## Sociology Unit 3: Beliefs in Society Checklist

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| **Sociology of Religion** | **Notes** | **Background reading** | **Revision notes** | **Exam questions** |
| **Beliefs Systems and Ideology** |  |  |  |  |
| What is a belief system and an ideology? |  |  |  |  |
| What is the relationship between belief and knowledge? |  |  |  |  |
| **Science and Religion** |  |  |  |  |
| Religion and Belief  |  |  |  |  |
| Science and Knowledge  |  |  |  |  |
| Spirituality and Religion |  |  |  |  |
| **Investigating patterns of religiosity and belief** |  |  |  |  |
| Secondary Sources: Official Statistics  |  |  |  |  |
| Primary Research |  |  |  |  |
| **Perspectives of Religion** |  |  |  |  |
| Functionalism |  |  |  |  |
| Marxism |  |  |  |  |
| Neo-Marxism |  |  |  |  |
| Post-Modernism |  |  |  |  |
| Phenomenology |  |  |  |  |
| **Religious belief, Social Change and Stability** |  |  |  |  |
| Functionalism and Neo-Functionalism |  |  |  |  |
| Marxism |  |  |  |  |
| Neo-Marxism |  |  |  |  |
| Weber |  |  |  |  |
| Liberation Theology |  |  |  |  |
| Contemporary examples.  |  |  |  |  |
| **Religious Organisations and Movements** |  |  |  |  |
| Church, Denomination, Sect and Cult typology* Characteristics
* Life cycle
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| New religious movements* Characteristics
* Which social group more likely to join?
* Reasons for growth/why people join
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| New age movements |  |  |  |  |
| WACO |  |  |  |  |
| The Kendall project |  |  |  |  |
| **Religion and social groups** |  |  |  |  |
| Ethnicity* Religion and community solidarity
* Religion and ethnic identity
* Different styles of worship
* Young people and religiosity
* Ethnicity and gender
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| Gender* Feminisms
* Images of God in different religions
* Religion and patriarchy
* Sexuality and religion
* Women in religious organisations
* Why are women more religious than men?
* Women and NRMs
* Women and Fundamentalism
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| Social Class |  |  |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |
| **Secularisation** |  |  |  |  |
| Definition  |  |  |  |  |
| Evidence for Secularisation:* Official Statistics
* Moral Influence
* Societal aspects
* Religious Pluralism
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| Evidence against Secularisation |  |  |  |  |
| Theoretical explanations  |  |  |  |  |
| Global contemporary examples |  |  |  |  |