

# UNIVERSAL THEMES AND GENERALIZATIONS

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|----|-----------------|----|---------------|
| 1. | CHANGE          | 5. | POWER         |
| 2. | CONFLICT        | 6. | STRUCTURE     |
| 3. | ORDER vs. CHAOS | 7. | SYSTEMS       |
| 4. | PATTERNS        | 8. | RELATIONSHIPS |

1. Change
  - change generates additional change
  - change can be either positive/negative
  - change is inevitable
  - change is necessary for growth
  - change can be evolutionary or revolutionary
2. Conflict
  - conflict is composed of opposing forces
  - conflict may be natural or human-made
  - conflict may be intentional or unintentional
  - conflict may allow for synthesis and change
3. Order vs. Chaos
  - order may be natural or constructed
  - order may allow for prediction
  - order is a form of communication
  - order may have repeated patterns
  - order and chaos are reciprocals
  - order leads to chaos and chaos leads to order

4. Patterns
  - patterns have segments that are repeated
  - patterns allow for prediction
  - patterns have an internal order
  - patterns are enablers
  
5. Power
  - power is the ability to influence
  - power may be used or abused
  - power is always present in some form
  - power may take many forms (chemical, electrical, political, mechanical)
  
6. Structure
  - structures have parts that interrelate
  - parts of structures support and are supported by other parts
  - smaller structures may be combined to form larger structures
  - a structure is no stronger than its weakest component part
  
7. Systems
  - systems have parts that work to complete a task
  - systems are composed of sub-systems
  - parts of systems are interdependent upon one another and form symbiotic relationships
  - a system may be influenced by other systems
  - systems interact
  - systems follow rules
  
8. Relationships
  - everything is related in some way
  - all relationships are purposeful
  - relationships change over time