Classical Sociological Theory and Religion

Recommended Reading List

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General Works:


Marx

Most of the important primary source texts can be found in:


Recommended Secondary Readings:


Max Weber

Weber, Max ([1905-6]2002) The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism edited and translated by Peter Baehr and Gordon C. Wells New York: Penguin (This masterful contemporary translation is much to be preferred to Talcott Parsons classic rendering, even though that is now freely available [Open Access].


Recommended Secondary Literature:


**Émile Durkheim**


Either of the two modern translations of *Les formes élementaires* are to be preferred to Swain’s (1915) translation, even if it is out of copyright and is now freely available [Open Access]. Swain’s translations are unhelpfully wooden, and occasionally take considerable liberties with the original. Cosman’s translation is somewhat abridged.


Recommended:


Jones, Robert Alun *The Development of Durkheim’s Social Realism* Cambridge: Cambridge University Press

Lukes, Steven (1973) *Emile Durkheim, His Life and Work* London: Lane


