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Odyssey book 11 started off with Odysseus traveling across seas in his black ship towards the land of the dead. After Odysseus and his crew arrived, Odysseus dug a cubic length and supply it with milk, honey, sweet wine, water and blood from a sheep to attract the dead. After attracting the dead, a ghost appears of Elpenor, Odysseus comrade, who told him about the way he died and beg Odysseus to give him a proper burial. Odysseus then saw another ghost which is his dead mother, Anticleia, whom was alive the last time he saw her. Before having a conversation with his mother, Teiresias the blameless seer ghost appears which he gave Odysseus some warning and prophecies which includes if he leaves the flock of Helios unharmed, he may return home. Teiresias ghost then disappear with Odysseus mother reappearing telling Odysseus that she died waiting for him and tells him about how his family progressing back home. Odysseus went further to talk to many spirits including Agamemnon who was killed by his wife and some companions of Agamemnon who were also slaughtered. Odysseus later saw Achilles, the goodliest Danaan, who ask about his son's fate in the trojan war and if the legacy of his father still stands and being honored. Odysseus then saw the spirit of Aias who was still angry with him because he defeated him in a contest and Aias refuses to talk. In the end, Odysseus saw son of Zeus punishing the dead.

Odyssey illustrates a polytheistic religion. The text outlined sacrifices in which they sacrifice a sheep and burn it to make an offer to the gods. This religion believes in afterlife and punishing the dead based on their previous life. The text shows that gods can be angry and evil if they are disobeyed.

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