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How do you relate the concepts of 'Sacred' and 'Profane' in Durkheim's theory of religion with a focus on the role of totem?

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Durkheim

The Elementary Forms of Religious Life (1912) used Australian totemism as the elementary case.

Sacred

That which is set apart and forbidden, surrounded by ritual care.

Totem

Emblem of the clan; the god of the clan is the clan itself, in **Durkheim's** formula.

Lévi-Strauss

Totemism as a way of thinking in differences, not only as group worship.

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