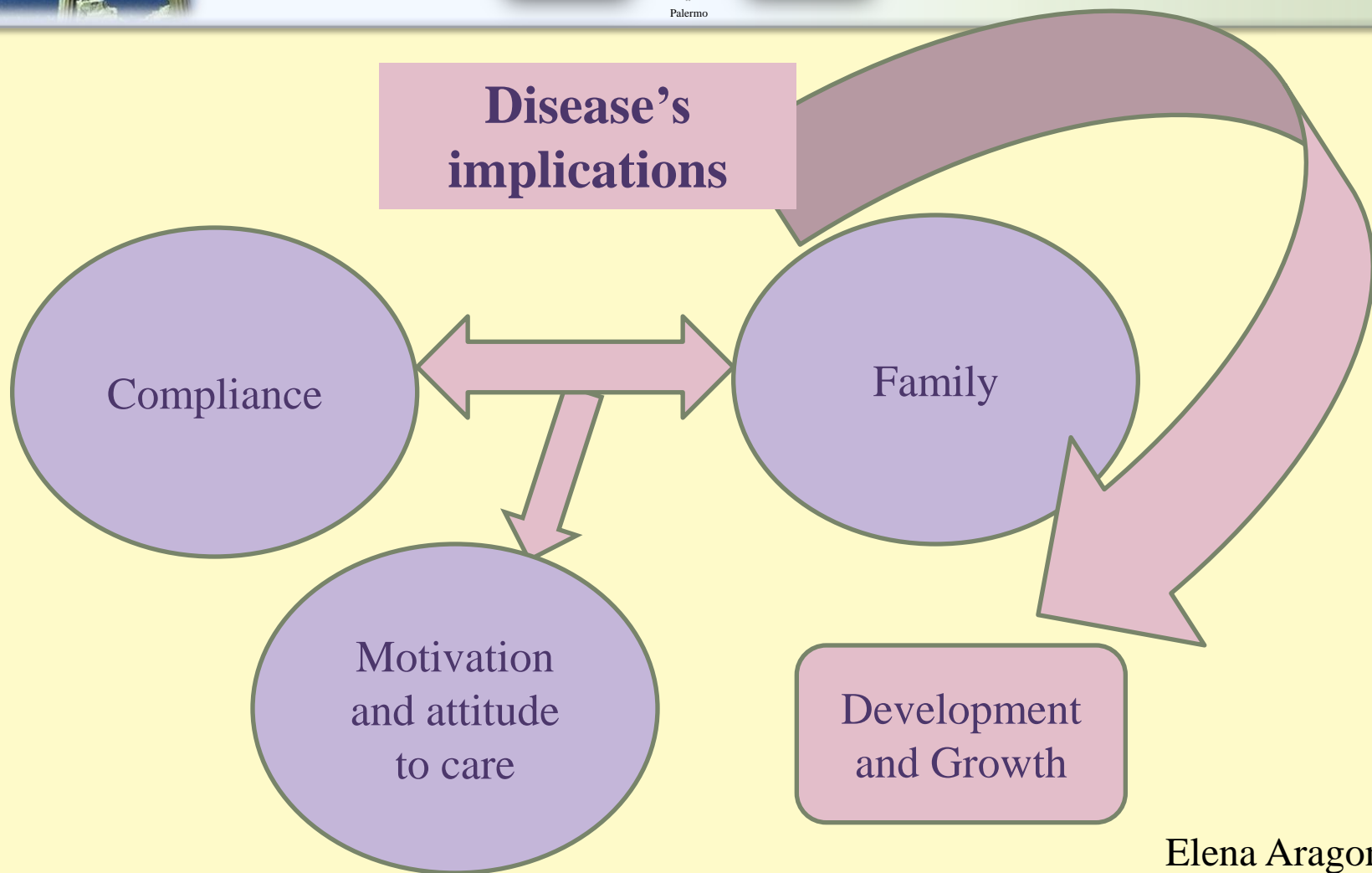
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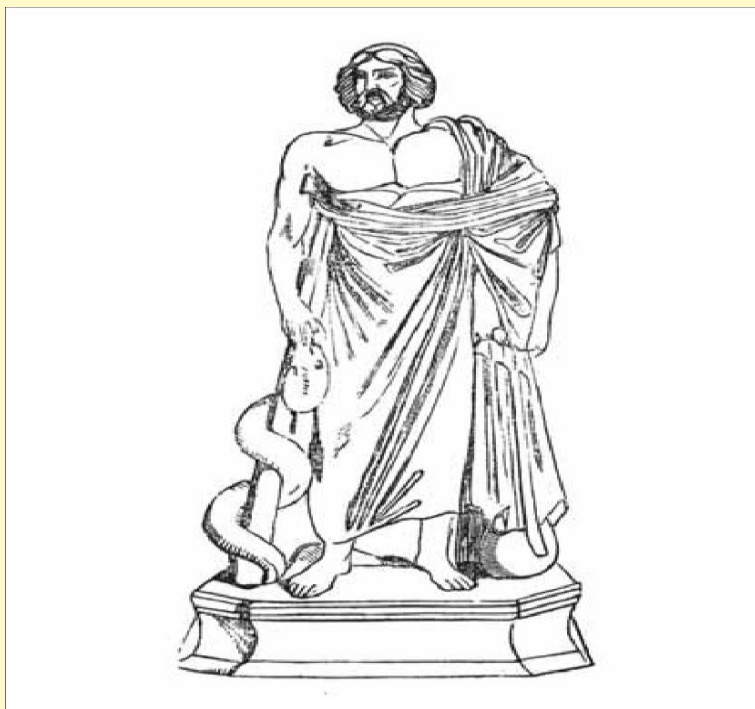
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## *The Greek Mythology ... .. Asclepio*



