

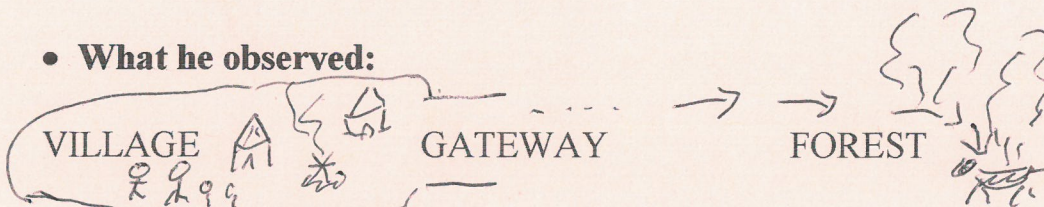
Transitions theory or liminality

CLIMBING OUT OF THE PITS: times of transition

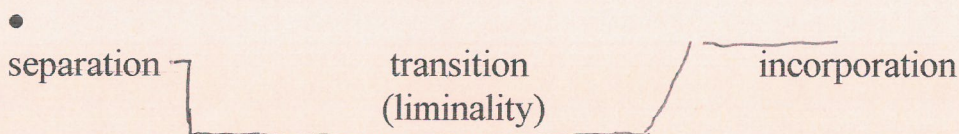
Arnold van Gennep published a book in Paris in 1906 called Rites de Passages.
He was an anthropologist.

- 1 Transitions always involve losing
and always hold the possibility of gaining
- 2 They involve experiences and work.

- **What he observed:**



- **The experiences involved:**



- **The work:**

IN TERMS OF GRIEVING THIS MEANS:

saying goodbye

making sense of our...
purpose
identity
tasks
status

receiving, welcoming

The work

involves pain and hope; it will involve losing but with a potential for gain

The pastoral task

is sharing and interpreting the losses
and opening up the possibility of hope

VAN Gennep said, 'Effective personal identity and effective membership of one's community depend on successful negotiation of transition between roles and within relationships.'

John Bowlby said, 'Grief is what happens to us when part of our real or imagined world dies.'