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Conclusion

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It would be dangerous to put the question of cultic behaviour in the frame of psychiatry. However, it would be irresponsible to ignore the presence of psychiatric elements. Certain psychological alterations are favouring, on one side, those who recruit future members of a cult, but also, on the other side, those who enter the sect. Those who are recruiting are often people with personality disorders. They may not display their psychopathology. History has proven that some people after having hallucinations – which is a psychopathological phenomenon -- became founders of a church in accordance with the content of their hallucinations.