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Dr. Olsson is a physician-psychiatrist and psychoanalyst. He was born in Brooklyn, New York and graduated from Wheaton College and Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas. After an internship in mixed medicine at the University of Vermont, Olsson took a psychiatry residency at Baylor (1968-1971), and later graduated from the Houston-Galveston Psychoanalytic Institute in Houston. He practiced psychiatry and psychotherapy and taught psychotherapy in Houston for 25 years and subsequently in New Hampshire since 1995. Dr. Olsson is an Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at Dartmouth Medical School and an Adjunct Professor of Clinical Psychiatry at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. In his introduction to *Malignant Pied Pipers of Our Time: A Psychological Study of Destructive Cult Leaders from Rev. Jim Jones to Osama bin Laden* (published in 2005), Dr. Olsson describes his personal and professional interest in the destructive cult leaders that he calls "malignant Pied Pipers." Olsson won the Judith Baskin Offer Prize for his paper, "Adolescent Involvement in Cults and the Supernatural," published in *The Annals of Psychoanalysis*, 1980. Dr. Olsson is a Fellow of the American Academy of Psychoanalysis and a Distinguished Life Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association.

Topics for presentation:

- What Psychiatrists and Psychotherapists Need to Know About Destructive Cults
- Psychodynamic Understanding of Suicide Bombers
- Psychodynamic Understanding of Terrorism