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cult *noun*



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1 ★ **C1** [usually singular] **cult (of something)** a way of life, an attitude, an idea, etc. that has become very popular

- *the cult of physical fitness*
- *the cult of youth*

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2 ★ **C1** a small group of people who have extreme religious beliefs and who are not part of any established religion

- *Their son ran away from home and joined a cult.*
- *the members of a religious cult*

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3 ★ **C1** (*formal*) a system of religious beliefs and practices

- *the Chinese cult of ancestor worship*

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