

**Question Four:  
How can we get  
justice and  
righteousness, and  
overcome injustice  
and evil?**

## **QUESTION FOUR:**

**The desire for order, beauty  
and righteousness.**

**ORDER**



**CHAOS**

**HOW DO WE CREATE A  
SENSE OF ORDER AND  
MEANING IN THE CHAOS OF  
OUR EXPERIENCES?**

***We in the West are addicted  
to boundaries!***

**We are afraid that without  
them we face chaos -  
and chaos is the worst  
evil.**

**We love order.**

EXPERIENCE COMES TO US UNDIFFERENTIATED:



TO THINK ABOUT IT WE MUST CREATE CATEGORIES

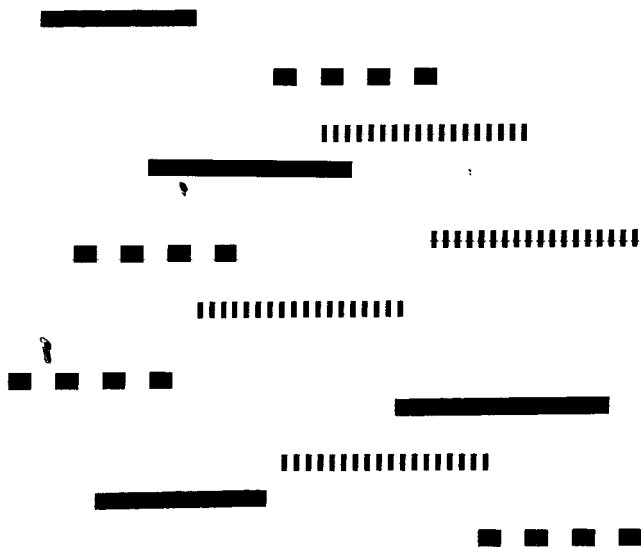


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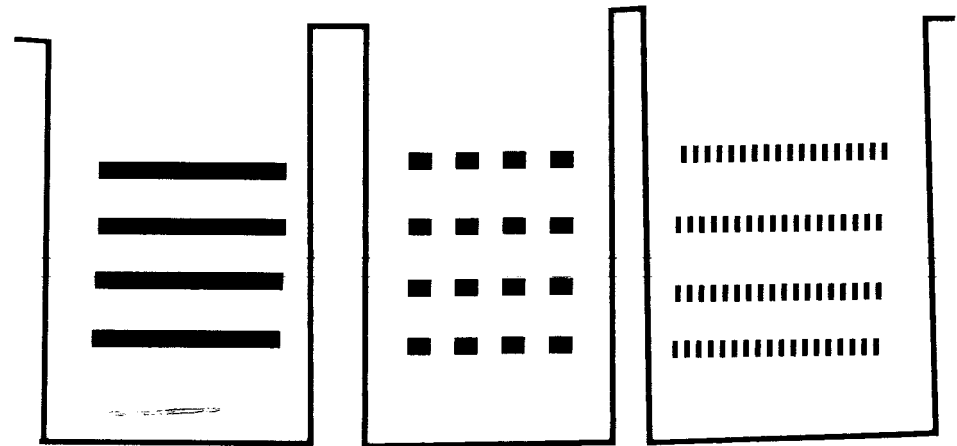
- *sacred, therefore taboo*
- *impure, therefore taboo*

