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SUBJECT: Rituals

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Here are my notes on Rituals:

Rituals are symbolic

Definition of ritual = symbolic social technique

Functions of Rituals

- Control of the changeable; abolish or attenuate anxiety, reassurance against anguish
- Channel powerful emotions
- Symbolically control space and time
- Communication and regulation by reinforcing the social link

After we have discharged our ritual duties ----->  
return to daily life with more courage and zeal

Rites usually have an effect of group and/or local integration.

Daily rituals are means of training the individual to control his social interactions.

Symbolic importance of tattoos -----> for men, recall their communal existence.

"For members of a restless age group, it is a question of spectacularly affirming a certain social identity which distinguishes it and holds it together."

Rituals - fill the gap

Also, the first two paragraphs on p. 121 are a good summary.

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