

Beliefs about God

The Natures of God	
Omnipotent	This means God is all powerful. For example he has the ability to create the world.
Omniscient	This means God is all knowing. For example, He is aware of all human actions and understand how the world works.
Omnibenevolent	This means God is all loving. For example, he will forgive people for the mistakes they make.
Omnipresent	This means God is always there. This means he is present in peoples lives.
One	This means that there is only one God, which means Judaism, Christianity and Islam are monotheistic religions.

Existence of God

Why might people question the existence of God?	<p>Some people believe that God cannot be real because of all the evil and suffering that happens in the world. There are two types of evil; moral and natural.</p> <p>Moral - Evil caused by humans such as murder, theft.</p> <p>Natural - Evil that is not caused by humans such as volcanic eruptions and tsunamis.</p> <p>They argue that if God was all loving (omnibenevolent) he would stop the suffering because he loves humans.</p> <p>They also argue that if God is all powerful he would be able to stop the suffering.</p>
What is the Creation Story?	<p>The majority of theists believe that God created the world. Each religion have their own story of how the world was created.</p> <p>Day 1 - Light and Dark Day 2 - Water and Sky Day 3 - Land and Plants Day 4 - Sun and Moon Day 5 - Birds in the sky and animals in the sea Day 6 - Animals on land and people Day 7 - God rested</p>

Key Terms

Atheist	A non-religious person, who does not believe in spiritual beings.
Agnostic	A person who questions the existence of God.
Theist	A person who does believe in God.
Monotheism	A religion that believes in one God.
Polytheism	A religion that believes in more than one God.
Abrahamic Religions	These are Judaism, Christianity and Islam. They are all monotheistic religions.
Creation	The argument that looks at how the world was created.
Big Bang Theory	The scientific theory that states the earth was created from an infinitely hot point that exploded.
Miracles	An extraordinary event that cannot be explained.
Moral Evil	Evil caused by humans, e.g. Murder.
Natural Evil	Evil caused by natural events, e.g. Earthquakes.
Inconsistent Triad	The argument that God cannot exist because of the existence of Evil.

Key Facts

Religious Statistics

Theists are people who believe in God. Theists may believe in different religions to each other, such as Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Sikhism and Buddhism.

Around 84% of people around the world are religious.

Christianity is the largest religion in the world with around 2.4 billion followers. There are around 33 million Christians in the UK.

Islam is the second largest religion in the world, with around 1.8 billion. There are around 3 million Muslims in the UK.

There are more people who are religious in England, than those who are not religious.

Religious Literacy

This year we will focus on three main religions, Judaism, Christianity and Islam.

We mainly focus on Christianity and Islam, but Judaism will be mentioned.

For this you need to ensure you know the correct terminology (words) to use when writing about religions.

Religion and Year	Followers	Founder	Holy Texts	Holy Building	Symbol
Judaism 1400 BCE	Jewish People	Abraham	Tanakh	Synagogue	
Christianity 4BCE	Christian	Jesus	Bible	Church	
Islam 610 AD	Muslim	Prophet Muhammad	Qur'an	Mosque	



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