

CIVILIZATION SEQUENCE 110

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FINAL INTERPRETATION EXERCISE



Answer ONE question only:

I. *"Beyond the Power of Words"*

(Lao-Tzu)

1. Analyze the relationship between Existence and Language according to Lao-Tzu, emphasizing the underlying concept of knowledge.
2. Compare this concept of language and knowledge with 2 (or 3) of our assignments.
3. On whose side are you? Why?

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OR

II. *"The only reality we can talk about is the reality of which we are aware"*

(C.G. Jung)

1. Analyze, in the light of Jung's quotation, 3 of our assignments stating clearly whether they conform to or contradict the above-statement.
2. You may want to refer to your papers/presentations and their relevance to the culture:habits/customs/traditions.
3. Conclude and state clearly your own position vis-à-vis the concept of reality/knowledge.

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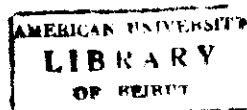
OR

III. *"Creation myths are the deepest and most important of all myths"*

(Marie-Louise Von Franz)

1. Why or why NOT?  
Justify your answer on the basis of 3 (or more) myths that we read this semester.
2. Which myth (from our assignments) do you consider the "deepest and most important"? Justify.

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OR

IV. *Male/Female*

1. Analyze the role and function of male and female "creators" in 2 of our assignments (Geb. & Nut; or Gaia & Uranos; or Ranji & Papa). Specify clearly their relationship: love, hate, union, separation, rebellion, and conspiracy. How does this relationship affect creation?
2. Comment on the above from the point of view of the Chinese myth of Phan Ku and the Yin-Yang "great principles", with particular observation of the superiority/inferiority/equality relationship.
3. Evaluate and state your opinion as to the more convincing "vision".

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OR

V. *Time*

1. Analyze the concept of time in 3 of our assignments. What is the awareness of time involved: origin, relationship to creator and creation, beginning and end, etc.
2. Specify clearly the significance of time in each myth you selected.
3. Conclude and state your opinion.

GOOD LUCK FOR ALL YOUR FINALS

