

Key Terms: Religious Studies Terms



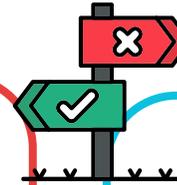
Religious Beliefs & Teachings

- Monotheism** - Belief in one God (e.g., Christianity, Islam, Judaism).
- Polytheism** - Belief in multiple gods (e.g., Hinduism).
- Omnipotence** - The belief that God is all-powerful.
- Omniscience** - The belief that God is all-knowing.
- Omnibenevolence** - The belief that God is all-loving and good.
- Incarnation** - The belief that God took human form (e.g., Jesus in Christianity).
- Trinity** - The Christian belief in God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- Prophet** - A messenger chosen by God to deliver divine teachings (e.g., Muhammad, Moses).
- Revelation** - When God reveals knowledge to humanity, often through scripture or prophets.



Worship and Practices

- Sacrament** - A religious ceremony believed to impart divine grace (e.g., baptism, Eucharist).
- Pilgrimage** - A journey made for religious devotion (e.g., Hajj, Lourdes).
- Prayer** - Communication with God, expressing worship, thanks, or requests.
- Worship** - Acts of religious devotion, individually or in a group.
- Fasting** - Abstaining from food or drink for spiritual discipline (e.g., Ramadan).
- Meditation** - A practice of deep reflection or connection with the divine.



Ethics and Morality

- Sanctity of Life** - The belief that all life is sacred and given by God.
- Justice** - Moral fairness and equal treatment of individuals.
- Stewardship** - The belief that humans have a duty to care for the Earth.
- Pacifism** - The belief that violence is always wrong, promoting peaceful solutions.
- Dignity** - The idea that all humans have intrinsic worth and should be treated with respect.



Life and Death

- Afterlife** - Belief in existence after death e.g. heaven and hell
- Soul** - The spiritual, eternal aspect of a person that may live on after death.
- Resurrection** - The belief in rising from the dead, as in the Christian belief about Jesus.
- Judgement** - The belief that God assesses a person's actions after death.
- Karma** - The Hindu and Buddhist belief that actions affect future rebirths.
- Reincarnation** - The belief that after death, the soul is reborn into a new body.



Society and Social Justice

- Human Rights** - The idea that all individuals are entitled to basic freedoms and protection.
- Prejudice** - Preconceived negative opinions about a person or group.
- Charity** - Acts of kindness, giving to those in need, often encouraged by religious teachings.
- Persecution** - Hostility and ill-treatment due to religious or political beliefs.
- Secularism** - The belief that religion should be separate from government and public life.

