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Elaborate the views of Durkheim on "The Elementary Forms of Religious Life"

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Sacred and profane

Durkheim's basic religious classification, marked by ritual interdicts.

Totemism

His elementary case: the emblem of the clan as the first god.

Collective effervescence

Heightened assembly in which the group feels a force beyond the individual.

Church

A moral community of believers; required for religion in his definition.

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