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Q4(c)

Critically examine various anthropological interpretations about the Kula Ring

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2022 · 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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Mwali and soulava

Armshells and necklaces that travel opposite ways around the kula ring.

Malinowski

Showed that kula partners, magic, and canoes are one institution, not hidden barter.

Mauss

The Gift used kula to argue that presents create persons and obligations.

Weiner

Women of Value, Men of Renown recast Trobriand exchange through female production and rank.

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