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Classical Theorists/Theories Worksheet and Study Guide

\_\_\_\_1. Rudolf Otto

\_\_\_\_2. E. B. Tylor

\_\_\_\_3. Sigmund Freud

\_\_\_\_4. Karl Marx

\_\_\_\_5. Ninian Smart

\_\_\_\_6. Mircea Eliade

\_\_\_\_7. John Martin Yinger

\_\_\_\_8. Emile Durkheim

\_\_\_\_9. Carl Jung

\_\_\_\_10. Paul Tillich

\_\_\_\_11. Gerardus van der Leeuw

\_\_\_\_12. William James

**\*Bonus**

***Of the 12 descriptions, can you identify the following methods (each is present at least once or more):***

Phenomenology

Psychology

Sociology

Theology

Anthropology

Textual

Historical

***Can you identify which definition seems more operative in each description?:***

Substantive

Functionalist

Evolutionary

A. Religion is a worldview characterized by salient features (experience, myth, doctrine, ethics, ritual, social, material)

B. Religion as a belief is supernatural beings evolving in various cultures from animism, polytheism, to monotheism

C. Religion as search to understand experience of the “holy” as distinct from ordinary “profane” experience

D. Religion as being grasped by an Ultimate Concern

E. Religion as a real and investigatable experience of being under the influence of the “sacred,” which takes different forms across cultures

F. Religion as a system of beliefs and practices that enable people to grapple with life’s struggles and realities

G. Religion as an experience of power, one’s response to power, or objects infused with power

H. Religion as the feelings and experiences of individuals when they are in relation to what they consider divine

I. Religion as irrational, unconscious psychological urge to control the forces of nature, sustained by desire for father figure, that will be gradually replaced with science

J. Religion and rituals work as a social glue that reinforces social solidarity and expresses social goals

K. religion as collective unconscious of archetypal symbols important to human understanding of Self and Other

L. Religion as tool of social control that neutralizes revolt against capitalist society by making a virtue out of poverty, etc.