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Q1(a)

Animism and Deep Ecology

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2021 · 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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Tylor

Primitive Culture (1871) defined animism as belief in spiritual beings and made it the starting point of religion.

Naess

Norwegian philosopher who named Deep Ecology and distinguished it from shallow, use-centred conservation.

Hallowell

Ojibwa ethnography treated thunder, stones, and animals as other-than-human persons.

Andaman

Forest and sea beings enter ritual address, a living animist field, not a Tylolean survival.

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