

## ROLE OF RELIGION AND CULTURE IN EVOLUTION OF ALTRUISM

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### **ABSTRACT**

*Sociobiology is another approach to account for altruistic behavior and human nature. As Pepitone (1976) as insisted, 'social psychology belongs in a large bio cultural context in close working relationships with other social sciences and biology'. Although the importance for our behavior of inter subjectively created symbolic and normative meanings must be constantly remembered, so must the causal influence of both our evolutionary history and our past and present physical environment.*

*Culture includes a set of values, norms, beliefs, traditions, and rituals etc., which are handed over to another by previous generations in various forms. The internalization of culture is an important learning for all individuals.*

*Besides religiosity and other personality traits attempt has been made to call out a few more problems in relation to altruism that have been subjected to systematic research for the present thesis.*

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