

RE Why do some people believe in God, and some do not?

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Unit 4 - Year 5 & 6

Duration: 5 Weeks

We can use census data to compare the number of people who consider themselves to be religious worldwide and also in the UK

Worldview	Amount of people in the world
Buddhist	7%
Christian	32%
Hindu	15%
Muslim	24%
Non-religious	16%
Other worldviews	6% (including Sikh, Jewish and many other worldviews)

Worldview	Amount of people in the UK
Buddhist	0.5%
Christian	46.2%
Hindu	1.7%
Jewish	0.5%
Muslim	6.5%
No religious worldview	37.2%
Other religious worldviews	0.6%
Sikh	0.9%

What is Philosophy?

- the love of wisdom

Etymology

Greek

philos = "love,"

sophia = "wisdom"

Philosophers ask big questions that are difficult to answer. Philosophers of religion ask whether God exists.

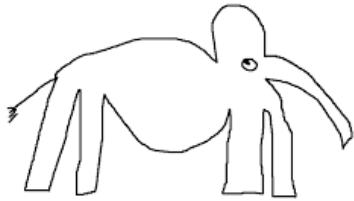
Theology is all about talking about God. It does not usually focus on whether there is a God or not. As a Christian theologian, I believe that we find out most about God by looking at Jesus, as shown through the Bible ... what the stories about Jesus meant to people at the time, and why they were written.



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Theology is finding out more about what people believe God is like.

Drawing an elephant does not change how elephants are. Elephants are not affected by our drawings. This is the same for God. The existence or non-existence of God does not change based on what people think about God.



Humanists believe the world is a natural place. There is no scientific evidence for the existence of supernatural beings, powers or forces. They believe we should look for natural or scientific explanations for things we don't yet understand.

Humanists support freedom of belief. We should be allowed to question each other and disagree. However, we should not tell people what they must believe.



DAVID HUME,
philosopher (1711–1776)

'A wise man proportions his belief to the evidence.'



Key Vocabulary

atheist		A person who does not believe that God exists.
agnostic		A person who does not know whether God exists or not.
theist		A person who does believe that God exists.
philosophy		Philosophers ask big questions that are difficult to answer.
theologian		Theologians are interested in questions about what God is like and what God does
humanist		People who believe in a world that does not need God to explain it. They believe in humanity.
psychology		Psychology is about understanding how our minds work and why people act the way they do.