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Discuss the concept of animism and differentiate it from naturism

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Tylor's minimum definition

Religion as belief in spiritual beings, of which animism is the elementary form in his scheme.

Disease of language

Muller's claim that metaphorical names for natural powers hardened into the names of gods.

Durkheim's criticism

Religion is better approached through the sacred and the clan than as a primitive mistake about spirits or weather.

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