

World Religions Theories of Origins

There are many theories about the origins of religion, some of which you read about in you reading last night. Using the list of theories below, examine the six items on the walls around the classroom to find an image that could represent that theory. Fill in the blanks below:

| <u>Theory</u> | <u>Image</u> | <u>Rationale</u> | <u>Theorist</u> |
|------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Animistic | _____ | _____ _____ _____ | _____ |
| Emotional connection Mana | _____ | _____ _____ _____ | _____ |
| Nature-worship | _____ | _____ _____ _____ | _____ |
| Original Monotheism | _____ | _____ _____ _____ | _____ |
| Magic | _____ | _____ _____ _____ | _____ |
| Human Needs | _____ | _____ _____ _____ | _____ |

In the film segment Masks of Eternity, Joseph Campbell discussed his ideas about “god,” “mystery,” “religion” and the differences between eastern and western religion. Design an image that represents one of the theories of the origins of religion that reflects one of Joseph Campbell’s ideas. DO NOT USE ANY WORDS ON THE POSTER!