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## **Ars curandi**

Self-Activation  
(energies, and  
resources,  
abilities)

From past to  
present

In disease risk  
to affect the  
sense of power  
and motivation

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## Archetype: Puer Aeternus



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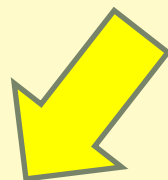
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## Archetype: Puer Aeternus Positive and Negative



**“Homeless”  
.....Puer is a  
Transition**

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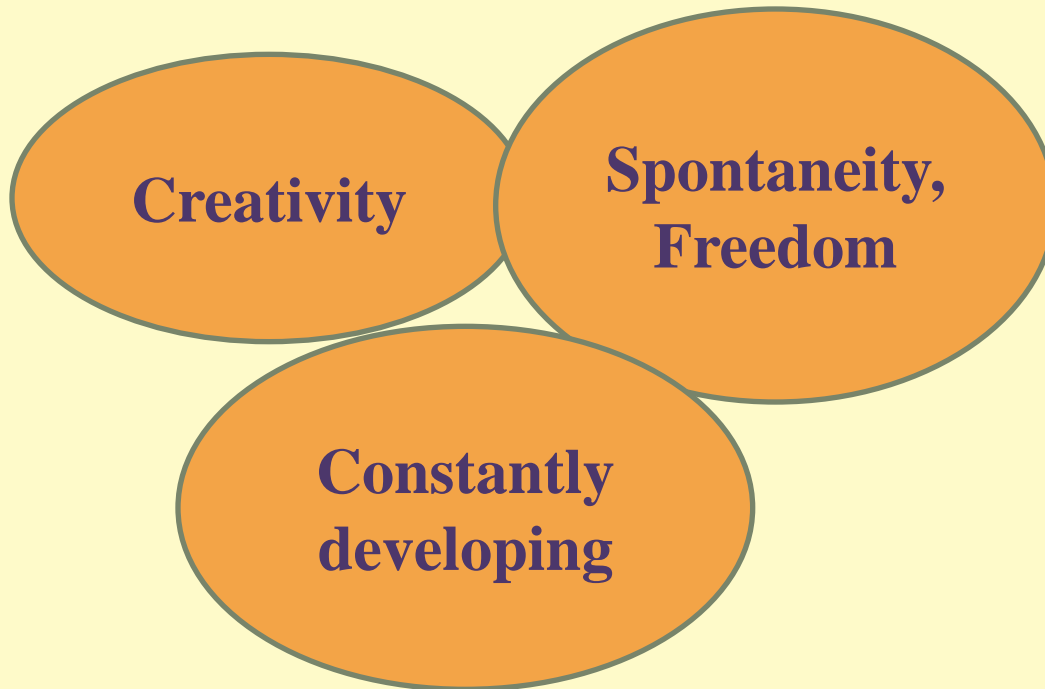
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## Archetype: Puer Aeternus Positive Side