# CREATING CATEGORIES CREATES ORDER

**We experience  
a bewildering  
array of things**

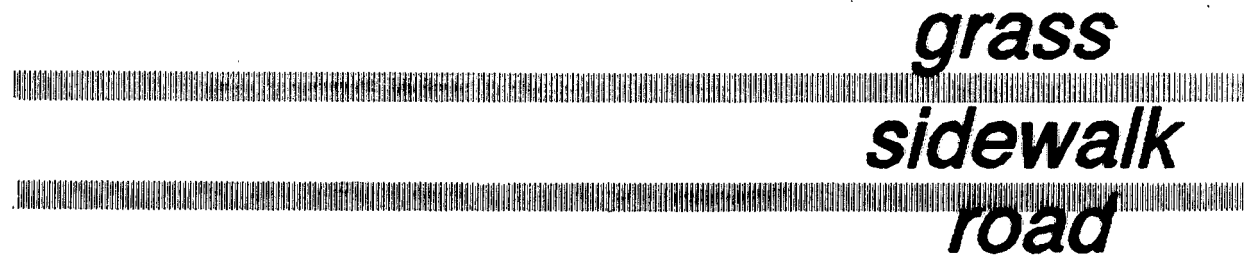


**We order these  
by creating  
categories**

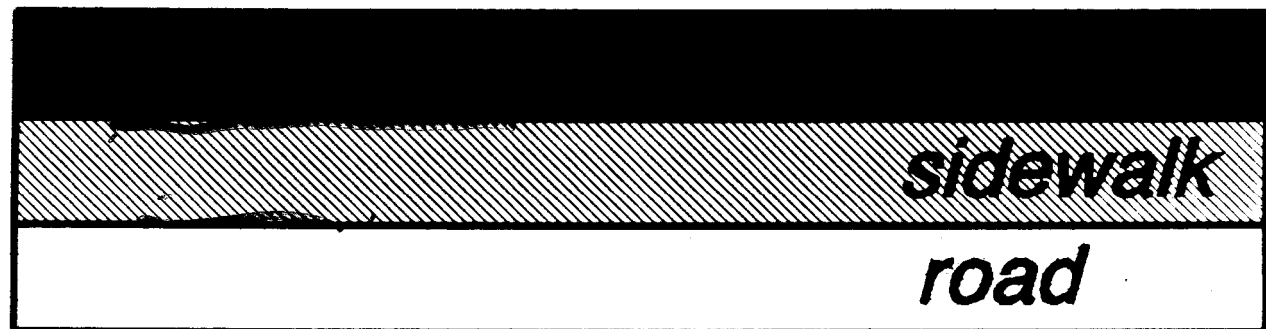


# CATEGORY BOUNDARIES: SPACE

Lack of boundaries reduces awareness of categories.



Sharp boundaries create categories, and a sense of order.





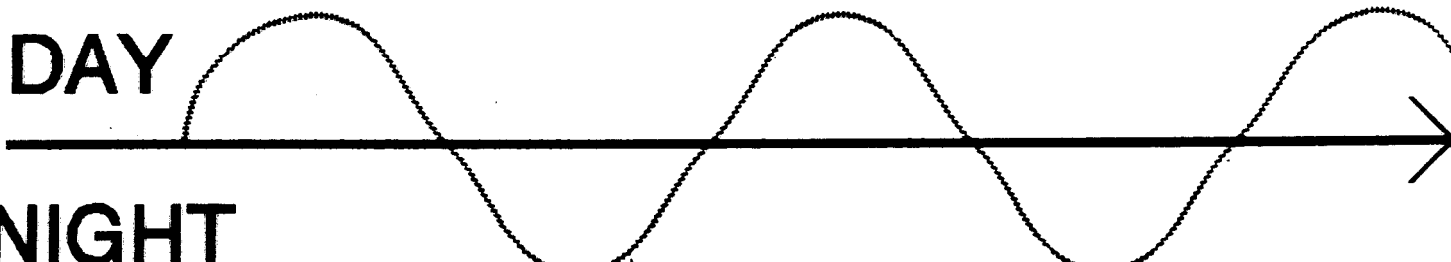
# CATEGORY BOUNDARIES: TIME

1. 

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undifferentiated: no awareness of time passage

2. DAY  
NIGHT  
nature's cycles make us aware of time

A horizontal line with an arrow pointing to the right represents the passage of time. A smooth, continuous sine wave oscillates above and below this line, representing the natural cycles of day and night. The word 'DAY' is written above the first peak, and 'NIGHT' is written below the first trough.

3. week ends  
festivals  
cultural categories (weeks, years, etc.)  
give us a sense of time and meaning

A horizontal line with an arrow pointing to the right represents the passage of time. A step function is drawn above this line, consisting of several rectangular pulses of varying heights. The word 'week ends' is written above the first two pulses, and 'festivals' is written above the tallest pulse.

