

Use the words in the box above to fill in the blanks

descend	peace	ashes	offerings	honored
dead	according	offers	burial	soul
regardless	influence	divergent	cremation	punishments

Each culture has complex and (1)..... beliefs of the afterlife. Some believe that all humans (2)..... to the underworld (3)..... of their actions during life; others think the afterlife is divided (4)..... to a person's behavior in life and (5)..... souls are assigned transgression-appropriate (6)..... in the afterlife.

All cultures share the beliefs about the purposes of the funeral. They believe that improper (7)..... could create problems for the soul of the deceased and for surviving family members, and the spirits of the dead could (8)..... living relations, either positively or negatively. That is why family spend a lot on funerals to protect the living and give (9)..... to the dead. However, in some cultures, people practice (10)..... and burials of the (11)....., while in others, the dead body is buried without being cremated.

Together with the burial, either of the ashes or of the body, the family (12)..... food, and burns ghost money to the deceased. They believe that these (13)..... bring a more peaceful life to the (14)..... of the dead.

After that, deceased family members are (15)..... on designated days of the year.