

UNIT – II

Alternative –A

SOCIOLOGICAL AND ANTHROPOLOGICAL STUDIES IN RELIGION

1) Sociological Approach

- i) Hegel: Dialectics of Transcendence and Immanence.
- ii) Marx: Basis and Superstructure – Religion and Class Structure – Asiatic Mode of Production – Structural-Functionalism.
- iii) Nietzsche: Critique of Modernity – God is Dead – Revaluation of Values
- iv) Durkheim: Division of Labour – Sacred and Profane – Collective Consciousness
- v) Weber: Rationalization – Charisma – Religion and Capitalism

2) Anthropological Approach

- i) Malinowski: Functionalism – Magic and Religion
- ii) Levi-Strauss: Structuralism – Savage Mind

Suggested Readings:

1. Brain Morris, *Anthropological Studies of Religion - An Introductory Text*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 1994.
2. Bronislaw Malinowski, *Magic, Science and Religion and Other Essays*, Doubleday & Company, Inc, New York, 1954.
3. D.N. Majumdar and T.N. Madan, *An Introduction to Social Anthropology*, Mayur Paperbacks, Noida, 2005.
4. David McLellan, *The Young Hegelians and Karl Marx*, Macmillan and Co. Ltd., London, 1970.
5. Emile Durkheim, D.F. Pocock (Tr.), *Sociology and Philosophy*, The Free Press, Illinois, 1953.
6. Emile Durkheim, Joseph Ward Swain (Tr.), *The Elementary Forms of the Religious Life*, George Allen & Unwin Ltd., London, 1976.
7. Eric J. Sharpe, *Comparative Religion - A History*, Open Court, Illinois, 1991.
8. Francis Abraham and John Henry Morgan. *Sociological Thought*, Macmillan India Ltd., Delhi, 1985.
9. Friedrich Nietzsche, Walter Kaufmann (Tr.), *Thus Spoke Zarathustra*, Penguin Books, New York, 1978.
10. J. Clayton Feaver and William Horosz (Eds.), *Religion in Philosophical and Cultural Perspective*, Affiliated East-West press Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi, 1971.
11. Kieran Allen, *Max Weber – A Critical Introduction*, Pluto Press, London, 2004.
12. Max Weber, Ephraim Fischhoff (Tr.), *The Sociology of Religion*, Methuen & Co. Ltd., London, 1965.
13. Max Weber, (Tr.) Hans H. Gerth and Don Martindale, *The Religion of India – The Sociology of Hinduism and Buddhism*, The Free Press of Glencoe, 1962.
14. Max Weber, Talcott Parsons (Tr.), *The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism*, Routledge, London, 1995.

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15. Roland Robertson. *The Sociological Interpretation of Religion*, Schocken Books, New York, 1972.
16. J.B. Bottomore, *Sociology – A Guide to Problems and Literature*, Blackie & Son (India) Ltd., Bombay, 1986.
17. Trevor Ling, *Karl Marx and Religion – In Europe and India*, The Macmillan Press Ltd., London, 1980.
18. William Hennis, Keith Tribe (Ed.), *Max Weber – Essays in Reconstruction*, Allen & Unwin, London, 1988.

UNIT – II

Alternative – B

PSYCHOLOGICAL, PHENOMENOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL STUDIES IN
RELIGION

1. Psychological Approach

- i) William James: Varieties of Religious Experience
- ii) Sigmund Freud: Psycho Analysis – *Libido* – Consciousness
- iii) Carl Jung: Collective Unconscious
- iv) Jacques Lacan: Subjectivity

2. Phenomenological Approach

- i) G. van der Leeuw: Religious Phenomenon – *Epoche*
- ii) Joachim Wach: Religious Experience

3. Historical Approach

- i) Hegel: Dialectics – Absolute Spirit
- ii) Marx: Dialectical Materialism
- iii) E.O. James: The Study of the History of Religions

Suggested Books:

