

Is it reasonable to believe in God?

Key Vocabulary:

atheists, agnostics, belief, Islam, Christianity, Buddhism, Humanism

Key Concept: Belief/Philosophy

Reflection:

Considering why some people believe in God and others don't. Do you need 'proof' to have a belief?

Previous Knowledge

The idea that God has different names and different people have different ideas about 'God'. The idea of God in different religions.

Polytheism - the belief in many Gods.

Ancient Beliefs

The Ancient Greeks and Romans believed in many gods, which helped them explain natural phenomena.

Monotheism – the belief that there is only one God

Judaism

Jews believe in the oneness of God, known as monotheism. Jews believe that God was the creator of the world and everything in it.



Christianity Christians believe that Jesus is the son of God and The Holy Trinity represents God. God is The Father, Son and Holy Spirit.



Islam Muslims believe in one God, Allah. They believe that Mohammed was the messenger of Allah.



Hinduism Hindus believe in one creator god, Brahman. Many different 'Gods and Goddesses' show the different qualities and characteristics of God.



Buddhism

Buddhists do not believe in God. They believe that an individual can reach enlightenment through good deeds and the process of reincarnation.



Humanism

Humanists believe that humans have an innate moral code. They do not believe in the existence of God, but believe people should treat others in the way they wish to be treated themselves.

Key Learning :

Children will develop an understanding of how different people hold different beliefs about God and some of the reasons why people hold a certain belief.

They will appreciate that people can change their beliefs over time; to understand that belief does not need absolute proof and know some of the philosophical theories that people have used to 'prove' the existence of 'God'.

William Paley – philosopher

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