

Focus:

Why do some people believe God exists? Is God real? How do we know what is true? Why do some people believe God doesn't exist?

Key vocabulary:

God - The creator and ruler of the universe and source of all moral authority; the supreme being

Belief - An acceptance that something exists or is true, especially one without proof

Opinion - A belief based on experience and on certain facts but not amounting to sure knowledge

Evidence - Suggests serving as proof of the actuality or existence of something

Fact - A thing that is known or proved to be true

Existence - The state of being real, or of being known or recognized

Religion - a personal set or institutionalized system of religious attitudes, beliefs, and practices

Theism - Belief in the existence of a god or gods, specifically of a creator who intervenes in the universe

Atheism - disbelief or lack of belief in the existence of God or gods

Agnosticism - A person who holds the view that any ultimate reality (such as God) is unknown and probably unknowable

Alternative - Perspectives which differ from those which are 'conventionally' understood

Key facts to retain:

- The natural world is seen by many Christians as evidence for the belief in God
- Science and religion offer different perspectives, some people believe they work against each other or can work with each other
- Often, Buddhism is not recognised by some as a religion, but rather a way of life
- In the UK, everyone has the right to freedom of religion and belief - this is one of the rights protected by the Human Rights Act.

What I should already know:

- There is more than one version of 'truth'
- Not every member of a faith or religion is going to believe in the exact same principles
- Everyone's version of reality and life after death differs
- There are different perspectives on how the world began and this depends on evidence, belief, opinion, and fact
- Sacred texts range from the Bible, Quran, Torah, Veda, and The Guru Granth Sahib.
- These texts are interpreted to bring meaning to reality
- Some Hindus often lead a vegetarian diet as they believe that it would serve implications for the afterlife
- Zoroastrianism is one of the world's oldest monotheistic religions, having originated in ancient Persia.

WALT 1: Understand why some people do/do not believe in God
WALT 2: Understand the difference between facts, opinions and beliefs
WALT 3: Explore what God might be like
WALT 4: Understand how different faiths believe the world was created
WALT 5: Debating the existence of God

