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The field remains divided between the view supporting the existence of
a universal belief in an all-pervading and all-embracing Mother
Goddess - of which the fertility cult is just one, albeit important, aspect
- and the view questioning the very bases of that theory. This
conference showed that there seems to be a greater disposition for
further dialogue. The fertility content in Near Eastern and Classical
religions remains indisputable.