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Q3(a)**Discuss the relationship between religion and science in modern society. Do they necessarily remain in conflict?**

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2026 · Sociology GS 1 · 20 marks · Religion and Society

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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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Numbers move. Confirm the latest Budget, Economic Survey or census round.

The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism

Max Weber's foundational work tracing how religious worldviews historically shaped the rise of modern economic rationality.

The Sacred Canopy

Peter Berger's sociological study examining the transformation of religion under the pressures of pluralism and modernisation.

Non-Overlapping Magisteria (NOMA)

Stephen Jay Gould's framework proposing that science and religion occupy separate, non-competing domains of human experience.

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