# CATEGORY BOUNDARIES: PERSON

**HUMAN**

**ANIMAL**

retarded  
pets

**BODY**

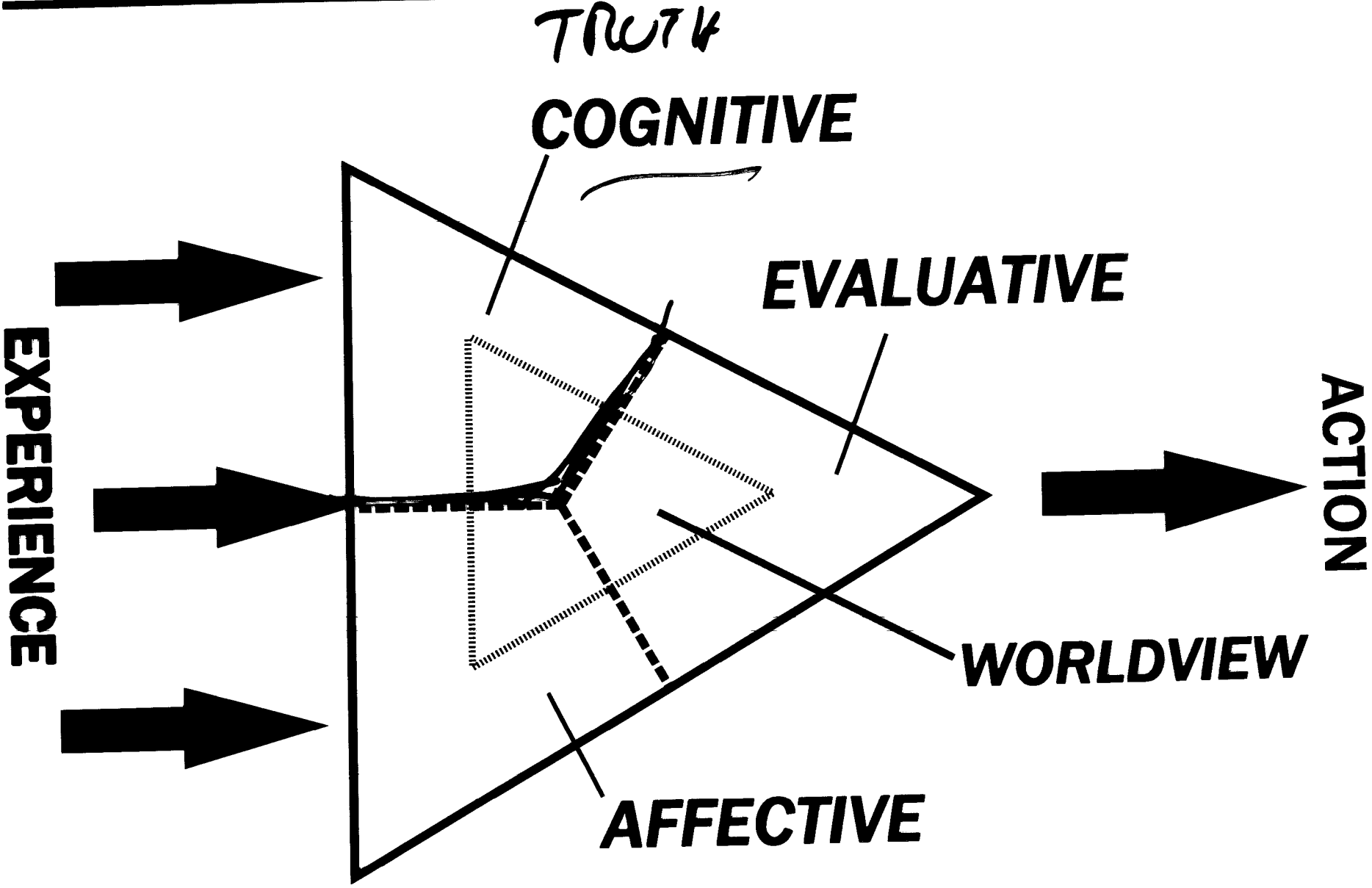
**OUTSIDE  
WORLD**

nails, hair clippings  
body excreta  
foetus, corpse  
underwear

# **RELIGION CREATES AND RENEWS OUR DEEPEST SENSE OF ORDER:**

- cognitive order - truth
- affective order - beauty
- moral order - holiness

# DIMENSIONS OF CULTURE



# SIN

**MECHANISTIC  
METAPHOR**

**ORGANIC  
METAPHOR**

breaking the  
moral law

defilement  
with impure

breaking  
relationships

**Guilt**

**Repugnance**

**Shame**

**Justification**

**Purification**

**Reconciliation**

# A CLASSIFICATION OF SINS IN JAPAN DURING THE ENGI PERIOD

## HEAVENLY SINS: (against the cosmic order)

1. *ahanchi*: to break down the divisions between rice fields.
2. *mizoume*: to break the water path of the rice fields.
3. *hihanachi*: to break the wooden water-pipes in the rice fields.
4. *shikimaki*: to sow seed over plots where someone else's seed has already been sown.
5. *kushisaki*: to usurp the rice fields of others.
6. *tikihagi*: to flay a sacred horse alive
7. *sakahagi*: to flay a horse upside down
8. *kusohe*: to urinate or defecate at a sacred place.

## EARTHLY SINS: (against the community)

1. *ikihadatachi*: to murder or injure a person.
2. *shihadatachi*: to desecrate the body of the dead.
3. *shirabito*: to be an albino.
4. *kokumi*: to be a crookback.
5. *onogahaha okaseru tsumi*: sexual intercourse with one's mother.
6. *onoga ko okaseru tsumi*: sexual intercourse with one's daughter.
7. *onoga ko okaseru tsumi*: sexual intercourse with a woman and her daughter.
8. *ko to haha okaseru tsumi*: sexual intercourse with a woman and her mother.
9. *kemono okaseru tsumi*: sexual intercourse with an animal.

10. *hau mushi no tsumi*: to be stung by an insect.
