THE WORLD OF RELIGION AND MAGIC

DIFFERENT BELIEFS

• RELIGION

 A SET OF ATTITUDES, BELIEFS, AND PRACTICES PERTAINING TO SUPERNATURAL FORCES, WHETHER THAT POWER BE FORCES, GODS, SPIRITS, GHOSTS, OR DEMONS

• THE SUPERNATURAL

- POWERS BELIEVED NEITHER TO BE HUMAN, NOR SUBJECT TO THE LAWS OF NATURE
 - SUCH BELIEFS CAN VARY GREATLY FROM SOCIETY TO SOCIETY

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- HOMO SAPIENS' BURIAL SITES SHOWED EVIDIENCE OF A BELIEF IN THE AFTERLIFE
- THE UNIVERSALITY OF RELIGION MIGHT BE EXPLAINED BY FOCUSING ON FOUR HUMAN NEEDS:
 - THE NEED TO UNDERSTAND
 - A REVERSION TO CHILDHOOD FEELINGS
 - HUMAN ANXIETY AND UNCERTAINTY
 - THE NEED FOR COMMUNITY

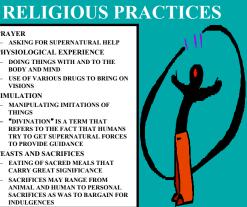
VARIATIONS

- TYPES OF SUPERNATURAL FORCES
 - "MANA" AN IMPERSONAL FORCE - "TABOOS" THINGS UNTOUCHABLE

 - "ANIMISM" A BELIEF IN SOULS
 - "ANIMATISM" A BELIEF IN IMPERSONAL SUPERNATURAL FORCES WHICH PRECEDED THE CREATION OF SPIRITS
- SUPERNATURAL BEINGS
 - GODS
 - BEINGS OF NONHUMAN ORIGINS
 - SPIRITS
 - BENEATH GODS AND CLOSER TO PEOPLE AND OFTEN REMAIN UNNAMED
 - GHOSTS AND ANCESTOR SPIRITS
 - SUPERNATURAL BEINGS WHO WERE ONCE HUMAN

CHARACTER OF SUPERNATURAL BEINGS

- THE SUPERNATURAL WORLD OFTEN PARALLELS THE NATURAL
- GOD AND "FATHER" AND HIS "CHILDREN"
- THE SUPERNATURAL HIERARCHY
- MONOTHEISTIC NOTIONS BELIEF IN A "ONE GOD" SYSTEM POLYTHISTIC NOTIONS BELIEF IN A "MANY" GODS SYSTEM
- INTERVENTION OF GODS
 - HUMANS OFTEN TURN TO GOD OR GODS WHEN ATTEMPTING TO EXPLAIN THE UNEXPLAINABLE
 - A PERSON MAY SEARCH HIS OR HER MEMORIES TO FIGURE OUT WHEN HE OR SHE VIOLATED SOME TABOO TO BRING SUCH BAD LUCK UPON A FAMILY
 - HUMANS OFTEN REQUEST DIVINE INTERVENTION WEATHER, SICKNESS, SAFETY IN TRAVEL, AND SO ON ARE OFTEN CONCERNS TURNED OVER TO A GOD OR GODS
- LIFE AFTER DEATH
 - MANY CHRISTIANS DIVIDE THE DEAD INTO TWO DISTINCT GROUPS:
 - THE "SAVED" AND THE "UNSAVED"
 LIFE AFTER DEATH STUDIES IN THE WEST DEMONSTRATE SIMILARITIES IN
 REPORTS



PRAYER

PHYSIOLOGICAL EXPERIENCE

BODY AND MIND

FEASTS AND SACRIFICES

SIMULATION



TECHNIQUES USED BY HEALERS

• THE NAMING PROCESS

IF A DISEASE OR SITUATION HAS A NAME, THEN IT IS CURABLE AND THE PATIENT REALIZES THE DOCTOR UNDERSTANDS THE CASE

THE PERSONALITY OF THE DOCTOR

THOSE WHO SEEM TO SHOW EMPATHY, NONPOSSESSIVE WARMTH, AND REAL INTEREST GET RESULTS

- THE PATIENT'S EXPECTATIONS
- THE PATIENT LIKES TO SEE THOSE THINGS THAT INDICATE SUCCESS BE IT A LONG TRIP TO THE DOCTOR'S OFFICE, OR CREDENTIALS HANGING ON THE WALL AND HIGH-TECH EOUIPMENT
- CURING TECHNIOUES
- VARIOUS TECHNIQUES CAN BE USED OR CALLED UPON TO HELP CURE THE PATIENT
 - FROM THE LAYING ON OF HANDS TO HAVING AN M.R.I.

RELIGIOUS CHANGES AS REVITALIZATION

• REVITALIZATION MOVEMENTS

- EFFORTS TO SAVE A CULTURE BY INFUSING IT WITH A NEW PURPOSE AND NEW LIFE
 - · RETURN TO TRADITIONAL WAYS OF WORSHIP
- THE SENECA AND VISIONS
 - RULES TO REFORM BEHAVIOR
 - TEMPERANCE
 - PEACE AND SOCIAL UNITY - PRESERVATION OF TRIBAL LANDS
 - PROACCULTURATION
 - DOMESTIC MORALITY
- THE LAKOTA SIOUX AND THE GHOST DANCE
- REVITALIZED THE CONNECTION BETWEEN OLD WAYS AND THE ANCESTORS WITH THE LIVING MEMBERS OF THE TRIBE

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