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I am 70 years old, married to Orna (Pundarika), and together we have three children, five grandchildren.

I am a Clinical psychologist, working in individual therapy, consultation and supervision for the last 40 years. I taught for about 10 years at Tel Aviv, Haifa and Bar Ilan Universities - giving supervision groups, and seminars mainly on the theory of the British Psychoanalyst D .W. Winnicott. My book "Psyche's Home" (in Hebrew) on Winnicott's psychotherapeutic theory was published in 1995.

I am A Pureland Dharma teacher for groups, giving seminars and workshops, together with Pundarika leading retreats, for more than 15 years. Since some years I am a Minister and an Acharya (teacher, scholar) in the Amida Order.

I am interested mainly in the psychology, philosophy and mysticism of Buddhism and especially Pureland buddhism.

For the last few years I have been investigating Jewish Kabbalistic thought, and Kabbalistic mystical prayers. I wish and make endeavors to interpolate and integrate these ideas from Jewish mysticism into the understanding of the work of the Infinite Light of Amida in our world; the Grace and Compassion of Kuan Yin, and the wisdom of Tai shi chi.

I also try to use these ideas and thoughts in individual psychotherapy and clinical supervision.

