

**Quiz #11**  
**Ch. 15 Religion**

1. How do science, magic and religion differ? In what ways might they overlap?  
**All address ways to understand as well as fix the world...through research and technology, spells and through prayer. Different methods...different levels of desperation**
2. T/F People get religion from God.  
**F – Humans cultures create religion**
3. Do you believe there is an all-knowing god? Why? Why not?  
**Discussion...evidence? Experience?**
4. Why might we say that the human brain is hard-wired for religion?  
**The universal infant human experience of being tended to by all knowing parents who see, notice and address our every need.**
5. What sorts of things has religion been called upon to explain?  
**Natural phenomena (earthquakes, floods, storms), conception, birth, death, disease, famine, fortune and misfortune**
6. T/F Religion is a cognitive illusion.  
**T- (in our brains)**
7. T/F In some cultures dead people become ghosts.  
**T – and much is done to protect the living from the antics of these ghosts**
8. T/F Salvation is a central concern of all religions.  
**F – More a Christian concern...certainly not all human religions**
9. Why do you think humans have such passion for the idea that there are invisible persons who have a great interest in our behavior?  
**Our experience as infants where there were mothers, parents, caregivers who really did notice everything we did. (the hard wired for religion concept)**
10. Do we need religion to support morality?  
**Re: ten commandments – will humans by nature be cooperative and kind??**
11. In what ways is the human mind selective in the supernatural claims it finds plausible?  
**We only note certain things as believable (e.g. virgin birth, angels, but not that everyone wearing purple today is psychic....) particular templates for belief**

12. T/F As U.S. society has become secularized, religion has waned in importance.

**F – still much appetite for religion**

13. T/F All religions include silent individual prayer to a god.

**F – not a universal tradition...some drum, take drugs, etc.**

14. T/F There are cultures which do not distinguish between religion and the rest of life.

**T – religion is part and parcel about survival**

15. Why has there been an intensification of religiously motivated violence?

**Response to secularism...fears that religious ethnic communities will go extinct...that precious ways and peoples will be no more**

16. T/F Religion is found in all human societies.

**T (re: example of the Tasaday in Philippines who were promoted by a journalist to be too primitive for religion)**

17. The theory of religion that states that each person has a double or soul is:

- a. animatism b. Tylorism c. animism d. polytheism e. reincarnation

**C – proposed by E.B. Tylor**

18. What is the earliest evidence of human religious practice?

**Neandertal burials – uniformly done with grave goods...but probably not the flowers on top of the graves☺**

19. T/F Religious believers can take their beliefs to be absolutely true, while scientifically proven theories and law are never irrefutably correct.

**T – Scientific methods does much testing, re-testing, looking for new observations to test**

20. T/F Anthropologists contend that human cultures create religions.

**T**

21. What are the characteristics of today's modern religions?

(select those that apply)

- a. charismatic leader b. tolerance for other faiths c. zoomorphic gods
- d. rigid ethical code e. communal ceremonies f. professional clergy

**A, D, F**

22 Match the level of social development with the religious practice

Foragers            Monotheistic

Horticulturalists    Olympian

Chiefdoms          Shamanic

State Society       Communal

23. Match the Concept with the definition

Revitalization response to rapid social change

Mana

Belief in souls and doubles

Totem

A Supernatural force that may inhabit people/objects

Taboo

Sacred emblem that symbolizes common social identity

Cargo Cult

Prohibition backed by supernatural sanctions

Animism

24. Shamans:

- a. go into ecstatic trance states b. communicate with spirit helpers
- c. may use hallucinogens d. may have out of body experiences e. typically serve an apprenticeship

**All of these**

25. Where are witches found?

**Human universal – different forms**

26. T/F Azande witchcraft is used to explain the otherwise inexplicable.

**T – (re: termites oracles)**

27. T/F Today's New Age witches find value in the secrets of an ordered world.

**T -**

28. What are examples of augury?

- a. reading tea leaves b. reading tarot cards c. doing blood tests d. using a Ouija board
- e. astrology

**all of these...all foretell the future**

29. What are the three principle phases in a rite of passage?

**Separation**

**Liminal, Marginal, Transition Reincorporation**

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30. Rites of passage: (select as many as apply)

- a. use ritual to mark a person's movement from one status to another
- b. are most common amongst food foragers c. are short prayers Angelenos say when approaching freeway on ramps d. may involve intense pain are infrequent in Western society.

