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**What functions does religion perform in a pluralistic society?**

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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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**Durkheim on the sacred**

Rites that set the sacred apart and bind the group that performs them.

**Weber on theodicy**

Religious answers to suffering and fortune that also shape economic ethic and status.

**Parsons**

Religion as a cultural subsystem that maintains values for the social system.

**Articles 25 to 28**

Constitutional cluster on freedom of religion and the secular handling of religious instruction.

**Berger's canopy**

The idea of a single sacred cover of meaning, which pluralism thins and multiplies.

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