

## **Socio-Anthropology in the Analysis of the Ancient Religious Phenomenon**

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This article is dealing with some general issues regarding ancient religious phenomena from the standpoint of both Anthropology and Sociology. We have shown a series of fundamental concepts used by sociologists in the study of issues related to religion

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and society, useful to analyze the religious phenomena, and on the other hand, there is a presentation of the main research methods suitable from the sociological and anthropological standpoint to study aspects of religious life.

Therefore, Sociology of religion can be defined as the scientific way of studying religious institutions, seen as operating systems of human interactions. Anthropology on the other hand, emphasizes people's culture, focusing also on other aspects like religious symbolism, mythology and iconography. Further, we have discussed some major theoretical standpoints regarding religion, starting with the ideas formulated by major sociologists and anthropologists like Durkheim, Wach and Radcliffe-Brown. Through rules, roles and rites, each social link is strengthened and has a major contribution to the symbolic unification of any community.

As major concepts, we have discussed social stratification, social structure, social control, socialization, social mobility, religious life at family level and gender issues.