

Unit U2.12

How does faith help people when life gets hard?

| Key word | Definition |
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| Religious | Believing in a religion (supernatural power or God) |
| Non-religious | No belief in a religion |
| Life-after-death | Something which exists beyond death |
| Resurrection | Coming back to life after death |
| Heaven | Perfect place where God is |
| Atman | Soul or eternal self |
| Reincarnation | To be born again as a human or animal |
| Dharma | duty |
| Samsara | Painful cycle of birth, death and life |
| Moksha | To become one with god, a state of bliss |
| Humanists | People who do not believe in a god, but want to live a good life |



Prior knowledge:

To know about Hindu beliefs regarding reincarnation and the cycle of Samara, To understand what Christians believe about salvation. To understand that there are also non-religious views on these big questions.

Learning outcomes:

Making sense of belief:

- Describe at least three examples of ways in which religions guide people in how to respond to good and hard times in life
- Identify beliefs about life after death in at least two religious traditions, comparing and explaining for similarities and differences.

Understanding the impact:

- Make clear connections between what people believe about God and how they respond to challenges in life (e.g. suffering, bereavement)
- Use evidence and examples to show how beliefs about resurrection/judgement/ heaven/ karma/ reincarnation make a difference to how someone lives.

Making connections:

- Reflect on a range of artistic expressions of afterlife, articulating and explaining different ways of understanding these
- Offer a reasoned response to the unit question, with evidence and example, expressing insights of their own.

