

e. The Christian/Missionary Alliance

f. Various communal groups

g. And a quick note on non-Christian religions moving onto the continent.

11. The Development of Cults

This is a broad subject and we will survey it in hurried form. The student should remember the essential difference in a cult and a sect. One should note that the ideal situation for the development of cults is one in which the announced religious body is impotent or uncertain. Cults flourish when there is a need for "more light" although, of course, they do not provide it. The ideas around which cults develop are common but the particular cults will have characteristics of their own.

Some bodies are hard to define in this connexion...there is enough of a sect about them that it is hard to call them a cult. For the moment I do not wish to harm anyone's feelings with an unfair designation so if I call it wrong and you're in it, please be understanding that in history we do the best we can and if it does not suffice we can only apologize freely. It may seem that cults originated in the United States, but this is not so. They have always been a part of the religious scene and we are simply more aware of them due to their touching of our world.. I will probably miss a few but that is par for the course.