

1. Identify the main idea(s) of the following terms: (Provide examples where possible)
  - (a) civil religion
  - (b) secularization of religion
  - (c) secularization of culture
  - (d) Protestant ethic
  - (e) monotheism vs polytheism
  - (f) cult vs sect vs church vs ecclesia vs denomination
  - (g) reincarnation
  - (h) sacred vs profane (Durkheim)
  - (i) 3 defining elements of "religion" (Durkheim)
  - (j) functional equivalent
  - (k) rituals
  
2. Some of you may be spending more time than is necessary to understand the material covered in the text chapters. Like any other activity, the time you invest in reading the course material will be more efficient and effective if you do it in an organized way. For this chapter (Chapter 18) I would like you to practice this sort of organized approach to study by breaking down the material in the following way:
  - (a) The title of the chapter is "Religion". From that title what range of information would you expect to be covered?
  - (b) How is the chapter divided into sections? That is, what are the main sections, and what are the general areas covered in each section?
  - (c) What concepts or processes are considered important in understanding this topic area? List the main topics and briefly summarize the main idea(s) of each one you list.
  - (d) What theoretical approaches are used to understand the subject matter of this chapter? Provide an example of how each main perspective would address this material differently (e.g., what would be considered more important to focus on, etc.).
  - (e) Are there any main findings, empirical trends, or studies that have contributed importantly to this topic area? Provide examples.