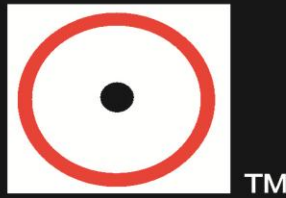


Alchemy, Inc.



Save the Date

*Myth, Mentoring, Initiation, and Urban
Male Youth: From the Archives of
Joseph Campbell*

**A Day with Dr. Kwa David Whitaker, Esq.
and the Youth of Alchemy, Inc.**



Saturday, September 11, 2010 - Copley, Ohio

10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Sponsored by the OPUS Archives and Research Center

Located on the campuses of Pacifica Graduate Institute – Santa Barbara, CA

Alchemy, Inc. founder, Dr. G. Kwame Scruggs will spend five days at the OPUS Archives and Research Center exploring the works of Joseph Campbell, renowned for his skills as a mythologist, writer and lecturer. Kwame will uncover the importance traditional cultures bestowed on the need for their “adolescent” youth to become formally initiated with the assistance of a guide or mentor. Myth, initiation, and mentoring will be studied in this context as it relates specifically to America’s urban male youth today and their diminished contributions to contemporary society. The boon of this work will be to provide a “New Mythos” for urban adolescent males, assisting them in becoming, *The Hero Within Their Own Stories*.

Kwame will return with the boon and share his findings with Jerry Kwame Williams, Co-facilitator of Alchemy, Inc., who will tell a myth in which the youth of Alchemy will analyze, while the myth analyzes them.

Like the hero, both will then utilize their resources by selecting the individual in our village who is most capable of securing the water of life, the one who will deliver the message to the village, Alchemy Inc.’s Co-facilitator of in-service training, Dr. Kwa David Whitaker, Esq.

Dr. Whitaker is a practicing Family Therapist and Attorney at Law and the Founder/President of the Ashe Culture Center in Cleveland, Ohio. Dr. Whitaker holds a J.D. from the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, a Ph.D. in Educational Psychology from Case Western Reserve University, post M.A. School Psychology Certification through John Carroll University, and an M.A. in School Psychology from John Carroll University. He is Tufohene (Legal Counsel to the Chief) of Atonkwa, a village in Ghana of West Africa, where he is responsible for the building of a two-story Community Center, the first of its kind. Dr. Whitaker’s book, *“Rites of Passage Foundations: A Journey of Transformation”* is soon to be released.



All three Alchemy, Inc. facilitators, Kwame, Jerry, and Dr. Whitaker, have been formally initiated into the Akan System of Life Cycle Development (African-based rite of passage).

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“Extracting the Gold Inherent in Our Youth”