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due Apr 19

Week 5 Discussion Post Assignment: Gender, Ritual and Religion (3 posts total)

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Select a specific ritual, religious belief or practice (baptisms, rites of passage, spirit possession, Halloween, passages from religious texts, tantra, rites of inversion, shamanism, divination, magical rituals, love magic, confirmation, bah mitzvah, sports talk, gossip, "girl talk" etc.) and discuss how it influences or is influenced by gender in the culture. Does the ritual, religious belief or practice give more or less power to specific genders within the culture? How?

Complete your initial post by Wednesday, at 11:59pm. Respond to two other posts by Sunday at 11:59pm.

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Wednesday

Baptism is the act of obedience in the Christian religion. Catholic people baptize babies but Christian people believe that a baby or a child belongs to God. It is not judged by its behavior since they are innocent and are forgiven so, therefore, don't need to be baptized. Baptism is a commitment and it is a decision you make when you are mature enough. Once you regret from all the bad things you have done you offer God your soul so he can rule your life. This gives you the opportunity to be reborn. Baptism in the Christian religion does not discriminate against any gender or culture. The power is given to all cultures and genders because what matters is the soul of a human being. Men and women are equal since in the Christian religion they believe in the same faith and God. I don't feel like gender roles are played upon Baptism since both genders have a choice within the religion.

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Greetings

I have to say that this weeks topic on gender, ritual, and religion is fascinating. It reminds me of a few things touched upon in the course, "Religion, Magic, and Witchcraft," also lead by Professor Dr. Arion Melodonis, which I had the privilege of attending. I would have to say that a certain practice that comes to mind in the rite of inversion known as "Halloween." This rite of inversion is a time when gender roles can be easily overthrown and rewritten. Men dress as big busted cheerleaders, women dress as tattooed prison inmates, "gothic youth" cross-dress openly; allowing young men to wear dresses and makeup much like the lead-singer of *Cradle of Filth*. It is during this rite of inversion that

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music must be played while the whole ritual is carried out, incense or candles are burned, makeup is done by the individual himself as a display of mastery etc. The individuals participating in these rituals are not "gay" (most of them), they just seem to possess a two spirit. A gift for things normally associated with femininity (makeup, dress etc.) yet able to continue with things socially demanded of them once "Halloween" is over.

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My ritual is discussing the beginning of Adam. Adam was alone at first questioning his loneliness, therefore to have someone to comfort him and guide him God made Eve. He made her from one of his rib by his heart making the women women vulnerable and caring as she is made by the heart. To me when I understood this story everything made more sense to me and how males and females are influence by Adam and Eve. Eve was the sinner at first who ate the apple and was naive in believing in the evil snack . As females we tend to believe what is told by others and take actions rather than trusting and obeying what's said first from that significant other. Adam was weak in the mind and followed what Eve told her and took a bit. Males are always getting weakened by a women by her voice touch and look. This short story of Adamant Eve I believe gives the women more power and the same time karma bites them in the butt. We get what we want with seduction but end up with something we did not want from the beginning . I believe as a women you start wrong you end wrong. Even started wrong and ended wrong. All the problem in the world if you think about it start with women . Every woman is born with like a sixth sense and takes it to her advantage but creates problems in the long run.

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Yesterday



The practice of sports talk heads towards the part of keeping up to date with current events. Specifically with just sports, there are a lot to choose from and are at different times. I myself don't watch any, however I have for a little bit in the past. I find highlights nice to watch and convenient. I can say that sports talk is a way of keeping up with news and more over that there is not a lot of interest going with the news. unless something bigger than sports comes up.

Sports talk I would say is mainly with males. normally sports channel is aimed towards a male audience. Knowing that obviously has a big influence on males. Commercials have their motives. Anything with females would probably get the nearest feminist ranting on how women are not illustrated for their sport rather for their physique. In the end, you can say that it is mainly the sport along with their skills that got them there.

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Halloween in my opinion is a very gender neutral celebration. It allows both genders to be active and present throughout the entire day without anyone having more or less power. Everyone just gathers outside and go neighborhood to neighborhood seeking the same thing-treats. For the costumes related to this holiday, those definitely have specific gender stereotypes. The boys usually get a spooky or overly masculine costume with fake muscles and weapons while the girls get a dainty dress or skirt. Often times the women's costumes are overly sexualized and make it difficult to find a store bought costume that isn't completely twisting the image of whatever it's supposed to represent.

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Within the Gay community Gender is perceived in a completely different ways then it is by heterosexual individuals most gays especially those that are considered to be the bottom in the relationship will refer to another Gay friend as Girlfriend this does not mean that the individual is a Girl but rather an effeminate Individual. In a way, it does grant that individual power due to the fact that we as a community have defined the terms of our Gender and what we see our self's as whether it is transgendered Bi, or even just Gay. We are who we are and we have come to except that difference and embraced it by creating the way we see our self's and the way we see others like us that in itself is empowering. Even the biggest and Muscular Gay individual is sometimes seen referring to another gay individual as Girlfriend. That's power.

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