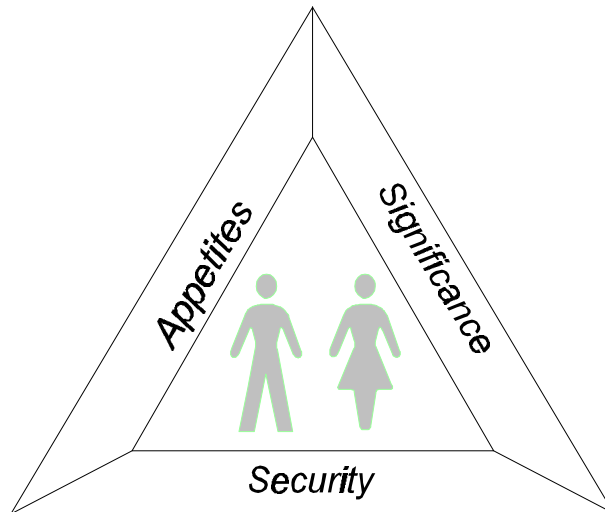


Themes Found in Folk Religions

1. Needs common to all people:



- a. **Appetites:** We are physical creatures with ongoing physical needs. Folk religions enable people to fulfill their appetites.
- b. **Security:** We all desire basic security in life. A good thing, however, is taken too far when it becomes a consuming passion for wealth, power, or other things which give us a (false) sense of security.
- c. **Significance:** Every human being is significant because (s)he is made in the image of God. We have an inbuilt desire to sense that significance, but tend to look for it in the eyes of people who are significant in our own lives.

2. Security and appetite issues: The daily needs of life in folk religious settings

