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Topic: What matters most to Humanists and Christians?

Everybody in the world has their own personal worldview and this can be religious or nonreligious.

There are similarities and differences between these different worldviews.

All worldviews have different moral ways of living and this affects how people treat other people and the world around them



A Christian will have values which are based on the life of Jesus and the teachings of the Christian Church. For many Christians the Bible has authority because for many it is the Word of God.



Glossary

authority Having power over something or someone.

belief Trust or confidence in something

Christian A person who follows Christianity and believes Jesus is the Saviour who healed the rift between humanity and God.

Golden Rule To treat other people as you want to be treated.

Humanism A non-religious worldview of life and the world.

Humanist A person who seeks natural explanations to answer life's big questions and for events in the world around them.

moral Acting in the correct way.

non-religious Not believing in a religion.

values Something that is important in terms of what you believe or how you act.

Why do people believe or not believe in God?

Reasons people do believe:

They have been brought up that way.

They have experienced God – seen him, had a prayer answered.

They have seen a miracle.

They can see evidence that God exists in the world.

They just know God exists (faith).

Reasons people don't believe:

They can't see any evidence.

There are scientific explanations for the world.

There are too many bad things in the world – would God make people suffer?

Prayers aren't always answered.

People who hold Humanism as a world view will have the belief that they should be free to work out for themselves what makes us happy and that we should be kind to the planet and animals. A person who holds this worldview is known as a Humanist. Not all non-religious people are humanists.



The Golden Rule

