

Asking the Gem “Why do we join groups?”, the gen almost instantly pointed out that “humans are biologically and psychologically “obligated to find a tribe”. The gem then went on to explain the main 3 groups so far, *The Traveling Symphony*, *Cult of the Prophet*, and the *Severn City Airport*. When asked specifically about the *Traveling Symphony*, the gem presented the theory of the “Social Glue” which specifically indicates that working for a goal that benefits the entire group will rather make individuals care more for the group rather than their own self. When asked specifically about the *Cult of the Prophet* the gem gave the significant idea of the “Terror Management Theory” which it explains as humans creating cultural anxiety buffers and that the Prophet removes the paralyzing fear of death. This indicates that one of the primary reasons are that groups can either one, feel chosen for a divine future and that they survived or were brought into the world, or that members of a group like the *Traveling Symphony* are preserving the history to keep something alive.

The first source I used outside of the gem was from the Nobaproject, specifically, an article called the Psychology of Groups by Donelson R. Forsyth. This source can be summarized to that humans seek to be included rather than excluded as well as acceptance over rejection. The article also includes that groups can provide members with information, assistance, and social support. Groups can also be used to answer the question many people, including myself, “Who am I?”. This question is hard to answer and has an infinite amount of answers but the article mentions that the question is answered also by “friendships, social roles, family connections, and group memberships”.

The second source I used was from LibreTexts, specifically *Why people join Groups* by Kerry Osborne. This article shows that we need to communicate with other individuals to meet basic needs and interactions like meetings and relationships helps us meet those needs. The article includes ideas from William Schutz; the primary idea from him is that “the need for affection or appreciation is basic to all humans... and we feel like we belong”.

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