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Critically compare the views of E.B. Tylor and Max Muller on Religion

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2021 · Sociology GS 1 · 10 marks · Sociology

Sociology - The Discipline: Modernity and social changes in Europe and emergence of sociology; Scope of the subject and comparison with other social sciences; Sociology and common sense.

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Animism

Tylor's minimum definition of religion as belief in spiritual beings.

Survivals

Tylor: practices that persist after their original meaning has faded.

Disease of language

Müller: metaphors of nature forgotten as metaphors and read as divine persons.

Durkheim

Rejected origin-as-error; the sacred is the group in ritual form.

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