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Q5(d)

What is cult ? Explain the growth of cults in the contemporary world

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Church-sect-cult

A typology of religious organisation; cult names novelty and loose extra-traditional belonging.

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New religious movement: a less loaded research term for many groups called cults in the press.

Charisma

Weber: authority tied to an extraordinary person; unstable unless routinised.

Anomie

Durkheim: weak regulation that can send people into new moral communities.

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