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## Archetype: Puer Aeternus Negative side

**Backing to  
Past**

**To be still a  
child**

**Not shoulder  
responsabilities**



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## Archetype: Puer Aeternus Complexity



**Archetype : Senex/Puer**

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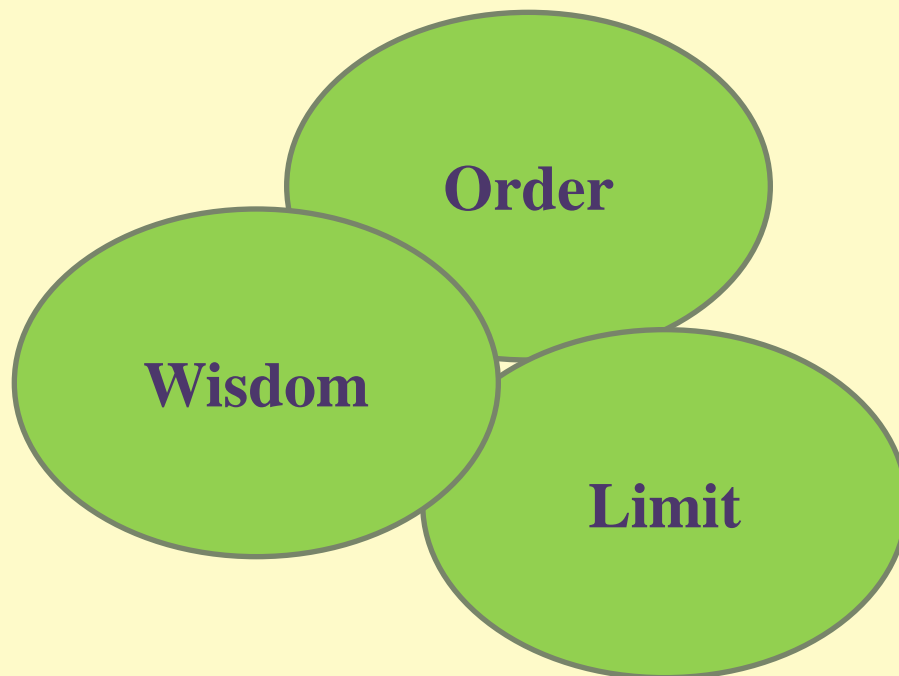
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## Archetype Senex Positive Side



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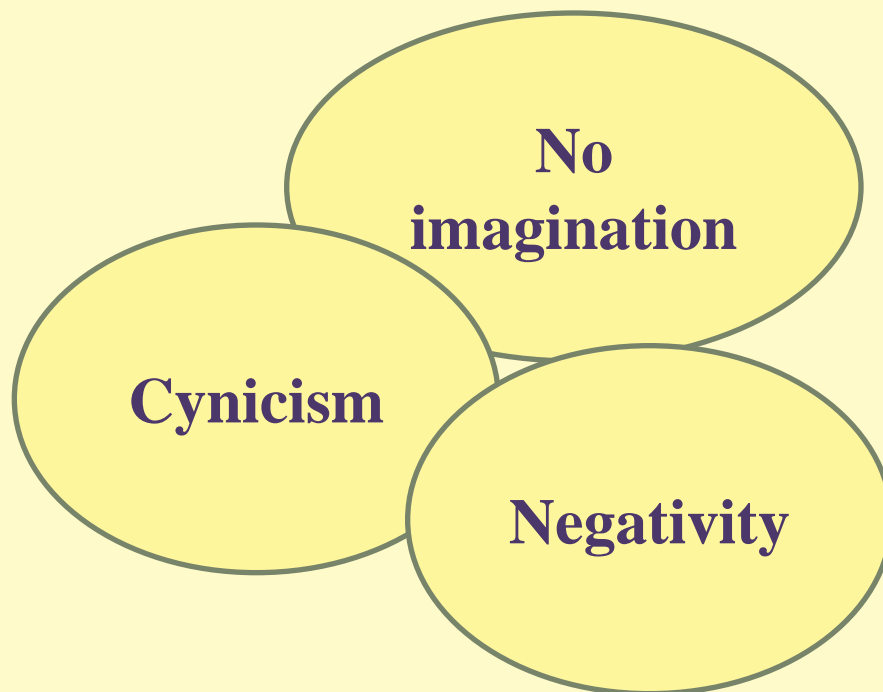
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## Archetype Senex Negative Side



