

Tribal Ideas

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ABSTRACT Different dimensions of anthropological research are being introduced, like the interpretation of certain situations, the abstraction and generalization of such observation, and the comparison. Interpretations of situations face the problem of possible variants in the cultural logic of the actors. When dealing with the social morphology, ideological concepts are the cause as well as the consequence of certain forms of group formation. The structure of the groups is closely related to the structure of the ideas on the world. Such worldviews may be seen in an evolutionary context as well juxtaposing non-modern, traditional and modern societies. The paper tries to indicate the morphological and ideological differences between the non-modern tribal society of western Orissa and the traditional Hindu world or the modern Western setting.