

# Forms of Religious Belief

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- Animism: the belief that personal forces exist in inanimate, animate, or natural phenomena
- Animatism: the belief that impersonal forces exist in inanimate, animate or natural phenomena

# Magic: methods employed to control supernatural forces or entities

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- Sympathetic: the idea that similar behavior will produce similar outcomes or events.
- Contagious: the idea that possessing, touching, or contacting a thing will allow you to have control over it.

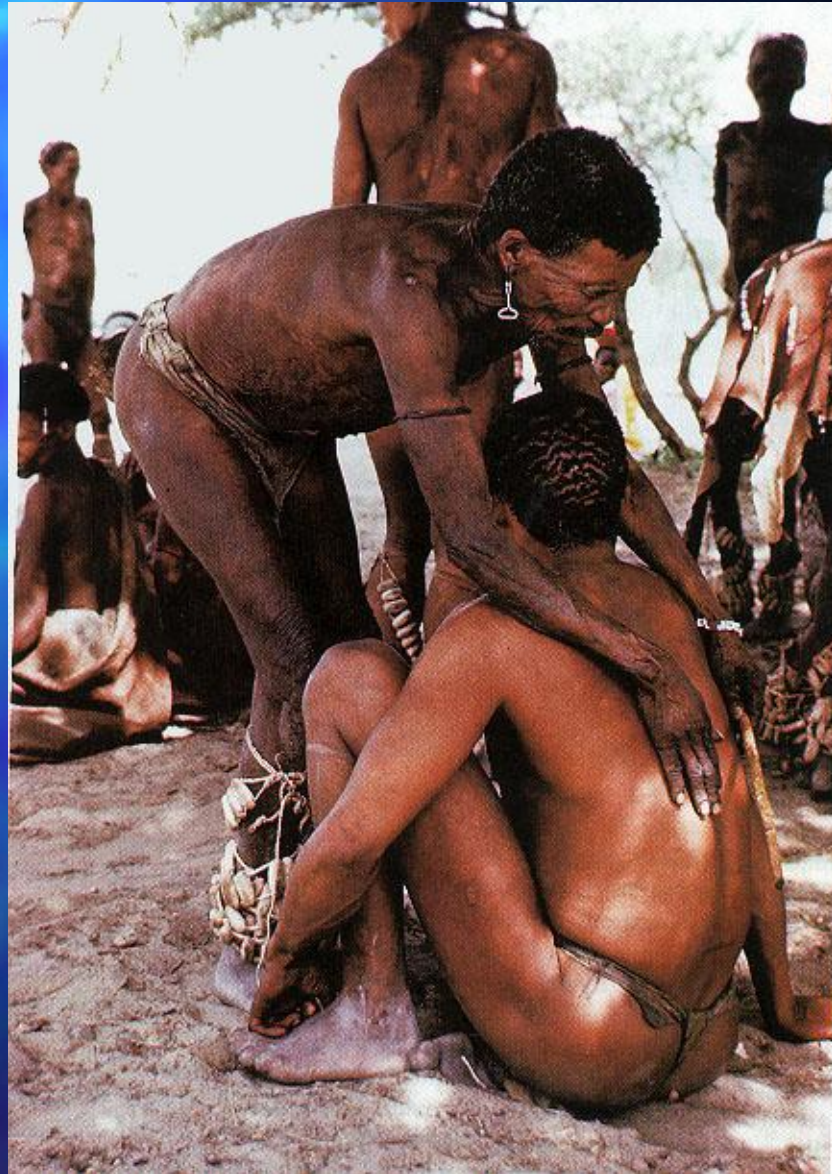
# Functions of Religion

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- Explanation of the natural and social world.
- A set of normative rules on how people should behave which enhance solidarity and social order through belief in a shared set of values.
- Psychological: gives believers a sense of security and control thus reducing anxiety about current and future events.
- Ecological: helps individuals become better adapted to the environment.

# Sympathetic Magic: !Kung Shaman

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# Altering Consciousness to Communicate with Spirits: Yanomamo *ebene* session



# Type of Religious Organizations

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Religion and Social Organization

# Forms of Religious Organization by Subsistence: an evolutionary model

	Role Specialization	Subsistence Pattern	Example
Individualistic	No role specialization	Foragers	Crow vision quest
Shamanistic	Part-time specialization	Foragers	Tungus shamanism
Communal	Groups perform rites for community	Horticulture/pastoralism	Totemic rituals
Ecclesiastical	Full-time specialization in hierarchy	Industrialism	Christianity and Buddhism

# Rites of Passage

Phase	Activities	Kikuyu example
<b>Separation</b>	Removal from group and stripping of old status	Adoption by old family, singing at night, & head shaving
<b>Transition</b>	Ambiguous, neither/nor, time of danger	Circumcision and seclusion
<b>Incorporation</b>	Reintroduction to group with changed status	Reintroduced into group with adult clothing and decorations

# Religions of the World

Religion	% World Population
Catholic	19
Muslim	18
Hindu	13
Protestant	8
Buddhist	6
Chinese Folk	4
Eastern Orthodox	3
Other Christian	3
New Religionists	3
Animists	2
Sikhs, Jews, Baha'is, Jains, Shamanic	2
Animists	2
Nonreligious	20