

## Abstract - About studying of chthonic rites

In my work, i am studying the different variants, which can be used for the study of chthonic rites. It is a rituals connected with fertility of vegetation, chthonic gods and natural cycles. The nature of these phenomena is very complex and symbolically rich.

Therefore, i am comparing different approaches that can be used in studying these rites. They are; archeological analyzis, religionistic and antropologic approaches. Given the breadth of the various modes, i selected a few specific studies in the areas concerned, on which I am showing the pros and cons of that application of the specific methods, used to research of chthonic rites.

In part of archeologic analysis, i am studying how can be used various archeological materials, and how they can serve as the basis for the analysis of the various rites associated with vegetation. In the religionistic part i am focused on work of J. Campbell and M. Eliade, and analysis of their access to myths and work with information collected by others. In anthropology part, i am in beginning focused on various approaches to study meaning of rituals in general and and then i am focusig to study work of J. G. Frazer, who is also from a certain part dedicated to rituals of vegetation, fertility and myths that are associated with this theme. My effort is to critically examine different approaches to identify their shortcomings and propose a way how to examine this rites.

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