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Q7(c)

What is the nature of relationship between science and religion in modern society? Analyze with suitable examples

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2025 · Sociology GS 1 · 10 marks · Religion and Society

Religion and Society: Sociological theories of religion; Types of religious practices: animism, monism, pluralism, sects, cults; Religion in modern society: religion and science, secularization, religious revivalism, fundamentalism.

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Disenchantment

Weber's process in which calculation and bureaucracy displace magical means, without automatically abolishing religion.

Secularisation debate

The dispute over whether modernisation necessarily reduces religious authority; evidence is mixed by region.

Desecularisation

Berger's later view that the contemporary world remains strongly religious outside some European and academic enclaves.

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