FAQ Response

Question	On Wikipedia, under "Cult (religious practice)" it states in the first few lines "In traditional usage, the cult of a religion, quite apart from its sacred writings ("scriptures"), its theology or myths, or the personal faith of its believers, is the totality of external religious practice and observance, the neglect of which is the definition of impiety. Cult in this primary sense is literally the "care" (Latin cultus) owed to the god and the shrine."
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<u>Answer</u>

Definitely not! No single person should ever be rejected under any circumstances with the exception of perhaps one, and that is when they have harmed other people's will; they need to be shown that that particular desire to harm another person's will was out of harmony with love. Rather than rejecting them it needs to be demonstrated to them how that was out of harmony with love and they need to be restricted from those particular practices.

Many people in the human race now already do that, in terms of most governments doing this. For example, when it comes to murder, most governments on the planet accept that murder is not the correct action to take towards another person. Whenever a person does take that action they are generally restricted in some way, usually by being placed in a prison and so forth and restricted from taking that action again, hopefully until the time they've recovered from the reason why they wanted to take the action.

Of course unfortunately on the planet there is not much focus on the person's recovery but rather on punishing the person. God's focus though is on the person's recovery. With regards to there ever being an excommunication, if you like, of an individual from a religion, every time we excommunicate someone from something we no longer give them the opportunity to grow. That is going to mean not excommunication but rather addressing the issue that's out of harmony with love in the individual and addressing that issue, sometimes firmly if need be, but certainly not with any desire for punishment or violence.

So every time a person is excommunicated from a religion I believe the religion itself is just demonstrating its own "cult"-like behaviour. There are many mainstream religions on this planet that do this, and this would indicate that many mainstream religions are cultish in their particular desires because they wish to control the actions of the individual even if the actions of the individual have still been loving, but not what they believe is pious.

I feel quite strongly that the important factor should be whether the individual is practicing love or not. If the individual is not practising love then there certainly needs to be some kind of restriction of their behaviour, but we would never take those restrictive actions from a place of rejection or a place of rage or anger towards them or a desire to punish them. What we would do is desire to correct them by demonstrating love to them and also demonstrating to them when they are out of harmony with love themselves.