

Definition of Ceremony and Quotes about Ceremony/Rites/Rituals

Ceremony – rites or ritual / an occasion observed with ritual / any formalities observed on a special occasion

Per Webster's Dictionary

Quotes about rites/rituals

In these quotes, one can easily substitute the word, "ceremony" for the words "rite" or "ritual" as they are generally equivalent to each other.

"A rite is a movement in and toward depth. Rites are not invented; they are found, discovered, experienced, and they rise out of some archetypal encounter with depth. Without meaningful rites we sustain the most grievous of wounds to the soul – life without depth"

- James Hollis, *Under Saturn's Shadow: The Wounding and Healing of Men*, page 16

"The psyche, at the archetypal level, knows, for it participates in the primal developmental process"

- James Hollis, *Under Saturn's Shadow: The Wounding and Healing of Men*, page 69

"Ritual offers a primary mode of psychologizing, of deliteralizing events and seeing through them as we perform them. As we go into ritual, the soul of our actions "comes out"; or to ritualize a literal action, "we put soul into it".

"Here not only can the priest and the alchemist point the way; so too can the actor, the entertainer and the ball-player. They are able to divest the concrete of its literalism by the psychological style they bring to an action. Ritual brings together action and idea into an enactment."

- James Hillman, *Re-Visioning Psychology*, page 137