

## CREATION MYTHS

- The most profound questions give rise to Creation Myths:
  - Who are we? Where do we come from?
  - Where does the world come from?
  - What is the purpose of life/death?
  - What is our place in the cosmos?
- Myths organize the way we perceive reality, ourselves and the world
- Creation myths express our awe before reality
  - ➡ Sacred Nature
- The power of myth is not descriptive but existential:
  - ➡ Myths are “true” to the extent that they are effective



- Myths are integral part of religion  
myths are how religions proclaim their reality  
(Ritual as vehicle)

- Creation Myths: Relation of the known to the unknowable

What was before anything was?

What is the source of all being?

- Solution: Go beyond polarity of opposites  
“Creation” implies in separation of opposites



# CLASSIFICATION OF COSMOGONICAL MYTHS