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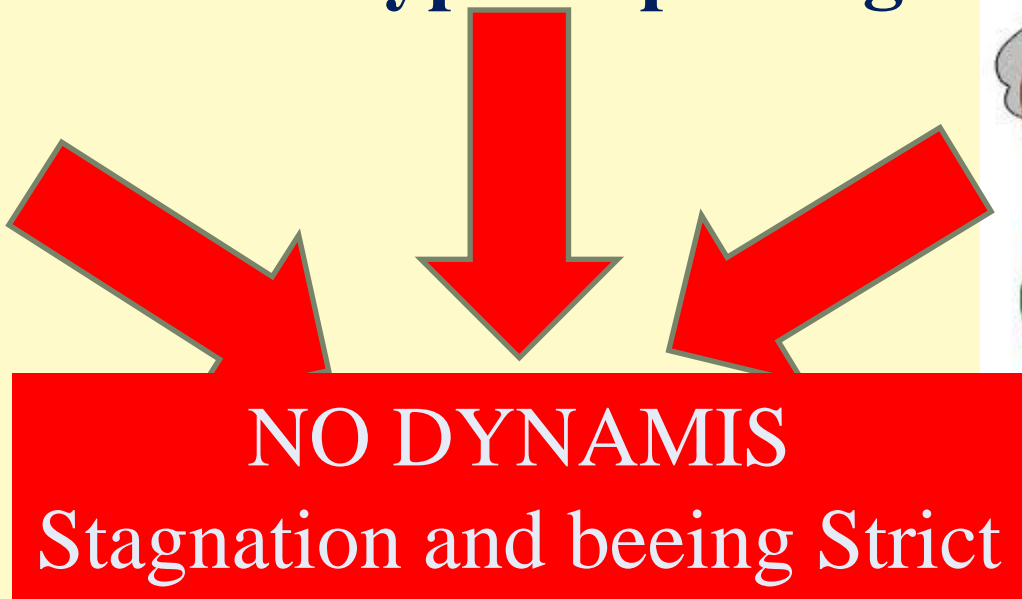
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## Jungian Perspective Archetype's Splitting



**NO ENERGY**

**ENERGY BLOCKAGE**

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# *So with preadolescents ... What happens?....*

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**Preadolescents**

**Adult:  
Risk to  
reinforce  
Senex**

**Identify with the  
Puer**

**Identify adult or  
caregiver with  
the Senex**

***Without consciousness***

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**Some short clinical extracts**

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# *Case 1: Senex/Puer*

## *Doctor Mrs. C. and a girl 11 years old*

*Doctor Mrs C.:” There ‘s no reason to smile....she’s dying...*

*It seems to me I lie and I betray her when we talk””*

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### *Case II: Senex/Puer*

*Head Nurse Mr. G. and A, 13 years old*

*Mr G. : "For some time A. is passive and aggressive to health personnel....She was kind and cute, we joked on ourselves"*

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## *Case III: From Positive Puer to Negative Puer Doctor Mr M. and O., 12 years old*

*Doctor Mr M.:*

*”On Saturday I was very sad about O., so I took one half pill (Tavor) and I went to play football with my friends”*

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## *Case IV: Senex/Senex*

### *Doctor Mrs A. C. and M., 11 years old*

*Doctor Mrs A. :*

*”Today what a sorrow for M.,  
She was off and reserved ”*

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## So....To care in transition means.....

Observation

Support

Accept the suffering

Holding and integrating

Coniunctio

Contact with Kairòs of transition



Past

Future

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*Thank you!!!*

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