INTRODUCTORY CONSIDERATIONS

Athanasios Koukopoulos: The Man, the Psychiatrist, the Original Thinker

What I proposed in Athens moved with apparent emotion [seemed to have not escaped Jules Angst's concern] was spontaneous, except for what is printed in the program book, which has somehow vanished from my office, unlike him with his larger than life figure whose memory will live for as long as he lives in the minds and hearts of all those who were privileged to be his family, colleagues, patients, friends, and... countless others, plus those whose email addresses I cannot locate right now sitting in the sunshine of La Jolla—far away from my loved ones—and wondering what ethnic, genetic and environmental factors—perhaps even several Greek gods combined—to produce the original mind and heart of our Athenian friend who, nonetheless, lived in Rome—and now resting not in the 'atheist' cemetery [it took me 5 minutes to spell this word]—but in our hearts for as long as they will beat—perhaps eventually in another realm, 'from whose bourn'—according to Hamlet—no one has ever returned—that's the promise of the Eternal City—where Athanasios is lying.

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