

Knowledge Organiser

Year: 5

Subject: RE

Unit: Is believing a God reasonable?

Overview:

During this sequence of learning, pupils will look at whether believing in a God is reasonable, why there is suffering in the world and what we can learn from the great philosophers.

What should I already know?

- Philosophy**
- A moral decision is when someone has to make a choice based on what they believe is proper behaviour and the right thing to do.
 - Knowing is to have direct experience, to understand, and to have a practical understanding of a concept or thing.
 - Believing is holding an opinion.
 - Truth is what is real. A thing is true if it is a fact.
 - Seeing is believing is a saying that is used when something unlikely is witnessed, the truth of its occurrence or existence can no longer be doubted.
- Humanism**
- Humanists believe that: -
 - We should treat others the way we would like to be treated
 - If everyone tries to do the right thing, we can make the world a better place; if everyone does the wrong thing, then everyone will be worse off
 - Making others happy can make us happy
 - This world is the only one we have and that human problems can only be solved by humans.
 - Humanists take an active role in supporting poverty and justice issues and many give money and time to support action on world poverty
 - The following are key Humanist values: - compassion, kindness, tolerance, free speech, rational thought

Vocabulary:

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| Philosophy | Thinking about the world and making sense of it. |
| Ethics | Branch of philosophy that deals with moral values - what is right/wrong. |
| Dignity | A sense of pride or self-respect as shown in someone's behaviour. |
| Atheist | A person who believes there is no God or Gods. |
| Utilitarianism | Actions are right if they are useful or for the benefit of the majority. |
| Suffering | To feel pain or misfortune. |
| Pain | Physical hurt or discomfort. |
| Right | What is fair and good. |
| Wrong | Not moral or good. |
| Moral | To do with what is right and wrong in how a person acts. |
| Responsible | Able to make the right decisions. |
| Moderation | Avoiding excesses or extremes. |
| Abstract | Formed in the mind or in thought, with little connection to what actually exists or is proven. |

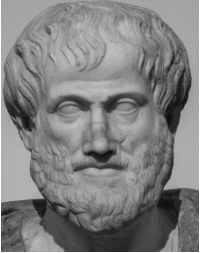
What will I know by the end of the unit?

Philosophy

- Philosophy is thinking about the world and making sense out of it.
- Aristotle, Plato and Socrates were great philosophers from Ancient Greek times. Their thinking has taught us about what is right and wrong, justice and behaving in an ethical way.
- Suffering is caused by pain and loss. This can be as a result of natural or medical disaster. Suffering can also happen as a result of the behaviour of people towards others.
- Utilitarianism is thinking about right and wrong actions. It says that the best action is the one that makes the most happiness or usefulness.

Humanism

- Humanism is a world view where the followers do not believe in god - they look to science as a way to explain the world.
- Humanists believe in a set of ethics about the way people should live.



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