## 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 |  |  |  |  |
| New religious movements   * Characteristics * Which social group more likely to join? * Reasons for growth/why people join |  |  |  |  |
| 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 |  |  |  |  |
| 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 |  |  |  |  |
| Social Class |  |  |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |
| **Secularisation** |  |  |  |  |
| Definition |  |  |  |  |
| Evidence for Secularisation:   * Official Statistics * Moral Influence * Societal aspects * Religious Pluralism |  |  |  |  |
| Evidence against Secularisation |  |  |  |  |
| Theoretical explanations |  |  |  |  |
| Global contemporary examples |  |  |  |  |