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Q3(c)

Critically examine different Anthropological approaches to Religion.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2016 · Anthropology GS 1 · 15 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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Tylor

Animism as the minimum definition of religion.

Durkheim

Religion as the sacred unifying a church.

Geertz

Religion as a system of symbols establishing moods and motivations.

Asad

Genealogies of Religion: the category itself has a Western history.

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