

Y7 Autumn Term 1 – What is religion and why do we have religion?

| Keyword | Definition |
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| Religion | the belief in and worship of a superhuman controlling power, especially a personal God or gods |
| Worldview | a particular philosophy of life or conception of/way of understanding the world. |
| Influence | the action or process of producing effects on the actions, behaviour, opinions, etc., of another or others |
| Perception | to recognise, discern, envision, or understand |
| Secular | of or relating to worldly things or to things that are not regarded as religious, spiritual, or sacred |



What is religion?

Ninian Smart (first RS professor in the world- Lancaster University) - 7 stages of religion:

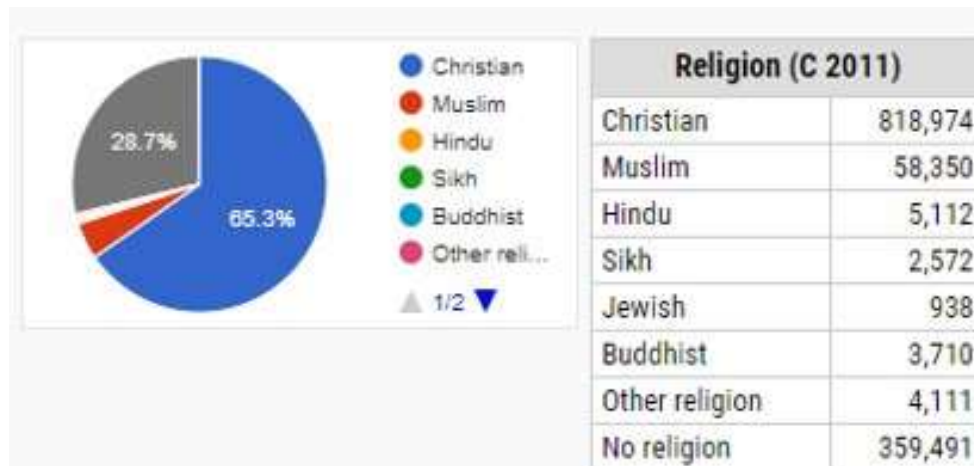
1. Beliefs and teachings
2. Material
3. Ritual
4. Stories
5. Feelings
6. Social
7. Rules

Disciplinary Knowledge

| Theology -believing | Philosophy -thinking | Social Science -living |
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| Thinking about what it means to believe Asking questions that believers of a faith may ask Exploring questions from inside religions. | Pondering the nature of knowledge, existence and morality This includes ethical questions and debates. | The 'lived experience' of members of a religion. Exploring what happens when theology meets everyday life. |









Census data 2011 South Yorkshire



World Religions Knowledge Organiser

SIX WORLD RELIGIONS (spellings vary)

| Religion name | Follower | SYMBOL | NAME OF GOD/GODS | COUNTRY OF ORIGIN | FOUNDER /MESSENGER | HOLY BOOK/S | PLACE OF WORSHIP | MAIN FESTIVALS | Denominations /schools/type/ | Followers in the UK (approx.) | Followers in the world (approx.) |
|---------------------|-----------|---|-------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---------------------------|---------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| BUDDHISM | Buddhist |  Dharmachakra | none | India (Today in Nepal) | Siddhartha Gotama (The Buddha) | Tripitaka | Temple Shrine room Vihara | Wesak Dharma day | Theravada Mahayana Zen Triratna Pure Land | 98,000 | 376 million |
| HINDUISM | Hindu |  Om/Aum | Brahman (Shiva Vishnu Brahma) | Indus Valley | none | <small>Vedas Bhagavad Gita Mahabharata</small> | Mandir Temple | Holi Diwali | | 272,000 | 1 billion |
| CHRISTIANITY | Christian |  Cross | God | Palestine Israel | Jesus of Nazareth | Bible | Church Cathedral | Easter Christmas | Catholic Eastern Orthodox Church of England Baptist Quaker | 30 million | 2.2 billion |
| JUDAISM | Jew |  Star of David | G_d | Israel | Abraham | Torah Tenakh | Synagogue | Rosh Hashanah Pesach Yom Kippur | Hasidic Orthodox Reform Liberal | 214,000 | 14 million |
| SIKHISM | Sikh |  The Khanda | God Waheguru | Punjab, India | Guru Nanak The ten Gurus | Guru Granth Sahib | Gurdwara | Vaisakhi Diwali | Sahajdhari Amritdhari | 239,000 | 23 million |
| ISLAM | Muslim |  Five pointed star & crescent moon | Allah (God) | Saudi Arabia | Muhammad (pbuh) | Quran | Mosque | Eid-ul-Fitr Eid-ul-Adha | Sunni Shi'a Sufi | 1,278,000 | 1.6 billion |

