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Q8(c)

In what way did Durkheim perceive religion as functional to society?

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2018 · Sociology GS 1 · 15 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 (1912)

Religion as sacred practice uniting a church; function for solidarity.

Collective effervescence

Ritual assembly that generates the sacred as social force.

Categories

Durkheim's claim that ritual helps found time, space, and classification.

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Civil religion as a later functional application to the nation.

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