

Paper-XI : Sociology of Religion

1. Introduction : The scope of sociology of religion as a Social institution, its characteristics
2. Conceptual clarifications : Belief systems, magic and religion - Elements of religious experience - Typology of religions
3. Religions of India : Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, Jainism and Sikhism
 - A brief social historical perspective
 - Demographic profile - Contemporary trends
4. Contestation over religion in India
 - Fundamentalism : Meaning and characteristics
 - Communalism : Meaning and characteristics
 - Secularism : Meaning and characteristics
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