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Q7(b)

How do you understand the phenomena of the mushrooming of sects and cults in contemporary society? Discuss the factors responsible for the trend

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2024 · Sociology GS 1 · 20 marks · Religion and Society

Religion and Society: Sociological theories of religion; Types of religious practices: animism, monism, pluralism, sects, cults; Religion in modern society: religion and science, secularization, religious revivalism, fundamentalism.

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Numbers move. Confirm the latest Budget, Economic Survey or census round. This sheet is for revision, not a substitute for the model answer.

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Troeltsch church-sect

A classic pair: the inclusive church versus the voluntary, rigorous sect.

New religious movement

A research term meant to study new groups without the stigma built into popular uses of cult.

Charismatic founding

Weber's mechanism by which a new community forms around an exceptional leader before it is routinised.

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