

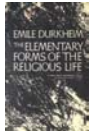
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One of Durkheim's Legacies: Functionalism in Anthropology



Bronislaw Malinowski



A.R. Radcliffe-Brown

Holism and Interdependence

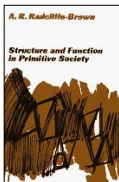
The concept of function

Synchronic Ethnographies

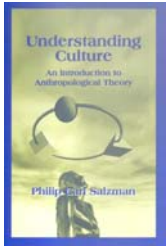
Etic or emic analyses?

Think about functionalist analyses of...

- **sorcery and witchcraft**
- **ancestor worship**
- **initiation rites**
- **exogamy**
- **incest taboo**
- **the B.A.**
- **fashion**



What are the virtues of this kind of analysis?



Salzman's Criticisms of Functionalism

- *inability to explain social and cultural change*
- *functionalist fallacy*
- *reductionism—an “anticultural analysis”*
- *reification*
