Year 8 RE Revision End point Revision

"Religiously literate, culturally aware and philosophically curious"

Golden Threads						
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Identity	Community	Ethics	God	Rituals		

Why is it difficult to be religious in 21st Century Britain?

- Science sometimes seems to clash with religious beliefs. E.g. Big Bang Theory
- Many places are becoming less focused on religion. E.g. less than 50% of the UK are now Christian
- There are lots of different beliefs around, which can make it confusing.
- Religion often gets mixed up in social and political debates.
- People today like to make their own choices, which can conflict with traditional religious rules.
- Sometimes, bad behavior by religious leaders makes people doubt their faith.
- Work/school times impacting prayers, festivals
- Finding appropriate foods
- Having a place of worship or community support

Despite these challenges, many people still find comfort and meaning in their religion.

Islam

Why is the Qur'an important?

The Qur'an is the holy book that contains the teachings of Allah given to the Prophet Muhammad. Many Muslims believe that Allah gave Muhammad these teachings because all earlier religious texts were no longer reliable.

The Qur'an is relevant for all people at all times in their life. It is believed to have only come from Allah, which makes it the most important book for Muslims.

Key features of a Mosque

Dome Mihrab Minaret Ablutions area Prayer Hall

The Five pillars of Islam

Shahadah: sincerely reciting the Muslim profession of faith.

Salat: performing ritual prayers in the proper way five times each day.

Zakat: paying an alms (or charity) tax to benefit the poor and the needy.

Sawm: fasting during the month of Ramadan.

Hajj: pilgrimage to Mecca.

Why is Jesus an ordinary man?

Jesus as a moral guide - He taught people through his parables. For example, through the Parable of the Good Samaritan he commanded people to "Love thy neighbour".

- Jesus was able to feel pain and suffering on the cross.
- Jesus gave wisdom about how to behave to be able to achieve a good afterlife in Heaven.
- Jesus was 100% human and 100% God
- Jesus showed anger at the Jewish Temple and flipped a table
- He was a freedom fighter

Why do Christians believe Jesus is divine?

God the Son was sent to Earth in human form to save humans. His death on the cross was a sacrifice for the sins of humanity which allows them to be reunited with God. Jesus Christ is the Incarnation of God on Earth: "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us" John 1:14 He performed miracles e.g. healing the sick.

He died so our sins were forgiven. He was God in human form (incarnate). He forgave people of their sins.

What is the place of religion in the 21st century?

Secularism is the belief that the government should be separate from religion.

Humanists do not believe in God

Internet -

Allows people to reach a broader/wider community Accessing worship without leaving home due to medical reasons

Learning more about their faith

Extremism is holding of extreme political or religious views

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Nature of God - Christianity

Christians believe that God is one but exists in three different 'persons'.
God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit - and that these three Persons form a unity.

God the father - creator, omnipotent, omniscient, omnibenevolent

God the Son - Incarnate, Jesus, fully human and fully God, forgave sins, died on the cross as a sacrifice for our sins.
God the Holy Spirit - lives within us,

acts as our conscience, guides us