

THE SYMBOLIC MEANING OF NUMBERS IN CULTURE

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Annotation: This article covers the analysis of numbers and their symbolic meanings used in different languages. The research shows how culture and language interact with each other.

Annotatsiya: Ushbu maqolada raqamlar va ularning turli tillardagi ramziy ma'nolari tahlil qilinadi. Ushbu tadqiqot madaniyat va tilning bir-biri bilan o'zaro ta'sirini yoritadi.

Аннотация: В данной статье анализируются числа и их символические значения, используемые в разных языках. Это исследование показывает взаимодействие между культурой и языком.

Symbols stand in for something other than their true nature. The majority of the time, symbols are founded on widely accepted meanings, however unlike signs, which typically stand for something very physical (such as in the case of mathematical signs), symbols typically stand for something less obvious or tangible than the symbol itself. As an illustration, there are various symbols used today, such as the half-moon for Islam and the cross for Christianity.

Numerology is an ancient practice that has been used for centuries to explore the mystical properties of numbers and their significance in human life. According to David A. Phillips, author of "The Complete Book of Numerology," numerology is based on the idea that "the universe is a system of vibrational energies, and everything in it, including numbers, has a unique vibrational frequency and meaning."¹ Faith Javane and Dusty Bunker, authors of "Numerology and the Divine Triangle," describe numerology as a "language of numbers" that can be used to gain deeper insight into our lives and relationships.² Matthew Oliver Goodwin, author of "Numerology: The Complete Guide, Volume 1," explains that numerology is based on the Pythagorean system, which assigns specific meanings to each number based on its vibrational frequency and relationship to other numbers.³ Numerology offers a unique and fascinating way to explore the hidden meanings and energies that exist in the world around us.

A man's ability to create some order of natural rules is necessary for the natural system itself. Otherwise, a man could not endure throughout many epochs and during

¹ Philips D. A. The Complete Book of Numerology, 2005, - P 7.

² Javane F., Bunker D., Numerology and the Divine Triangle, 1979, - P 10

³ Goodwin M. O., Numerology: The Complete Guide, Volume 1, 1984, - P 4

various seasons of the year. We developed the ability to count and perform computations thanks to this capacity for organization. Our advanced use of numbers today and our early exposure to them—almost from kindergarten age—have led us to believe that men are born with the ability to calculate and apply numbers.⁴

The historical development of symbolic number concepts has neither been uniform nor generally shared in a variety of circumstances. However, contrary to what some theorists in the 19th century assumed, the relationship between number and culture cannot be explained by the straightforward unilinear social development of number notions.⁵ Numbers have been imbued with symbolic meaning in many cultures throughout history. Here are a few examples:

1. In many cultures, the number one represents unity, primacy, and the beginning of all things. It is often associated with the divine or the source of all creation. In some nations, the number 1 represents unity, independence, and new beginnings.

2. The number two is often associated with duality and balance. It can represent opposing forces that complement each other, such as light and dark, male and female, or good and evil. The number 2 is often associated with duality, balance, and partnership. In Chinese culture, it is considered lucky because it sounds like the word for "easy" or "harmony" in Chinese.

3. Three is often seen as a holy or sacred number. It is commonly associated with the Holy Trinity in Christianity, as well as with the three aspects of the divine feminine in many other spiritual traditions. The number 3 is considered a powerful and auspicious number in many cultures. It is often associated with creativity, growth, and expansion. In Christianity, the Holy Trinity is represented by the number 3.

4. Four is often associated with stability, order, and the physical world. It is often seen as representing the four elements (earth, air, fire, and water), the four seasons, or the four directions. The number 4 is associated with stability, structure, and order. In many Asian cultures, it is considered unlucky because it sounds similar to the word for "death" in Chinese and Japanese.

5. The number five is often associated with human senses and the physical body. It is also seen as representing the five elements (earth, air, fire, water, and ether) in some spiritual traditions. The number 5 is associated with change, adventure, and freedom. In many cultures, it is considered a lucky number.

6. In many cultures, the number six is seen as representing harmony, balance, and love. It is also associated with the six days of creation in the Bible. The number 6 is associated with harmony, balance, and love. In many cultures, it is considered a lucky number.

