Guided Reading – Pals *Chapter One: Animism and Magic: E.B. Tylor and J.G. Frazer*

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Please read chapter one, *Animism and Magic: E.B. Tylor and J.G. Frazer*, to the best of your ability. Answer the questions below while reading to the best of your ability.

1. List what you know about E.B. Tylor (life, interests, etc.)
2. List what you know about J.G. Frazer (life, interests, etc.)
3. List what you know about Max Muller (life, interests, work, etc.)
4. What does Tylor say about psychic unity? Why is this important to his theory?
5. What is the “doctrine of survivals”? Explain in your own words.
6. Explain Tylor’s theory of religion (pages 23-25)
7. What are totems? Why does Frazer find them important?
8. What is the argument of Frazer’s *Golden Bough*? Explain.
9. What is animism? Explain.
10. What is magic? Explain.
11. Explain the three critiques of Tylor and Frazer’s works (pages 42-44)
12. What do you think of each of their approaches?
13. What questions do you still have about their theories? Explain.
14. Based on your reading and understanding of totems, find an example of a totem in everyday life.