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*Ritual, funeral rite and memorial.*

In the present text I’m going to explore rituals, funeral ritual and war memories answering two questions: “What is a ritual, a funeral rite and a war memorial?” and “What is its meaning?”.

Ritual is a symbolic activity, his function is to express our feelings and thoughts about an important event of our life, for example a dead of a relative.

But we can use the word “ritual” to characterize an happy event of our life, for example a birthday or a degree.

In the modern culture people use a ritual to to emphasize an important event in their life.

Funeral ritual is a symbolic expression of our beliefs of the death of loved one.

In my opinion the funeral’s meaning is to accept the death of someone who we loved. Another important motivation to characterize funeral as an important ritual is that thanks to it we can remember the dead person.

Furthermore, in my opinion, funeral ritual is a way to express our feelings and and thoughts about the death of a loved one.

And then, finally, a war memorial is a way to remember who died in war.

It consists in a building, monument, statue or other edifice to honor the dead soldiers in the war.

In my opinion the war memorial is a way to reflect about the war and his consequences.

Another “function” of the war memorial is to give a place to honor and commemorate all the soldiers who death in war.

An important example of a war memorial are the thousand of letters wrote to the Unknown Soldier.

In 2014 the English Government for the hundredth anniversary of the First World War invited people to write a letter to the Unknown Soldier. All the letter received were collocated under the statue of the Unknown Soldier in Paddington station.

The Unknown Warrior received over 21 thousand letters from very different people, from children to elderly men.

In conclusion, both the rite, both the funeral and the memorial are a ways to express the feelings and thought of the people who loss a loved one.

In my opinion the various rites a memorials help us to reflect on ourselves about important events as the war and accept occurrence as a death.