Added Archetypes in Literature

**Water**: birth-death-resurrection; creation; purification and redemption; fertility and growth.

Sea/ocean: the mother of all life; spiritual mystery; death and/or rebirth; timelessness and eternity.

Rivers: death and rebirth (baptism); the flowing of time into eternity; transitional phases of the life cycle. . . .

**Sun** (fire and sky are closely related): creative energy; thinking, enlightenment, wisdom, spiritual vision.

Rising sun: birth, creation, enlightenment.

Setting sun: death.

**Colors**:

Red: blood, sacrifice, passion; disorder.

Green: growth, hope, fertility.

Blue: highly positive; secure; tranquil; spiritual purity.

Black: darkness, chaos, mystery, the unknown, death, wisdom, evil, melancholy.

White: light, purity, innocence, timelessness; [negative: death, terror, supernatural]

Yellow: enlightenment, wisdom.

**Serpent** (snake, worm): symbol of energy and pure force (libido); evil, corruption, sensuality, destruction.

**Numbers**:

3 - light, spiritual awareness, unity (the Holy Trinity); male principle.

4 - associated with the circle, life cycle, four seasons; female principle, earth, nature, elements.

7 - the most potent of all symbolic numbers signifying the union of three and four, the completion of a cycle, perfect order, perfect number; religious symbol.

**Wise old Man**: savior, redeemer, guru, representing knowledge, reflection, insight, wisdom, intuition, and morality.

**Garden**: paradise, innocence, unspoiled beauty.

**Tree**: denotes life of the cosmos; growth; proliferation; symbol of immortality; phallic symbol.

**Desert**: spiritual aridity; death; hopelessness.

**Creation**: All cultures believe the Cosmos was brought into existence by some Supernatural Being (or Beings).

**Seasons**:

Spring - rebirth; genre/comedy.

Summer - life; genre/romance.

Fall - death/dying; genre/tragedy.

Winter - without life/death; genre/irony.

**The great fish**: divine creation/life.