

# Cognitive Themes

# **COGNITIVE DIMENSION**

- **time**
- **space**
- **person**
- **group**
- **other realities**
- **other themes found in each culture**

# Some Worldviews of Time

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## 1. UNIFORM LINEAR TIME



- has a beginning and end
- all units are of equal duration and value
- is nonrepetative, does not repeat itself
- tells a unique story
- modern scientific tim

## 2. CYCLICAL TIME



- repeats itself in cyles of life, seasons, years
- has no beginning and no end
- renewed by return to origins in a ‘rebirth’ or new beginning [e.g. New Year’s rites]
- commonly associated with agricultural societies and fertility cycle

## 3. PENDULAR TIME

- oscillates moving forward and backward
- moves slower and faster
- comes to dead stops

#### **4. CRITICAL EVENT TIME**

- is linear, has a beginning and end
- different types of time with different value and duration.
- time is measured by sequence of events  
[e.g. breakfast time, work time, sleep time]

#### **5. DREAM TIME**

- leaving time and entering eternal NOW in which dead, living and unborn all unite
- reentry into time
- commonly associated with rituals and altered states of consciousness