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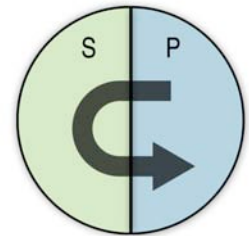
Global Pilgrimage Lecture

Assigned Readings for today:

From: Jarzombek & Prakash Pages: (Karnak): 53-59; (Buddhism): 138, 167-170, 223, 231, 253; (Islam): 283, 303-304; (Christianity): 323, (356-63 optional), 364-365.

Introduction to Pilgrimage – Questions & Goals

- What do these *people* have in common?
- What do these *places* have in common?
- What makes a “*place*” “*sacred*”?
- Do people *make* places sacred or do they *find* sacred places?
- What *motivates* people to go to these places they consider important or *holy* or *sacred* – what motivates people to go on a **pilgrimage**?



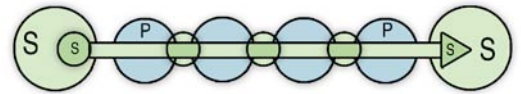
Goal : To have a broader understanding of what Pilgrimage means globally (and historically) to a variety of cultures and traditions, as well as its influence upon space & form.

Introduction to Pilgrimage – Key Concepts

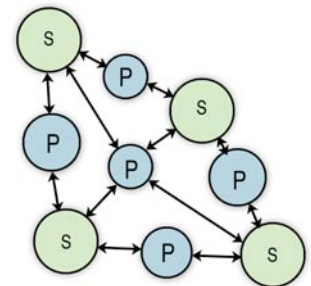
Faith – some sort of belief (desire) in something precedes the journey.

Movement – can take form of either people moving or the “sacred” (processional, circumambulation)

Differentiation of Space (Delineation between what is PROFANE and SACRED and how articulated is important for us).



- Preliminal** (separation)
Liminal (transition – **communitas**)
Postliminal (reincorporation)



Introduction to Pilgrimage – Key Sites and Terms

Karnak, Egypt (New Kingdom, ca. 1500 BCE)

Sites:

Thebes
 Karnak
 Luxor

Terminology:

Barque
 Beautiful Feast of Opet
 Beautiful Feast of the Valley

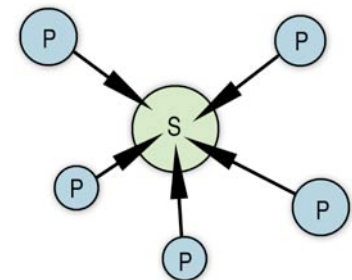
Buddhism (India & Nepal) (6th & 5th centuries BCE)

Sites:

Lumbini – Ashoka Pillar
 Sarnath - Dharmek Stupa
 Bodh Gaya – Mahabodhi Temple
 Kusinagar – Nirvana Stupa

Terminology:

Circumambulation
 Stupa



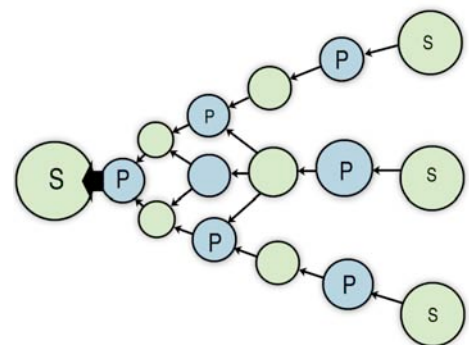
Islam (Mecca, Medina, Jerusalem) (7th century +)

Sites:

Mecca - *al-Masjid al-Haram* “The Sacred Mosque”
 Ka’ba.
 Medina - Al-Masjid al-Nabawi (The Mosque of the Prophet)
 Jerusalem: The Dome of the Rock (ca.691)

Terminology:

Hajj
 Circumambulation



Christianity (S. de Compostella & Eur. Pilgrimage Routes/Churches)

Sites:

Saint Foi (1080-1120)

Saint Denis (ca.1140-44)
 Lourdes, France (1858+)