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Distinguish between sects and cults with illustrations.

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Troeltsch

Church-sect typology: church accommodates the world; sect protests it.

Wilson

Mapped sects by response to the world, including conversionist and introversionist types.

Weber charisma

Personal extraordinary authority that many cultic groups organise around.

Routinisation

Charismatic cults tend to become office, tradition, or memory after the founder.

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