

Sacrifice: ways of thinking

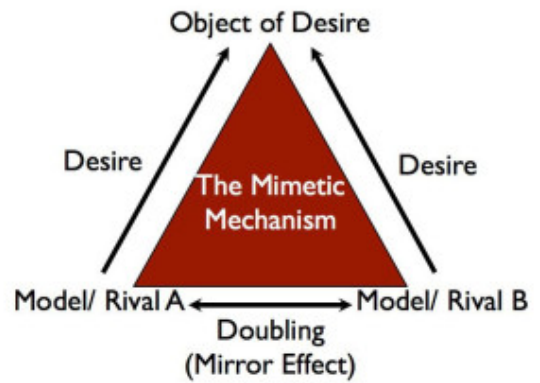
Scapegoat mechanism: Rene Girard

1) a) Mimetic learning and mimetic desire

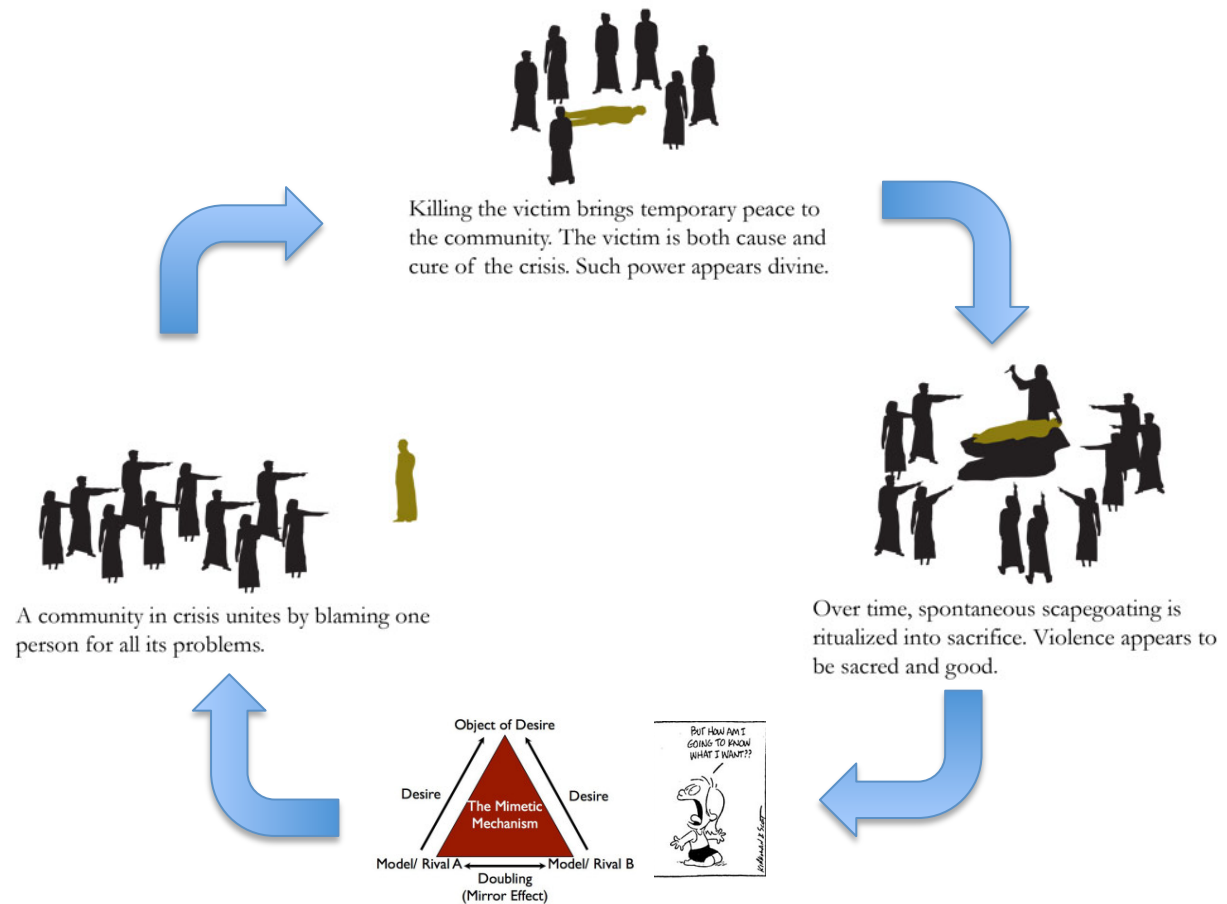


b) Mimetic competition and rivalry:

As we imitate others in our desires, particularly those close in power/ status, we start to see an increase in the perceived value of the object. This increasing desire will lead to a rivalry which, if left unchecked, will lead to crisis.



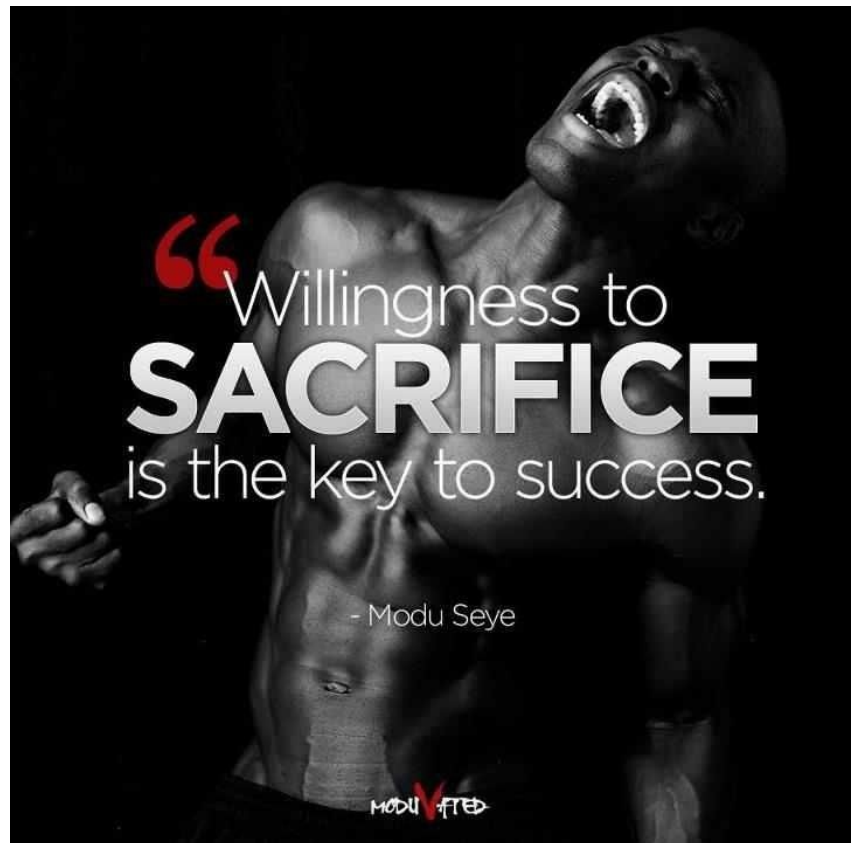
c) Scapegoating/ sacrifice and religion



How we define our gods/ beliefs

This definition of sacrifice takes seriously two ideas

- 1) What we think we believe is not always what we believe.
- 2) Our 'god' is that which we think will bring happiness.



The de-economising of the valued item

