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Q5(c)

Give an assessment of Durkheimian notion of 'sacred' and 'profane' in sociology of religion

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2017 · Sociology GS 1 · 10 marks · Sociological Thinkers: Karl Marx

Sociological Thinkers: Karl Marx - Historical materialism, mode of production, alienation, class struggle; Emile Durkheim - Division of labour, social fact, suicide, religion and society; Max Weber - Social action, ideal types, authority, bureaucracy, protestant ethic and the spirit of capitalism; Talcott Parsons - Social system, pattern variables; Robert K. Merton - Latent and manifest functions, conformity and deviance, reference groups; Mead - Self and identity.

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Elementary Forms

Durkheim's 1912 statement of sacred, profane, and church.

Collective effervescence

Heightened assembly in which the sacred is felt as external force.

Bellah

Civil religion as national sacred without one church.

Weber

Counter-stress on meaning, prophecy, and salvation paths.

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