



## WORLD MYTHOLOGY

### Apocalypse Unit Study Questions

#### Death of Balder the Beautiful and Ragnarok – Norse (F38-45)

1. Describe the content of Balder's dreams.
2. What does Frigg do upon hearing of Balder's fate?
3. How does Balder's death come about?
4. How do the gods try to bring Balder back from the dead? Are they successful? Why or why not?
5. What happens to Loki?
6. What is Ragnarok?
7. Describe the role that each of the following will play in Ragnarok:
  - Skoll and Hati
  - the three roosters (cocks)
  - fire giants
  - Loki and Fenrir
  - the gods
  - Lif and Lifthrasir



8. What is the ultimate result of Ragnarok?

Creation, Death, and Rebirth of the Hindu Universe – Hindu (R326-330)

1. Identify and describe the following:

- Maha Yuga
  
- Krita Yuga
  
- Treta Yuga
  
- Dvapara Yuga
  
- Kali Yuga

2. What will happen at the end of 1,000 Maha Yugas?

3. What is the significance of the golden egg?

4. What role does Brahma play in creation?

5. Describe the three forms of Vishnu.

The Purifying Stream – Iranian (P176-177)

1. What role does Saoshyant play in this story? What role does Az play?

2. What request will Ahriman make of Ahura Mazda, and how will Ahura Mazda react?

3. Describe the Cinvat Bridge and the stream. How will these things be different for the good and for the sinners?



4. What will the new world be like?
5. Compare Saoshyant to Jesus.
6. Compare this vision of the apocalypse to that of the Norse and Hindu visions, particularly in reference to the end result.

The Rainbow Serpent – Fon African (P173)

1. What role does the Rainbow Serpent play in creation and in maintaining the earth?
2. What do the monkeys do? What will happen if they run out of iron?