



Unit 5.3 How do people's beliefs about God, the world and others have impact on their lives?

Links to Prior knowledge:

Unit 3.2, 3.3, 4.1, 4.2, 4.4, 6.1

Key Knowledge

- Explain the main beliefs of Muslims and Hindus about God.
- Show that they understand why the worship of Allah / Brahman matters to Muslims and Hindus.
- Consider reasons why some people think God is not real.
- Explain what matters about worshipping God to Muslims.
- Explain what matters about worshipping gods and goddesses to Hindus.
- Explain why Humanists believe you can be 'good without God'

Key Skill

- Consider varied answers to questions about whether God is real and what God is like, responding thoughtfully.
- Clearly express reasons why they hold their own views about questions to do with God.



Muslim prayer mat and beads



Hinduism

Hindus ring a bell at the start of **puja** to tell the gods that they are there.



During **puja**, prayers are said and offerings are made. **Puja** can take place in the home or a temple.

Humanism



Atheists say God is...	Christians say God is...	Hindus say God is...	Muslims say God is...
Out of date	Best seen in Jesus	Seen in many forms	Known by 99 names
Not real	Father, Son and Holy Spirit	Impossible to understand	The Giver of the Holy Qur'an
Imaginary	Three in One	The Mysterious Ultimate Reality	The One who sends Prophets
Not important	Full of love	Male and female in gods and goddesses	Merciful and Generous
Sometimes dangerous	The Maker of the Earth	Like light shining through a prism	Powerful
Not much use to humanity	The one who answers prayers	Inside every living thing	Eager for us to follow His Path

Key Vocabulary

prophet	Speaks on behalf of a God
Allah	Islam God
iman	'Faith' or 'belief'
akhlaq	Ethics, good conduct and moral character
murtis	Special statues or images of Hindu Gods and Goddesses.
Brahman	Hindus recognise one God, Brahman. The Gods of Hindu Dharma are different aspects of Brahman.
Gods and Goddesses	Powerful beings, often believed to control nature, emotions or important things like war and love.
ahimsa	To be harmless to oneself, others and all forms of life.
atheist	Doesn't believe in any God or gods.
humanism	Do not believe in a God. Use science and evidence to understand the world. They treat others with kindness and respect.

Key Questions

- What is God like? If God is invisible, can we imagine what God is like?
- Does God help people to be good?
- How might ahimsa (Harmlessness) influence how an Hindu treats animals and/or what they eat?
- Can you name a god or goddess? Why are they important?
- What are the 5 pillars of Islam?
- How do Hindus worship gods and goddesses in their home?
- What is a puja tray? How is it used?

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