

Year: 6
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Topic: Why do some people believe in God and some people not?

There are a rising number of people who identify as 'no religion'. These may include people who call themselves **atheist** who believe that god does not exist. Some people who identify as no religion may call themselves a **humanist**.

Other people are not sure whether there is god or not and they would call themselves an **agnostic** whereas someone who would say that there is a god is known as a **theist**.

People who study **philosophy** like to think about the answers to the big questions that are difficult to answer. They will try to use **reason** to prove whether god exists or not.

A **theologian** will use religious texts and actions to provide **evidence** for the existence of god, for Christian theologians this would mean looking at the Bible and for Muslim theologians at the Qur'an.

The study of **psychology** investigates how the mind works and how people think and feel. A **psychologist** will investigate how the impact of believing or not believing in god will affect how someone thinks and feels.



Theology



The existence of God?



Philosophy

Psychology

Glossary

- agnostic** A person who believes that nothing can be known about the existence of God.
- atheist** A person who disbelieves the existence of God.
- evidence** The available facts about something
- humanist** A person who seeks natural explanations to answer life's big questions about the world around them.
- philosophy** The study of the nature of knowledge and existence.
- psychology** The study of how people think.
- psychologist** A person who studies how the mind works and how people think.
- reason** The power of the mind to think, understand and form judgements.
- theist** A person who believes in the existence of God.
- theologian** A person who studies religion and the existence of god.