World View: Animism

**Definition:**
1. Animism: The belief that the world is full of (both personal and impersonal) forces. Success in life is the ability to manipulate those forces for one’s own good.
2. Go to diagram.

**Components Explained:**
1. The world is a neighborhood.
2. Ancestors are reincarnated in a cycle of life.
3. Misbehavior can bring powers against the individual.
   - Asis: when an epidemic encompasses all clans
   - Personal ancestors work within clans
   - Magic: formula that manipulates an impersonal force.
4. Rituals at important moments:
   - birth
   - rite of passage
   - marriage
   - commercial decisions
5. Totemism: there is a connection with each clan to a particular animal from which the clan draws power.

**Examples of How this World View Effects Behavior:**
1. When a child is born, parents and relatives name the baby after an ancestor. One takes on that personality in self-fulfilling prophecy.
2. Buying or selling of property. A ritual goat is killed, and the undigested grass (chyme) is examined to see if it is spoiled or fresh.
3. Barrenness. A woman can have no children must be cursed some way. If she looks upon your children, she can do them great harm.

**Key Concepts:**
1. Power
2. Appeasement (liquids like beer or blood, smoke)
3. Harmony of nature, humanity, and God
4. Cyclicity

**Observations:**