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How is Durkheim's theory of religion different from Max Weber's theory of religion?

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Church (Durkheim)

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

Theodicy (Weber)

Religious answers to suffering and fortune that shape life-conduct.

Inner-worldly asceticism

Weber: disciplined worldly work as a religious task, as in Puritanism.

Collective effervescence

Durkheim: assembly that generates the feel of a force beyond the individual.

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