



## CULTURAL CONCEPTUALIZATIONS OF BODY FLUIDS PART 3: URINE AS A SPIRITUAL AND MAGIC SUBSTANCE

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This talk completes the trilogy of cultural linguistic investigations of conceptualizations of body fluids. The case in point of part 3 is urine. Similar to (menstrual) blood (see WOLF, 2018), in different cultures and historical periods, spiritual and magic qualities have been ascribed to this body fluid. The analysis of a variety of relevant sources not only brings to light prominent conceptualizations of such supposed qualities, but also touches upon such issues as the commonalities and differences in the conceptualizations of particular body fluids, the tension between cultural specificity and universality, the dispersion of cultural conceptualizations across time and space, and gender relations.

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