PSYCHOANALYSIS AND RELIGION

The topic of this bachelor's thesis is the concept of religion within the framework of psychoanalysis. This thesis seeks to engage with the legacy of the founder of psychoanalysis, Sigmund Freud, who adopted a strongly reductive approach to religion. In my work, I will critically evaluate this approach and compare it with the perspective of object relations theory and the psychoanalysts influenced by it. I will also focus on the interesting similarity between the psychoanalytic technique of healing through abreaction and archaic healing rituals.