Religion is …?
-belief in a metaphysical reality
-organization of chaos, simplification
-an answer to the question of the meaning of life
-societal representation of our own beliefs
-a sense of power/order/government, social power

Difficult to define religion

Religion in Canada – declining?

- “GOD keep our land”
- Religious authority declined, it governs fewer aspects than it used to.
- Other institutions have grown in importance (medicine, psych, criminal justice, education) – Durkheim would point this out.