

HUMAN NEEDSCULTS PROVIDE QUICKLYALTERNATIVES

VALUES:

purpose for life
moral framework

a clearcut cause
clear moral rules

life's meaning: agape
moral framework and
traditional wis-
dom

FULFILLMENT:

Emotional

fellowship

sense of belonging
overcome alienation
acceptance
brotherhood
friendships; conformity
significant membership
personal security
cope with difficulties
(decisions made for
you; "solved"
problems; escape
into Utopia)
enthusiasm

sense of belonging
overcome alienation
acceptance as one
who is growing
brotherhood; friendsh.
diversity; mutuality
personal security
cope with difficult.
(support from
enablers; solve
some problems;
live with ten-
sions here)
enthusiasm

Intellectual

understanding

packaged explanations
new beliefs
thorough indoctrination
conformity

framework for con-
VICTIONS; open to new.
religious education
encourage questions
and accountability

Spiritual

wholeness
the Sacred

intense ritual
peak experiences
spiritual servitude

ritual with a balance
of heart and mind
spiritual freedom

AUTHORITY:

Leadership

submission to Dictator
a focus on human Leader
controlling; manipulative
parasitic dependence
protection (others will
go to hell; suspicion
of non-_____ ; planned
outcomes)
Leader "above it all"

reasonable loyalty
a focus beyond the
Leader; enabling
mutuality
coexistence and
reasonable
tolerance

Leader a part of the
whole

"sect" - a designation of a "restoration or intensification of certain emphases in an older or larger tradition."

"Cult" - "more radical departures, often virtually new religions with new doctrines and new grounds for authority, including new scriptures and even new messiahs."

Also, any religious group gathered for worship/fellowship, etc.

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