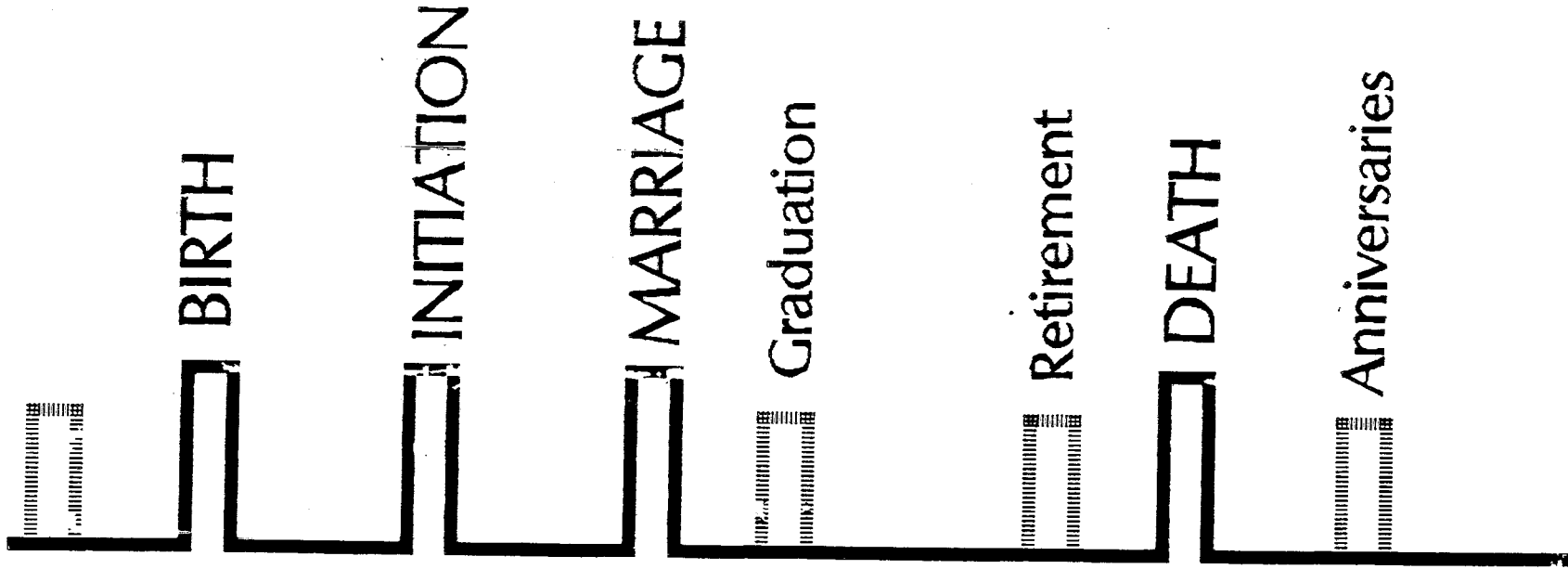


Rituals

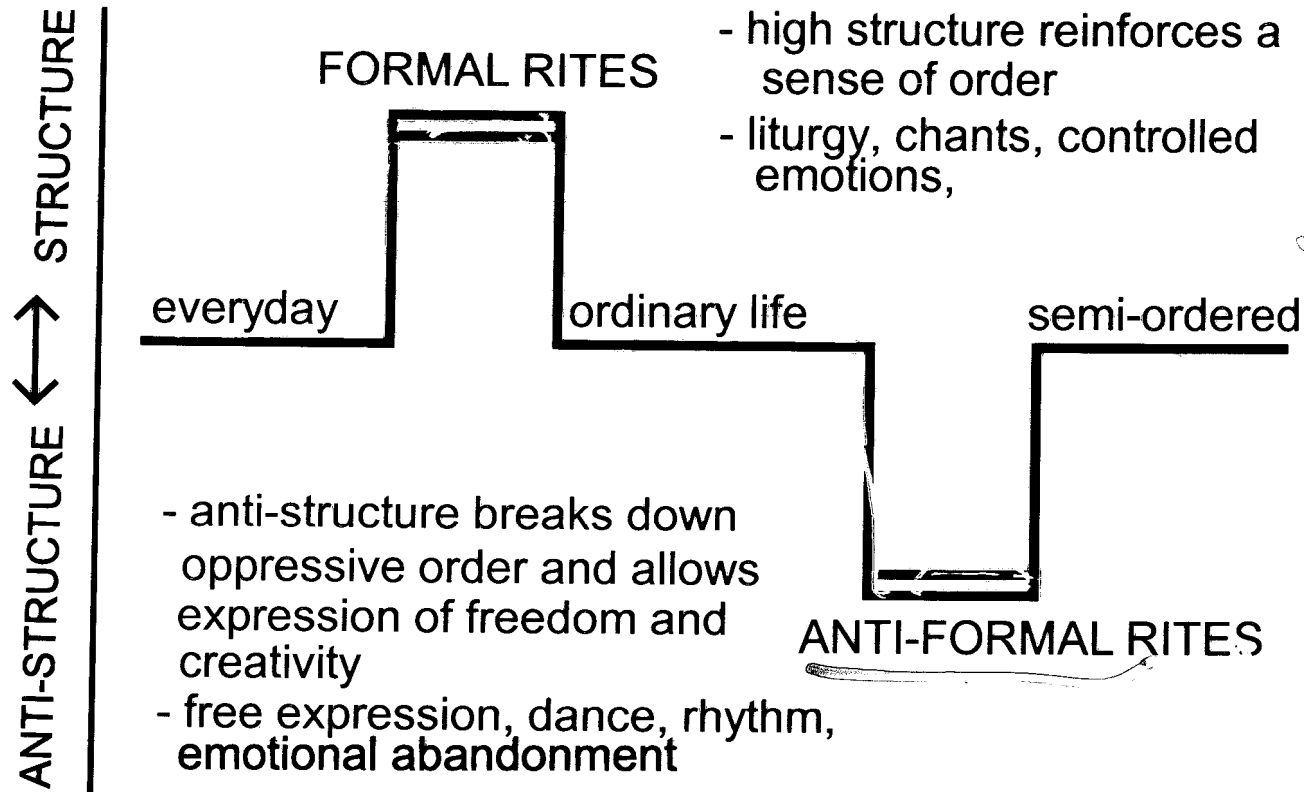
NATURE OF RITUALS

- rites of intensification - *changing*
- rites of transformation - *renewal*
- rites of re-creation - *rebirth*

LIFE CYCLE RITES



Rituals of Order and of Freedom

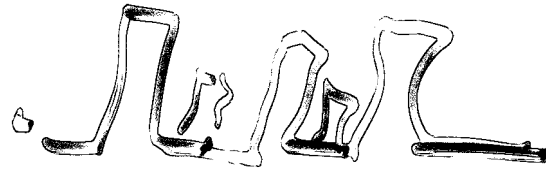


Types of Rituals

		Individual	Group
MAINTAIN ORDER	Intensification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>birth days</u> - <u>vacations</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sunday services - festivals - fiestas - special days
	Transformation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - birth rites - initiation rites - weddings - conversion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - revival meetings - retreats
RESTORE ORDER	Crisis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - illness rites - suicide rites 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - drought rites - flood rites - plague rites - earthquake rites

