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Human Body as the House, Temple, Castle, City, and the World

Summary

There exists an universal analogy between the human body and the building structure (the house and, particularly, the temple). The analogy is reciprocal: the building is presented as human body, on the one hand, and human body as the building, on the other. The building structure also includes castle, citadel, and city. Moreover, both human body and the building structure are homologous to the universe, the world. Thus, a series of analogies of different extent reveals itself:

human body, house, temple, castle, city, and the world. (The garment also should be included into the series, and this has already been done in the previous article by the author – Razauskas 2019c.) These analogies are presented referring to the evidence of different traditions, the Baltic among them. And it emerges by the way, as a matter of routine, that only in such a kind of a whole assembled from the evidence of different traditions that the particular fact acquires its proper meaning.

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