**A, D**

31. Why are pain inducing events common in rites of passage?

**Force the subject to experience as significant...eg. Circumcision, pinning, tattooing, scarification**

32. What is an example of a rite of passage in your community.

**Bar Mitzvah, Quinceanera, etc.**

33. What is a syncretic religion? Give an example.

**Blended from other religions, eg. Voodoo comes from Catholicism and Yoruba**

34. Revitalization movements: (pick as many as appropriate)

- a. develop when belief in the supernatural fails b. occur in societies with an incest taboo
- c. tend to occur in cultures under stress, such as those ruled by colonial governments d. often involve charismatic leaders e. include cargo cults of Melanesia, early Christianity, the Nation of Islam, the Branch Dividians, and Heavens Gate.

**C, D, E**

35. How is magic different from prayer?

**Magic compels, prayer is less desperate – simply requests**

36. Ritual (s) (select as many as apply)

- a. is religion in action
- b. is a stereotyped sequence of activities
- c. involves gestures, words, and objects performed in a sequestered place.
- d. are rare today
- e. are designed to influence magical entities or forces on behalf of the actor's goals and interests

**A, B, C, E**

37. Humans have engaged in ritual behavior for at least \_\_\_\_ years.

- a. 3,000
- b. 10,000
- c. 50,000
- d. 100,000
- e. 1.5 million

**D**

38. What percent of Americans believe in god?

- a. 40
- b. 50
- c. 60
- d. 74
- e. 96

**E**

39. T/F It is unusual for a human culture to engage in costly rituals.

**F – re: Orthodox Jews**

40. T/F The primary adaptive benefit of religion is to facilitate cooperation in a group.

**T**

41. T/F Groups that engage in highly distinct dress and practices tend to have the highest rates of attendance at their prayer services.

**T**

42. T/F Fewer American Catholics attend mass today than did 40 years ago.

**T**

43. T/F Religion may provide comfort and allay anxiety.

F - More likely raise anxiety.

44. What is the difference between the law of contagion, the law of similarity and the law of opposites?

**Contagioun – items in contact with the victim (eg blood, clothes, hair and nail clippings)**

**Similarity – Likeness of the victim/subject (e.g photos, voodoo dolls, paintings)**

**Opposites – Attraction of opposites**

45. T/F Islam is growing at a faster rate than Christianity.

**T**

46. Which Christian sects are growing the fastest? (select more than one)

- a. Catholics
- b. Mormons
- c. Protestants
- d. Pentecostals/Evangelicals
- e. Seventh Day Adventists

**B, E**

47. T/F What appear to be struggles over religion often have deep roots in social and economic inequality.

**T**

48. What are ways an altered state can be accessed?

**Fasting, Spinning, Chanting, Drumming, Consuming mind altering substances (hallucinogens)**

49. What is an entheogen?

**A substance that creates the sensation of being in the presence of God (e.g. Hallucinogens)**

50. What is a vision quest?

**A journey (re: heroes' journey) to find enlightenment. Can involve isolation, fasting, consumption of hallucinogens.**

51. T/F Religious prophecy may have been accessed by prophets and shamans who take mind altering substances.

**True (re: Hallucinogens/Entheogens)**

### **Burning Man**

1. What is Burning Man and when does it happen?

**Weeklong gathering of artists, free thinkers in the Black Rock Desert in N. Nevada during the last week of August.**

2. What sorts of people might be drawn to attending Burning Man?

**Those disaffected by mainstream religions, ravers, people attracted to radical self expression**

3. T/F The journey to and experience of Burning Man can function as a pilgrimage.

**T – travel from a distance; plan for a long time to get there...costumes, food, protection against harsh desert elements**

4. How might the Burning Man festival be seen as a religion?

**Initiations, people who attend regularly refer to it as home, strong identity being a burner, central beliefs and practices, intensity of the burn**

5. What ritual activities occur at Burning Man?

**The initiation (dust angel), the burn of the man, the burn of the temple, gifting,**

6. How does the economy of Burning Man differ from mainstream U.S. trade?

**Nothing sold, all gifting other than ice and coffee drinks at the central cafe**

7. Which of the following beliefs and practices occur at Burning Man? (select more than one)

- a. Gifting (Generalized Reciprocity)
- b. Leave no Trace
- c. Barter
- d. Corporate Sponsorships
- e. Radical Self-Expression

**A, B, E**