

Overview

- What is a mandala?
- Mandalas in context
- Spiritual traditions: Form and function
- Jung: A path to individuation
- Universal Elements
- Mindful breathing & meditation
- Art Making
- Discussion



Psychotherapy

- It became increasingly plai to me that the mandala is the center.
- It is the exponent of all paths. It is the path to the center, to individuation.





Assessment: "The Great Round"

Mandala Assessment Research Instrument (MARI®)

Developed by Joan Kellogg (1978), based on Jungian concepts of individuation, wholeness, balance

























A path to individuation

The mandala serves a conservative purpose—namely, to restore a previously existing order. But it also serves the creative purpose of giving expression and form to something that does not yet exist, something new and unique....

The process is that of the ascending spiral, which grows upward while simultaneously returning again and again to the same





Some ways to think about it

Cardinal directions North, South, East, West (NE/NW, SE/SW) above/below front/back Cardinal directions are often associated with Colors black white red green blue yellow

Colors are also associated v Elements Earth, air, fire, wate

which are identified with

Earth • green • stability Air • yellow • ephemeral Fire • red • passion Water • blue • melancholic





Review

Identify 3 cultural manifestations of the mandala form

- Sand painting (Tibetan Buddhism and Navajo)
- Rose windows
- Mosque architecture
- Celtic Cross

spiritual practices.

Healing (Navajo)

Prayer (Tibetan Buddhism)

Embodied metaphysics (Islam)

Contemplation (Christianity)

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