1. Albert Schweitzer, (Tr.) Charles R. Joy, *The Psychiatric Study of Jesus – Exposition and Criticism*, The Beacon Press, Boston, 1948.
2. Brain Morris, *Anthropological Studies of Religion – An Introductory Text*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 1994.
3. E.O. James, *History of Religions*, Harper & Brothers Publishers, New York, 1957.
4. Eric Fromm, *The Dogma of Christ and Other Essays on Religion, Psychology and Culture*, Routledge, London, 2007.
5. Eric J. Sharpe, *Comparative Religion – A History*, Open Court, Illinois, 1991.
6. Frederic R. Crownfield, *A Historical Approach to the New Testament*, Harper & Brothers, New York, 1960.
7. J. Clayton Feaver and William Horasz (Eds.), *Religion in Philosophical and Cultural Perspective*, Affiliated East-West press Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi, 1971.
8. Joachim Wach, *The Comparative Study of Religions*, Columbia University Press. New York, 1958.
9. Louis Althusser, *On Ideology*, Verso, London, 2008.
10. Mircea Eliade and Joseph Kitagawa (Ed.), *The History of Religions*, The University of Chicago Press, Chicago, 1962.
11. Mohit Sen, M.B. Rao (Ed.), *Das Capital Centenary Volume – A Symposium*, People's Publishing House (PO Ltd., New Delhi, 1968.
12. Terry Eagleton Presents *Jesus Christ – The Gospels*, Verso, London, 2007.
13. Trevor Ling, *A History of Religion – East and West*, Macmillan and Co. Ltd., London, 1968.
14. William James, *The Varieties of Religious Experience*, Routledge, London, 2003.

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Alternative – C

TEXT, MYTH AND RITUAL STUDIES

1. Text

- i) Hermeneutical Approach
 - a) Paul Ricoeur: Text and Meaning
 - b) Gadamer: Truth and Method – Fusion of Horizons
- ii) Textual Criticism
 - a) Terry Eagleton: Function of Criticism
- iii) Postmodern Approach
 - a) Foucault: *Episteme* – Power and Knowledge
 - b) Derrida: Deconstruction

2. Myth

- i) Levi Strauss: Sign, Signifier and Signified
- ii) Roland Barthes: Mythologies

3. Ritual

- i) Structural-Functional Approach
 - a) Victor Turner: Structure and Anti-Structure
 - b) Catherine Bell: Ritual as Theory and Practice
- ii) Cultural Approach
 - a) Clifford Geertz: Religion as Culture

Suggested Books:

1. Catherine Bell, *Ritual Theory. Ritual Practice*, Oxford University Press, New York, 1992.
2. Clifford Geertz, *The Interpretation of Cultures*, Basic Books, New York, 1973.
3. David Owen, *Maturity and Modernity – Nietzsche, Weber, Foucault and the Ambivalence of Reason*, Routledge, London, 1997.
4. Gilles Deleuze, (Tr.) Sean hand, *Foucault*, The Athlone Press, London, 1988.
5. Hans-Georg Gadamer, (Tr. & Ed.) David Linge, *Philosophical Hermeneutics*, University of California Press, Berkeley, 1976.
6. Hans-Georg Gadamer, (Tr.) J. Weinsheimer and D.G.Marshall, *Truth and Method*. Crossroad, New York, 1989.
7. Levi-Strauss, *Myth and Meaning*, Routledge, London, 2009.
8. Michel Foucault, (Tr.) A.M. Sheridan Smith, *The Archaeology of Knowledge*, Tavistock Publications, London, 1974.
9. Michel Foucault, Jeremy R. Carrette (Ed.), *Religion and Culture*, Manchester University Press, Manchester, 1999
10. Mircea Eliade, Willard R. Trask (Tr.), *Rites and Symbols of Initiation – The Mysteries of Birth and Rebirth*, Harper Torchbooks, New York, 1958.

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12. Paul Ricoeur, (Ed.) Charles E. Reagan and David Stewart, *The Philosophy of Paul Ricoeur: An Anthology of his Work*, Beacon Press, Boston, 1978.
13. Roland Barthes, (Tr.) Annette Lavers, *Mythologies*, Vintage, 2000.
14. Simon Malpas, *The Postmodern*, Routledge, London, 2007.
15. Terry Eagleton Presents *Jesus Christ – The Gospels*, Verso, London, 2007.
16. Terry Eagleton, *Marxism and Literary Criticism*, Routledge, London, 2009.
17. Terry Eagleton, *The Function of Criticism*, Seagull Books, Calcutta, 1984.
18. Tim Woods, *Beginning Postmodernism*, Viva Books, New Delhi, 2010.
19. Victor Turner, *The Ritual Process – Structure and Anti-Structure*, Aldine Transaction, New Brunswick, 2008.

