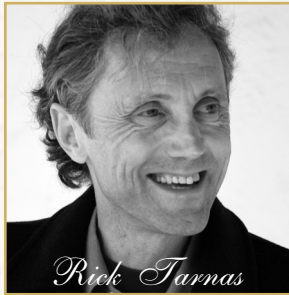


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Kate Burns is a Jungian Analyst with a private practice in Houston, Texas. She received her diploma from the International School of Analytical Psychology in 2009. For seven years, Kate has offered seminars and workshops regularly at the C. G. Jung Center in Houston, focusing on the many facets of initiation. She has also served as professional expert speaker for a music salon focusing on the motif of transformation. Kate has devoted herself to the practice of yoga since 1999 and also teaches workshops exploring the symbolism and phenomenon of kundalini.

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