

## **Relationship between Social Anthropology and Psychology**

Both social anthropology and psychology deal with the same basic subject matter, people in relation with other people.

Psychology is mainly concerned with the nature and functioning of individual human minds. Social anthropology is more keenly interested in the study of various forms and structure of groups and organizations.

Regarding the importance of psychology in social anthropology, "In fact every field anthropologist must be, to a considerable extent a practicing psychologist, for a main part of his job is to discover the thinking of those people whom he studies, and this is never a simple task. Ideas and values are not given as data; they must be inferred, and there are many difficulties and dangers in such inferences, especially when they are made in the context of an unfamiliar culture. It may well be that there is much to be learned about the less explicit values of other cultures (as well as about those of our own), especially about the kinds of symbolism involved in ritual and ceremonial, through techniques of depth psychology. But a word of warning is necessary.

## **Relationship between Social Anthropology and Economy**

the economists study the economic behavior and institution in purely economic terms whereas the social anthropologists

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analyze this sphere of human society in relation to non-economic considerations such as social, religion and polity.