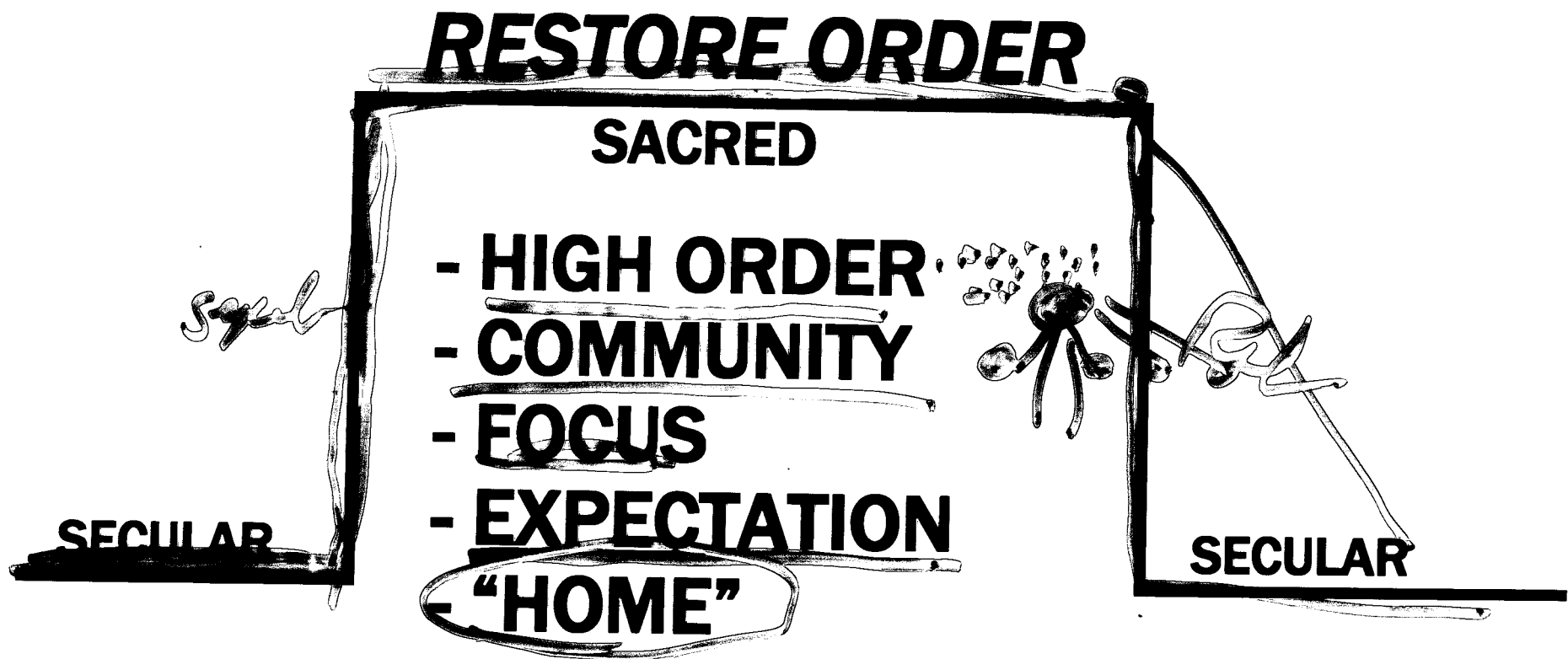
RITUALS AND COMMUNICATION

- **informal ritual:**
 - **greetings**
 - **dress**
 - **dinners and eating together**
- **life cycle rites:**
 - ✓ **birth**
 - ✓ **marriage**
 - ✓ **death**
 - **graduation**
 - **retirement**

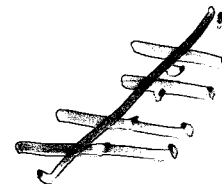


- **annual rituals:**
 - **New Year's Day**
 - **Fourth of July**
 - **harvest rites**
- **political rituals:**
- **religious rituals:**

STRUCTURE OF RITES OF INTENSIFICATION



**Restores a sense of identity, order,
and meaning in the universe.
Like 'clean our house.'**







STRUCTURE OF RITES OF TRANSFORMATION

CREATE A NEW ORDER



Introduces deep and lasting changes.
Like 'remodling our house.'

