

Y9 RE Exam Revision Sheet

1. Is faith hidden?

What is faith?

Faith is complete trust or confidence in someone or something. Or a strong belief in the doctrines of a religion, based on spiritual conviction rather than proof.

Religious symbols

Most of the world's religions use symbols. **Do some research on symbols.** For example, Christians use the cross because Jesus Christ was crucified on a cross and they believe he did this to fix the problem of sin in the world.

Charity

Christians are encouraged to give money to charity. Some Christians give a tithe (10%). The money is then used to pay for Christian organisations like churches and to help other people. For example, to support charities like Foodbank in the UK or abroad like Tearfund and Christian Aid who offer practical help like build water barrels which catch rain water which locals can use to drink from, wash with etc. Bible quotes- Love your neighbour as yourself (Jesus). Parable of the Sheep and Goats told by Jesus encourages Christians to help others.

Is Britain a Christian country?

- Lots of British laws are based on Christian ideas
- The Queen is the head of the Church of England and the country
- We have lots of holidays like Easter and Christmas which are national holidays that have Christian roots
- Church attendance is declining
- More people claim to be either agnostic or atheist's now
- Islam is increasing
- Some protestant churches are growing e.g. evangelical churches

2. Islam

Allah

- Allah is the Muslim name for god.
- Muslims believe in one god (Tawhid/monotheism)

The Qur'an

- The Qur'an is the holy book for Muslims
- Muslims believe that the Qur'an was given to Muhammad by Allah
- It is still written in Arabic
- Muslims believe Muhammad was the final prophet of Allah
- It was given to Muhammad during the night of Power where angel Jibril (Gabriel) appeared to Muhammad and revealed the message of Allah to him.
- Muhammad was asked to recite words that were later recorded in the Qur'an

Muhammad

- Muhammad lived in Arabia approximately 1400 years ago
- Muhammad was believed to be born in 570CE
- Muslims use the letters PBUH after Muhammad's name. It means peace be upon him
- Islam was founded after other Abrahamic religions (Judaism and Christianity)
- Muslims believe Muhammad is a prophet of Allah (messenger). They believe that there are other prophets found in Jewish and Christian holy books but they believe Muhammad is the final prophet.
- Muslims believe Allah revealed messages (revelations) to Muhammad about what people should believe and act

The 5 Pillars

The 5 practices that are central to life as a Muslim

1. Shahadah – declaration of faith e.g. there is only one god/Allah, Muhammad is his messenger
2. Salah – Prayer – most Muslim's pray 5 times a day
3. Zakah – Charity – A Muslim must give 2.5% of his or her savings to charity
4. Sawm – Fasting (not eating) Muslims fast during daylight hours in the month of Ramadan
5. Hajj – Pilgrimage – Every Muslim hopes at some point in their live to go on pilgrimage to Mecca