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There are always specific reasons for a group to become organized as a sectarian group. A social problem emerges when the behaviour of such groups exceeds the usual standards. Cultic groups in Croatia are coming from abroad or appear through the media, thanks certainly to the fact that information circulates without limits. Today, one witnesses the production of so-called urban myths. This includes a variety of adorations of individuals from the world of entertainment. An example is a commercial television that presents programs reading people's fate or providing a model for a successful life. This is all created on false grounds, away from the fundamental human values. The question is where are the limits. It is therefore very important that the profession says what is a destructive behaviour and where are the limits of conventional norms.