11. *takatsu kami no wazawai*: to be struck by lightning.
12. *takatsu tori no wazawai*: to suffer a disaster caused by birds.
13. *kemono taoshi majimono suru tsumi*: to put a curse on someone by burying an animal in the same ground.

(Minoru Hayashi)



# MORAL ORDER

	MECHANISTIC	ORGANIC
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GOAL	- <i>order</i>	- <i>relationships</i>
FOCUS	- on laws	- good relations
ORDER	- moral order, purity	- right relation- ships, shalom
SIN	- breaking laws, touching impure	- breaking relationships
SALVATION	- restore moral order, purity	- restore relationships

<b>STRESS</b>	- punishing sin	- forgiveness, reconciliation
<b>APPROACH</b>	- engineering	- negotiating
<b>STANCE</b>	- violence is justified	- seeks harmony
<b>CHAOS</b>	- is evil	- is evil or potential

# IMAGES OF SALVATION

***MECHANICAL***

***ORGANIC***

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<b>SIN</b>	- breaking the law	- defilement	- breaking relationships
<b>RESPONSE</b>	- guilt	- repugnance	- shame
<b>SALVATION</b>	- punishment	- washing	- forgiveness, reconciliation
<b>IMAGE</b>	- righteous	- pure, holy	- shalom, peace

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**INDIA**

**JAPAN**

# SACRIFICES AND OFFERINGS

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**1. HOMAGE: \* King - Vassel,  
Father - Son. (Tylor)**

**- SIN = INSUBORDINATION**

**- SACRIFICE = SUBORDINATION**

**2. GIFT: \* Hospitality,  
Gift exchange. (Tylor)**

**- SIN = BROKEN RELATIONSHIPS**

**- SACRIFICE = RESTORATION OF  
FELLOWSHIP**

**3. RESTITUTION, EXPIATION:**

**\*Criminal paying a debt, Self  
abnigation, Demerit. (Tylor)**

**- SIN = VIOLATION AND DAMAGE  
TO ANOTHER.**

**- SACRIFICE = RESTITUTION,  
PAYMENT, SUFFERING.**

**4. COMMUNION: \* Dining together.**

(Robertson-Smith)

