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Anthropology short notes

Impact of Hinduism, Buddhism, Christianity, Islam and other religions on tribal societies.

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8.1 Impact of Hinduism, Buddhism, Christianity, Islam and other religions on tribal societies.

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Impact Of Hinduism

Definition

Broken Men = defeated tribes, displaced, lived outside villages → later service castes (Antyajias/Antyavasin).

Thinkers

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Definition

Brahmin: Yajna, teaching, meditation.

Definition

Each caste is a mutually exclusive group.

Thinkers

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Definition

Pioneer of feminist anthropology in India.

Example / case study

Javanese funeral rituals combining Hinduism and Islam. Trobriand Islanders adopting cricket, but modifying rules, dress, leadership roles, and incorporating erotic dance into the game under colonial influence. A deliberate effort to reform and revive culture in response to large-scale disruption. Arises when people experience anxiety, despair, and cultural disintegration.

Definition

Holistic approach | Specialized approach

Example / case study

Provided incentives to abandon shifting cultivation

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