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Alternative – D

SUBALTERN APPROACHES AND THEORIES TO THE STUDY OF RELIGION

1. Bhakti Movement

- i) Feminist Approach: Bridal Mysticism – Body (with special reference to Andal and Mira)
- ii) Inclusivist Approach: Anti-Casteism – Religion as Ideology (with special reference to Kabir, Ravidas)

2. Libertarian Movements

- i) Paulo Freire: Pedagogy of the Oppressed
- ii) W.E.B. Du Bois: Double Consciousness
- iii) Case Studies: Martin Luther King Jr., Desmond Tutu

3. Feminist Perspectives & Dalit Movements

- i) Jotiba Phule: Hinduism as Exploitation
- ii) Pandita Ramabai and Tarabai: Against Patriarchy
- iii) Ambedkar: Hinduism as Counter-Revolution
- iv) Narayana Guru: Ezhava Siva - One Caste, One Religion and One God for Humanity
- v) E.V.Ramasamy: Self Respect Movement Critique of Caste, Religion

4. Post-Colonial Theories

- i) Antonio Gramsci: Hegemony – Subaltern
- ii) Edward Said: Orientalism
- iii) Homi Bhabha: Hybridity
- iv) Gayatri Chakravarty Spivak: Subaltern
- v) Antonio Negri: Empire

Suggested Books

1. Alexander Saxton, *Religion and the Human Prospect*, Aakar Books, Delhi, 2007.
2. Ania Loomba, *Colonialism/Postcolonialism*, Routledge, London, 2005.
3. Antonio Gramsci, Quintin Hoare and Geoffrey Nowell Smith (Eds.), *Selections from the Prison Notebooks of Antonio Gramsci*, Lawrence and Wishart, London, 1991.
4. Charu Gupta, *Sexuality, Obscenity, Community – Women, Muslims and the Hindu Public in Colonial India*, Permanent Black, Delhi, 2001.
5. David N. Lorenzen, *Who Invented Hinduism? – Essays on Religion and History*, Yoda Press, New Delhi, 2008.
6. Daya Krishna, Mukund Lath and Francine E. Krishna, *Bhakti: A Contemporary Discussion (Philosophical Explorations in the Indian Bhakti Tradition)*, Indian Philosophical Research, New Delhi, 2000.
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8. Diana Brydon (Ed.), *Postcolonialism – Critical Concepts in Literary and Cultural Studies*, Vol. III & IV, Routledge, London, 2000.
9. Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar, *Writings and Speeches*, Vol.3, 4 and 5, Education Department, Govt. of Maharashtra, Bombay, 1979.
10. Edward Said, *Orientalism*, Routledge & Kegan Paul Ltd., London, 1978.
11. G. Patrick, *Religion and Subaltern Agency*, Department of Christian Studies, University of Madras, Chennai, 2003.
12. Gail Omvedt, *Dalit Visions – The Anti-Caste Movement and the Construction of an Indian Identity*, Orient Longman Pvt. Ltd., Hyderabad, 2008.
13. Homi K. Bhabha, *Location of Culture*, Routledge, London, 1994.
14. Joe Foweraker, *Theorizing Social Movements*, Pluto Press, London, 1995.
15. John McLeod, *Beginning Postcolonialism*, Viva Books, New Delhi, 2010.
16. Joseph Barndt, *Dismantling Racism – The Continuing Challenge to White America*, Augsburg, Minneapolis, 1991.
17. K.A. Nilakanta Sastri, *Development of Religion in South India*, Orient Longmans Ltd., Calcutta, 1963.
18. Kanakalatha Mukund, *The View from Below*, Orient Longman Pvt. Ltd., Hyderabad, 2005.
19. Martin Luther King Jr., (Ed.) James M. Washington, *A Testament of Hope. The Essential Writings of Martin Luther King Jr.*, Harper and Row, San Francisco, 1986.
20. Michael Hardt and Antonio Negri, *Empire*, Harvard University Press, 2000.
21. Nicholas B. Dirks, *Castes of Mind: Colonialism and the Making of Modern India*, Princeton University Press, Princeton, 2001.
22. Paulo Freire, *Pedagogy of the Oppressed*, Herder and Herder, New York, 1972.
23. Richard J.F. Day, *Gramsci is Dead – Anarchist Currents in the New Social Movements*, Orient Longman Pvt. Ltd., Hyderabad, 2008.
24. Robert McAfee Brown, *Theology in a New Key – Responding to Liberation Themes*, The Westminster Press, Philadelphia, 1978.
25. Sathianathan Clarke, *Dalits and Christianity – Subaltern Religion and Liberation Theology in India*, Oxford University Press, Delhi, 1998.
26. Swami Muni Narayana Prasad, *The Philosophy of Narayana Guru*, D.K. Printworld, New Delhi, 2003.
27. Walter Dignolo, *Local Histories / Global Designs: Coloniality, Subaltern Knowledges and Border Thinking*, Princeton University Press, Princeton, 2000.
28. W.E.B. Du Bois, *The Souls of Black Folk*, Gramercy Books, New York, 1994