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Q4(b)

Explain the difference between emic and etic, and how does the difference derive from the study of language?

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2015 · Anthropology GS 1 · 10 marks · Religion

5. Religion: Anthropological approaches to the study of religion (evolutionary, psychological and functional); monotheism and polytheism; sacred and profane; myths and rituals; forms of religion in tribal and peasant Societies (animism, animatism, fetishism, naturism and totemism); religion, magic and science distinguished; magico-religious functionaries (priest, shaman, medicine man, sorcerer and witch).

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Pike

Language in Relation to a Unified Theory of the Structure of Human Behavior coined emic and etic.

Phoneme

A sound difference that changes meaning in a given language; the model for emic.

Harris

Cultural materialism favoured etic measurement of behaviour and environment.

Goodenough

Culture as the knowledge needed to behave as a native; an emic programme.

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