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Louis Dumont's perspective on Indian caste system

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2015 · Sociology GS 2 · 10 marks · Caste System

Caste System: Perspectives (G.S. Ghurye, M.N. Srinivas, Louis Dumont, Andre Beteille); Features of caste system; Untouchability - forms and perspectives.

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Homo Hierarchicus

Dumont's classic on caste as a system of ranked values, not a loose set of groups.

Encompassment

The Brahman's purity principle includes and ranks kingly power.

Homo aequalis

Dumont's label for the modern individualist value of equality.

Sripuram

Beteille's village that split caste, class, and power against a single sacred hierarchy.

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