

The Earth, World and Sky Axes

A Phenomenon on a Mystical and Physical Level

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The dwellings of primitive races in the Arctic, the Americas, Africa, Asia and Europe often manifest a central column, the „Axis Mundi“, representing a world-pillar or world-tree. It forms a symbolic axis for a world-pillar, generally revealed by a rope or a stump, the latter mirroring a „World-Mountain“ or „Cosmic Mountain“. The imagination conceived that the dwelling's world-axis was connected with the centre of the earth and rotation of the stars, whose hub was the Pole Star in the night sky. The dwellings of primitive races in the Arctic, North America, North Asia and Africa show us a middle column, the „Axis Mundi“, the world column or the world-tree, and this architectural feature connects sky and earth. The sky is seen as a huge tent, supported by a middle column, the world-pillar. In Central Asia the yurt has a smoke-hole on which the imaginary column with its mystical-ritual function passes through. This pillar is understood as a sky-ladder. Shamans climb it on their sky-voyages, flying through the opening above, in this case through a smoke-hole. The architectural forms of Buddhism enhance and emphasize the design of the World and Sky-Axes. The basic reference was the Stupa, whose interior was not accessible and whose outside was closed. This book likewise explores the connections of such concepts and architectural forms in the imagination of Old Egypt.

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