

# Introduction to worldviews



## Key concepts

Agnostic	A person who is unsure if God exists or not
Atheist	A person who does not believe in God
Belief	Having confidence and trust in the truth or existence of something.
Fact	Something that you can prove to be true. The answer will always be the same.
Humanist	A worldview based on logic, science, and that we are all humans together
Individualism	There is no absolute truth – there is nothing which is definitely right for all people
Soul	The spiritual or non material part of a person.
Theist	A person who believes in God
Ultimate question	A philosophical question that asks big questions about life, God and the nature of reality
Worldview	A way of thinking about and understanding the world.

Fact, opinion, belief		Ultimate questions	Finding truth		
Fact	Henry VIII had 6 wives, The dots on a dice add up to 21	Does God exist and if so, what is he / she / it like?	Theist worldview	A way of understanding the world based on the idea that God exists and that He is the source of knowledge.	Would find truth in the world, religious texts, religious experts, prayer
		What is the purpose of our lives?			
Opinion	Navy blue is the best colour, Sheffield Wednesday is the best football team	What happens when we die?	Scientific worldview	A way of understanding the world based on science. We find knowledge by experiencing things for ourselves.	Would find truth through science, experiments, logical reasoning, senses, experts
		Do humans have a soul?			
		Why is there evil in the world?			
Belief	God created everything, Prayer can make things happen	Are miracles real, or just coincidences or luck?			
Believing in God			Individualism worldview	A way of understanding the world based on the idea that there is no absolute truth, and we have to create our own truths.	We have to create out own values, and our own truths. There is no God or authority that determines what is true.
Theist - God exists because:	Miracles happen and they are caused by God The world could not happen by chance so God must have created it				
Agnostic - I am not sure if God exists because:	There is no way to prove without a doubt he does or doesn't exist Not everyone accepts the same evidence about whether God exists				
Atheist – God does not exist because:	There is no scientific evidence God exists There is too much suffering in the world for God to exist				
Life after life			The purpose of life		
Resurrection of the body	After death the body is resurrected and reunited with the soul in heaven / paradise.		Christianity	Follow Jesus’ teachings by being kind and helping others. Doing this will lead to spending eternity in heaven with God.	
Rebirth	After death the soul is reborn with another body. Eventually the soul will leave this cycle.		Sikhi	Learn about God and put him at the centre of our lives. Be kind, patient and truthful. Eventually the soul will reunite with God.	
Memories	We live on in the memories of those who remember us.		Humanism	We have to decide for ourselves. Most Humanists will say helping others, being kind and learning new things can give purpose to life.	
Legacy	We live on through the long term impact we have on people.		Buddhism	Follow the Buddha’s path and live in a way that means our words and actions do not cause harm to ourselves or others.	