

- a state church is formally allied with the state
- denomination - a church independent of the state that recognizes religious pluralism
- a sect stands apart from larger society
- personal experience of divine power
- charisma - extraordinary personal qualities
- to sustain membership, may actively recruit members
- attract more disadvantaged people who are social outsiders
- cult - outside of cultural tradition
- form around charismatic leaders who offer a compelling message of a new & different way of life
- have a negative social image

* Religion in History

- animism - natural world as conscious lifeforms & they affect humanity
- early societies - animism
- pastoral & horticultural societies - belief in a single divine power
- agrarians - centrality of religion
- Industrial Revolution - increase in science, decrease in importance of religion