

Culture is  
A society's style, it's way of living and dying.  
It embraces the erotic and the culinary arts.

Dancing and burial  
Courtesy and curses  
Work and leisure  
Rituals and festivals  
Punishments and rewards

Dealing with the dead and with the ghosts who people our dreams.  
Attitudes toward women, children, old people and strangers, enemies and allies.  
Eternity and the present, here and now and the Beyond.

~Octavio Paz