- *SIN = LOSS OF COMMUNION.*
- *SACRIFICE = RESTORATION  
OF COMMUNION.*

**5. REJUVINATION: \* Regeneration.**

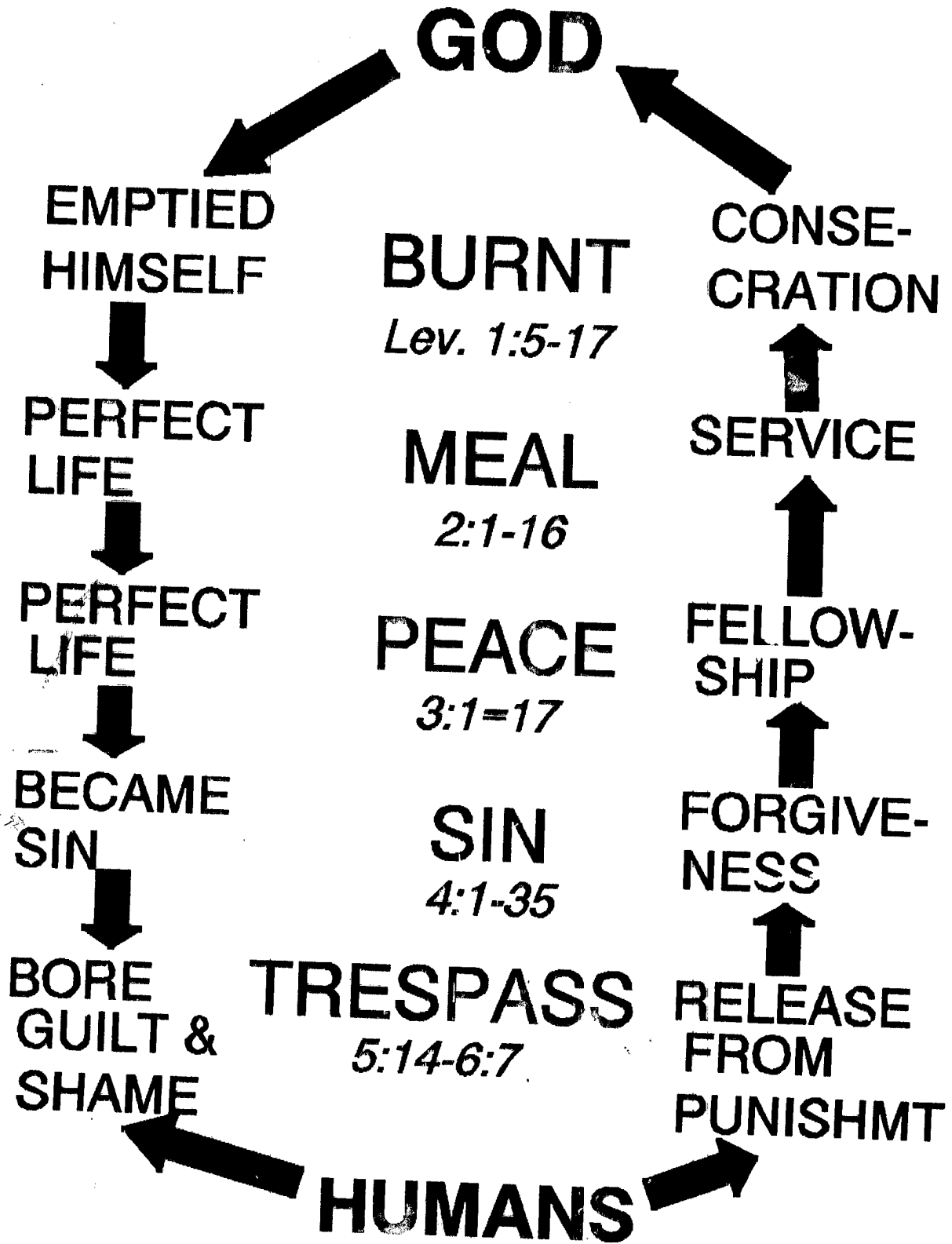
(Frazer)

