

THE EMOTIONAL LIFE OF HUNTERS AND GATHERERS AS EXPRESSED THROUGH THEIR FOLKLORE

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Summary

The paper reflects some results of the continuing comparative study of traditional folklore texts of two hunter-gatherer populations. The author concentrates on the ways the creators of folklore perceived, thought through, conceptualized and represented verbal human relations, behavioral norms and traditional ethics.

The comparison gives an important opportunity for the theoretical considerations, which are particularly interesting because of the profound differences in the social relations, spiritual life, and moral attitudes of these two groups. These groups, in the traditional context, were thought to have very similar ways of life and modes of subsistence.

