

The "Primitive" Moiety Society:

Its psychological underpinnings and outward behaviors

From our existential concerns come blame, scapegoating and compliance

(Moiety comes from the French word meaning *half*.)

1. The group divides into two groups, sometimes more
2. The society is a religion in that it deals with death
3. The groups compete. The winners feel powerful (temporarily feeling as if they've beaten death). This does not imply that the people understand their deepest motivation.
4. Members cannot tolerate the feelings of inferiority. Each projects his/her shadow onto others. Blame and ridicule generally follow. Group members often act in unison with this behavior, picking a scapegoat.
5. Members need a visible god.
6. A "manna god" is established as a clear source for the distribution of wealth. With the act of establishing a manna god, all members have played a major role in their own submission/compliance. One must please the god in order to share in the wealth.