



Topic: Why do some people believe in God and some people not?

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What should I already know?

- Different people have different views about the existence of God
- A person's faith can affect how they live their lives
- Non-religious people still have rules for living
- Values are important to most people, whether they believe in God or not

What will I know by the end of the unit?

Make sense of belief:

- define the terms 'theist', 'atheist' and 'agnostic' and give examples of statements that reflect those beliefs
- identify and explain what religious and non-religious people believe about God, saying where they get their ideas from
- give examples of reasons why people do or do not believe in God

Understand the impact:

- make clear connections between what people believe about God and the impact of this belief on how they live
- give evidence and examples to show how Christians sometimes disagree about what God is like (e.g. differences in interpreting Genesis)

Make connections:

- reflect on and articulate some ways in which believing in God is valuable in the lives of believers, and ways in which it can be challenging
- consider and weigh up different views on theism, atheism and agnosticism, expressing insights of their own about why people believe in God or not
- make connections between belief and behaviour in their own lives, in the light of their learning

Vocabulary - can you write definitions for these words/terms?

theist	
atheist	
agnostic	
the 'Big Bang'	
evolution	



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Investigate

Find out about Christians who are scientists:
e.g. Jennifer Wiseman Denis Alexander, John Polkinghorne, Katharine Hayhoe
Choose 2 and find out what their reasons are for believing in God, whilst still supporting scientific explanations for e.g. the creation of the universe.

Name:

Views:

1.

2.

3.

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Is there anyone you know who thinks differently?

Name:

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Take a look in the Bible or look online at the Biblical description creation (Genesis 1 and 2). You could watch a video instead:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yZ1Fd_SPC18

If you fancy looking at a RAP which explains the views of how science and faith are linked:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/clips/z96cd2p>

Can you find out the views from another faith that describes creation?

OR

Does your faith have an explanation of creation?

List the main events/draw the main events below.



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