

Anthropology of Religion
Chapter 5 Lecture Notes

Religion as Expressive Culture

I. Expressive Culture

Often difficult to study because of the difference in emotions and diversity of forms within the art.

Characteristics of Expressive Culture

II. Feelings in Religion

Ritual and feelings

The Numinous: Experience of the Holy.

Mysticism

Values

Piety and Morality

III. Natural Symbols

East vs. West

Caves and the underworld

Mountains and the heavens

Stars as Gods

Psychoactive Plants