

Year 5 - What matters most to Christians and Humanists?

Key Vocabulary

Christian	Someone who believes in and follows the teachings of Jesus Christ
Humanist	a person who believes in humanism (= the idea that people do not need a god or religion to satisfy their spiritual and emotional needs)
code	Rules used for a positive, happy life.
crucifixion	The death of someone (Jesus) on a cross.
moral	behaving in ways considered by most people to be correct and honest
Genesis	the first book of the Bible, which describes how God made the world
Vicarious	Experiencing something through someone else doing that action.
Agnostic	Someone who does not know, or believes that it is impossible to know, if a god exists
secular	Not having any connection with religion.
altruism	Behaviour that benefits another individual at a cost to oneself.



"IT DOESN'T SEEM TO ME THAT THIS FANTASTICALLY MARVELOUS UNIVERSE, THIS TREMENDOUS RANGE OF TIME AND SPACE AND DIFFERENT KINDS OF ANIMALS, AND ALL THE DIFFERENT PLANETS, AND ALL THESE ATOMS WITH ALL THEIR MOTIONS, AND SO ON, ALL THIS COMPLICATED THING CAN MERELY BE A STAGE SO THAT GOD CAN WATCH HUMAN BEINGS STRUGGLE FOR GOOD AND EVIL..."

...THE STAGE IS TOO BIG FOR THE DRAMA."

Richard Feynman



RE skills and knowledge

- Identify the values found in stories and texts.
- Suggest ideas about why humans can be both good and bad, making links with Christian and Humanist ideas.
- Describe what Christians mean about humans being made in the image of God and being 'fallen', giving examples.
- Describe some Christian and Humanist values simply.
- Express their own ideas about some big moral concepts, such as fairness or honesty comparing them with the ideas of others they have studied.
- Suggest reasons why it might be helpful to follow a moral code and why it might be difficult, offering different points of view.

Did you know?

Christians and Humanists actually have many things in common.