
Phenomenon of child animism in M. Mead's investigations

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This article is about first systematic investigation of phenomenon of child animism in «primitive» culture without written language and school education. The main source of information is the article of M. Mead (1932). According to M. Mead, this article was produced as “a brief and preliminary report of an investigation into the thought of primitive children with particular attention to the problem of animism”, and then she was planned to repeat her research in other primitive cultures and to write “full and detailed” report of those researches. As we know, these plans weren't realized. Our article isn't exact and full translation of M. Mead's report, but in own retelling we tried to be closer to the original text of report. In a certain sense this article is a summary of M. Mead's article with comments and additional information from different sources.

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