⁴ Kulsariyeva A.T and Zhumashova Zh. / *Procedia - Social and Behavioral Sciences* 191 (2015) 1660 – 1664

⁵ <https://www.britannica.com/topic/number-symbolism>. (date of access 21.04.2023)

7. Seven is often seen as a lucky or sacred number, and is associated with spiritual completeness or perfection. It is also often associated with the seven chakras in Hinduism and Buddhism. The number 7 is considered a highly spiritual and mystical number in many cultures. It is often associated with wisdom, intuition, and inner knowledge.⁶

8. The number eight is often associated with prosperity, abundance, and infinity. In Chinese culture, the number eight is considered lucky because it sounds similar to the word for "wealth." The number 8 is associated with abundance, prosperity, and success. In Chinese culture, it is considered very lucky because it sounds like the word for "wealth" or "riches" in Chinese.

9. In many cultures, the number nine is seen as representing completion or fulfillment. It is also seen as a mystical number, and is often associated with spiritual enlightenment. The number 9 is associated with completion, fulfillment, and spiritual enlightenment. In many cultures, it is considered a highly spiritual and lucky number.⁷

10. In many cultures, the number ten represents completeness and perfection. It is also often associated with the Ten Commandments in Christianity and Judaism.

11. In numerology, the number 11 is often seen as representing intuition, spiritual awakening, and enlightenment. It is also associated with the Tarot card "Justice," which represents balance and fairness.

12. The number twelve is often associated with wholeness and completion. It is commonly seen as representing the twelve months of the year, the twelve signs of the zodiac, and the twelve apostles in Christianity.

13. In many cultures, the number thirteen is seen as unlucky or ominous. It is often associated with bad luck or even death. However, some spiritual traditions, such as Wicca, see thirteen as a lucky or sacred number.

21. In numerology, the number 21 is often seen as representing personal transformation and spiritual growth. It is also associated with the Tarot card "The World," which represents completion and fulfillment.

22. The number 22 is often associated with mastery and achievement. It is also seen as representing the union of the physical and spiritual realms.

23. In numerology, the number 23 is often seen as representing creativity, inspiration, and manifestation. It is also associated with synchronicity and the idea that everything happens for a reason.

33. In many spiritual traditions, the number 33 is associated with spiritual awakening and the ascended masters. It is also seen as representing the union of mind, body, and spirit.⁸

⁶ <https://www.daytranslations.com/blog/meaning-numbers-world>. (date of access 21.04.2023)

⁷ <https://www.cosmopolitan.com/lifestyle/a39751280/numerology-9-meaning>. (date of access 21.04.2023)

⁸ <https://www.psychnewsdaily.com/33-angel-number-meaning-and-its-symbolism/> (date of access 19.04.2023)

40. In many cultures, the number 40 is associated with trial, testing, or purification. For example, in Christianity, Jesus fasted in the wilderness for 40 days and nights before beginning his ministry.

55. The number 55 is often associated with change and transformation. It is seen as representing the need to let go of the old and embrace the new.

88. In Chinese culture, the number 88 is considered very lucky because it sounds like the word for "double joy." It is associated with prosperity, success, and good fortune.

108. In Hinduism and Buddhism, the number 108 is considered sacred and is often used in prayer and meditation. It is seen as representing the universe, with the number 1 representing the self, 0 representing emptiness or completeness, and 8 representing infinity.

111. In numerology, the number 111 is often seen as a powerful manifestation number. It is also associated with new beginnings and the idea that your thoughts and intentions have the power to create your reality.

222. The number 222 is often associated with balance, harmony, and cooperation. It is seen as representing the need to work together and find common ground.

666. In Christianity, the number 666 is often associated with the Antichrist or evil. It is seen as representing imperfection or incompleteness, as it falls short of the perfection represented by the number 777.⁹

777. In Christianity, the number 777 is often associated with divine perfection or completion. It is seen as representing the Holy Trinity (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) and the perfection of God's creation. In addition to these symbolic meanings, there are also many other numbers that have special significance in different cultures and traditions.

In conclusion, numbers have played a significant role in the symbolic language of cultures throughout history. From the sacred numbers of ancient civilizations to the significance of numbers in modern-day superstitions, numbers have always been imbued with meaning and power. As we have seen, the symbolic meanings of numbers can vary widely depending on the cultural context and the specific interpretation. However, what remains constant is the enduring fascination that numbers hold for us as human beings. Whether we are seeking to understand the mysteries of the universe or simply looking for guidance in our daily lives, the symbolic meanings of numbers continue to offer us a rich and intriguing source of insight and inspiration.

⁹ <https://www.cosmopolitan.com/lifestyle/a39304449/666-angel-number-meaning-numerology>. (date of access 21.04.2023)

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