

## **Abstract**

This thesis is an attempt to extend the sociological discussion of a new perspective on the study of sects and minority churches. Within the theoretical background of the work a basic emphasis is given to defining the problem of sect, minority churches, ritual, intimacy and love in their conceptual and classificatory framework without subjective interpretation of the author. This thesis goes out from basic sociological concepts of each term. The main assumption of the thesis is the hypothesis that sects and minority churches can be somehow classified and typologized according to the ways how do they cooperate with intimacy and love in their rituals. The aim of this final thesis is to create this typology based for one thing on comparison of family life from major society with family life from examined groups and for other thing based on analysis of their rituals. The thesis is oriented only on groups derived from Christianity. The conclusion summarizes not only the results of the comparison and analysis of rituals, but also its limits.