“Kumare”

Answer the following questions in ***COMPLETE SENTENCES***.

1. What makes Vikram so skeptical about organized religion?
2. What childhood experience causes Vikram to be so curious about the power of belief?
3. What role does symbolic interactionism play in religion? How does Vikram use symbols to convince people that he is an authentic guru?
4. Explain the importance of rituals in Kumare’s religion. Give a specific example from the movie.
5. When Kumare is walking through the store filled with religious artifacts the shop owner explains the difference between tools and symbols. What does Kumare point out to the shop owner?
6. How do Kumare’s followers change throughout the film? Give at least two SPECIFIC examples.
7. Summarize Kumare’s teachings. What is the big idea that he is trying to get across to his students and viewers?
8. Do you think the results of Vikram’s social experiment better support the functionalist or conflict theory? Explain.
9. Were Kumare’s followers naïve? Explain your reasoning.
10. Is Kumare’s religion real? Explain your reasoning.
11. Do you think Vikram’s “experiment” was ethical? Why or why not?
12. Who is the real person? Vikram or Kumare?