- *SIN = DECAY, LOSS OF  
VITALITY AND LIFE.*
- *SACRIFICE = DEATH AND  
RESSURECTION, RECREATION*

**6. COMMUNICATION: \* Sending a**

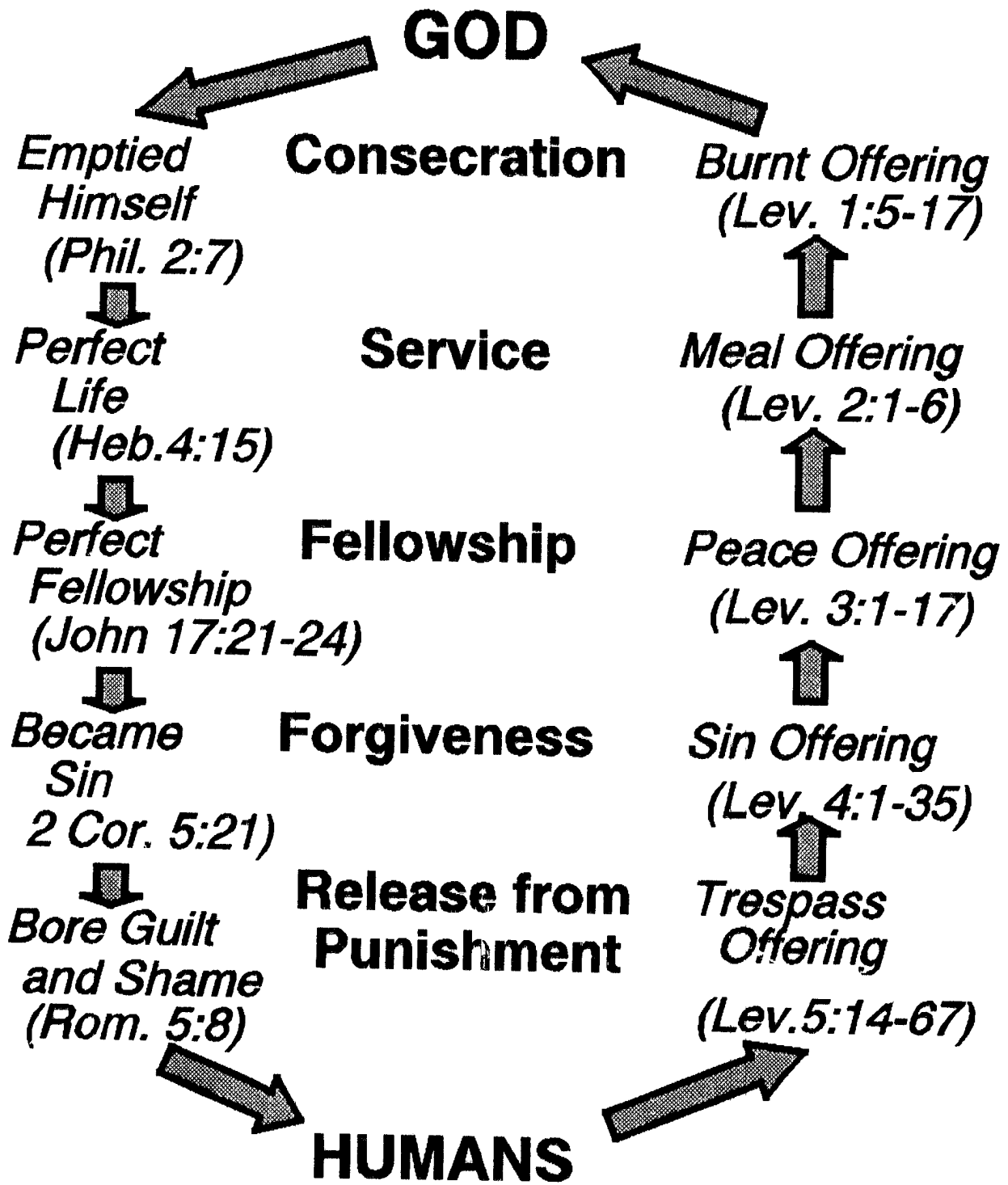
messenger. (Mauss)

- *SIN = BROKEN  
COMMUNICATION.*
- *SACRIFICE = RENEWED  
COMMUNICATION.*



# CHRIST OUR SACRIFICE

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# **TRESPASS**

# **SIN**

- break the law
- deals with specific offense
- restoration before the law (justification)

- broken relationship
- deals with sinful nature
- restoration of relationships (reconciliation)



# ***THEOLOGICAL RESPONSE***

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**1. CHRIST IS OUR  
SACRIFICE - no other  
sacrifices are necessary.  
Heb. 10:12.**

**2. CHRISTIANS SHOULD  
OFFER NO SACRIFICES  
EXCEPT THEIR OWN  
LIVES TO GOD.**

**1. Cor. 10:14-22**

## ***A Theology of Suffering***

- **suffering is part of this fallen world. We should expect it as normal. Why do we think we are exceptional and should not suffer?**
- **God sometimes heals and delivers, but these are signs of the Kingdom, not the Kingdom fully come.**
- **Suffering can be a testimony to the Gospel.**
- **Suffering can be a testing**

**to help us grow.**

- **Suffering is to share in the sufferings of Christ.**