

# WORLDVIEW DIFFERENCES

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- *animistic zone*

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<p><b>5. GROUP ORIENTATION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>sharing</i></li> <li>- <i>sense of corporate, related self</i></li> <li>- <i>strong sense of identity</i></li> <li>- <i>group decision making</i></li> <li>- <i>group ownership</i></li> <li>- <i>stress harmony</i></li> </ul>	<p><b>INDIVIDUALISM</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>self-reliance</i></li> <li>- <i>sense of self-made self</i></li> <li>- <i>search for identity</i></li> <li>- <i>isolation, anomie</i></li> <li>- <i>personal decision making</i></li> <li>- <i>personal decision making</i></li> <li>- <i>stress goal achievement</i></li> </ul>

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<p><b>6. ORIENTED TO SOUND</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>believe in the invisible which they hear</i></li> <li>- <i>spoken sounds can be sacred</i></li> </ul>	<p><b>ORIENTED TO SIGHT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>seeing is believing</i></li> <li>- <i>everything is seen and secular</i></li> </ul>
<p><b>7. VALUE SPACE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>space ties us closely to the past</i></li> </ul>	<p><b>VALUE TIME</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>time pulls us into the future</i></li> </ul>
<p><b>8. PARTICULARISTIC</b></p>	<p><b>UNIVERSALISTIC</b></p>
<p><b>9. EXISTENTIAL</b></p>	<p><b>HISTORICAL</b></p>