	Place	Setting	Dress	Food	Talk
 Banquet					
Sunday					
Wed. nite					
 Frid. bfst					
Sat. lunch  					

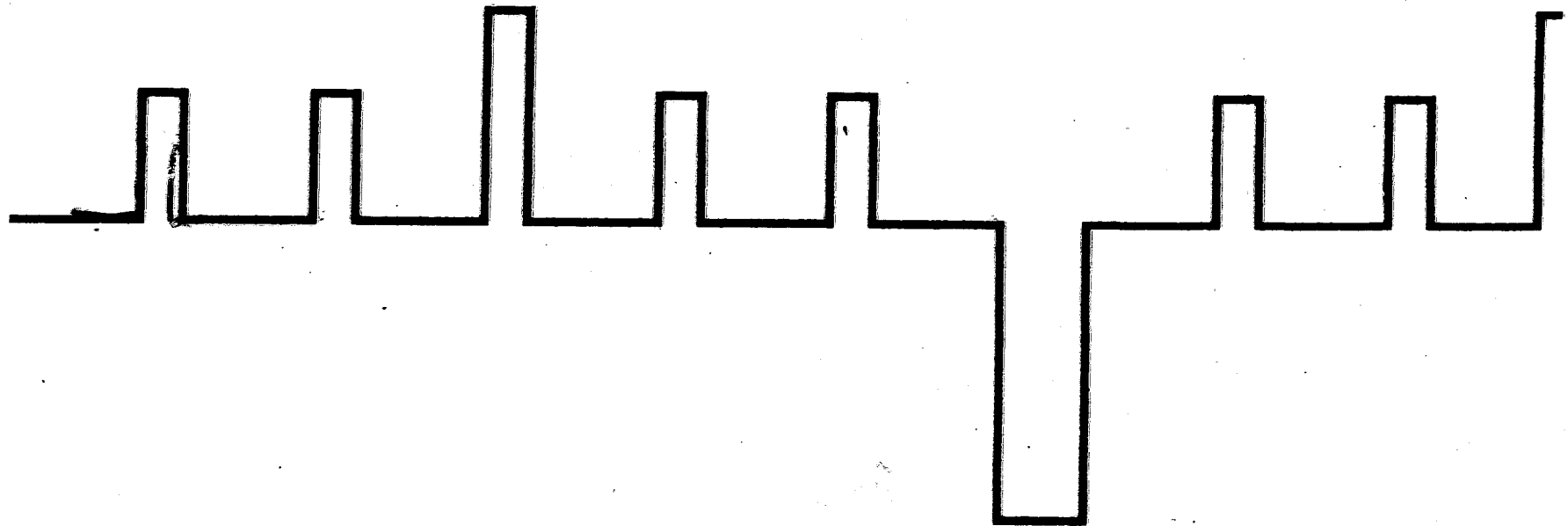
TYPES OF RENEWAL RITES

- Revival meetings
- Camp meetings
- Retreats
- Festivals
- Religious fairs
- Pilgrimages
- Conferences, conventions
- Crusades
- Watch nights .
- Ashrams



ORDERING AND TRANSFORMING

rites of ordering



rites of transformation

SACRED RITUALS:

Formal Reenactments That:

- define ultimate reality**
- define fundamental relationships**
- define and express deepest feelings**
- define and enforce deepest values**

HINDU RITES

- Cosmic deities
- Married, male dominant
- Good versus evil
- High caste priests:
 - * *purohit* - home rites
 - * *pujari* - temple rites
- Vegetarian offerings

VILLAGE FOLK RITES

- Village goddesses
- Single, female dominant
- Good and evil together
- Low and untouchable
priests, magicians,
diviners, sorcerers
- Blood sacrifices

- Caste order reinforced
- Outsiders welcome
- In temples and homes
- Focus on triumph of good over evil, and renewal of life
- Written tradition: Puranas, Epics, Vedas
- Caste breaks down, community reinforced
- Outsiders forbidden
- At navel stone and field shrines
- Focus on the restoration of order over chaos, and gaining power success and well being
- Oral tradition: dramas, songs, books on magic