Theist = Someone that believes in God

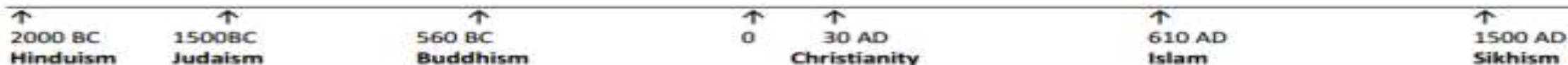
Atheist = Someone that doesn't believe in God

Agnostic = Someone that is not sure about the existence of God

Monotheist = Someone that believes in one God

Polytheist = Someone that believes in many gods

Timeline of religions (all dates approximate)

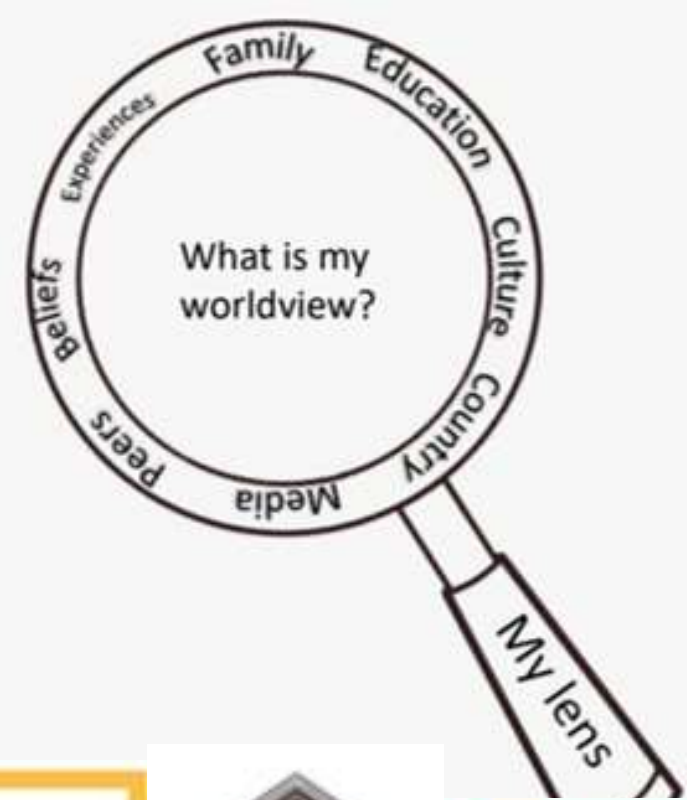


Worldviews

Our worldviews are affected by our experiences and ideas about the world

We all have different worldviews

Our worldviews mean we understand things about the world in different ways



1

What is the primary reality? What is really real?

2

What is the nature of external reality (that is, the world around us)?



3

What is a human being?

4

What happens to a person at death?



5

Why is it possible to know anything at all?



6

How do we know what is right and wrong?



7

What is the meaning of human history?



8

What personal life-orienting commitments are consistent with this worldview?



The Eight Worldview Questions

Six Major World Religions

Your fact file