

Religious Education: Beliefs About Life After Death

Learning objective: To explore and compare different religious perspectives on what happens after death and how these beliefs influence a person's life.

Read each question carefully and answer in full sentences where appropriate. You have 45 minutes to complete this assessment.

Different religions and worldviews have different ideas about what happens to a person after they die. Some people believe in an afterlife, a place or state of being that exists beyond our physical world. For example, many Christians believe in Heaven, a place of peace with God. Some Hindus and Buddhists believe in reincarnation, where the soul is born again into a new life. Other people, including many humanists, believe that we live on through the memories we leave behind and the positive impact we have on others during our time on Earth.

Word bank: Afterlife · Heaven · Reincarnation · Soul · Legacy · Belief · Faith · Action

1. Define the term 'afterlife' in your own words. (2 marks)

2. Name two different religious or non-religious beliefs about what happens after death. (2 marks)

3. Max the monkey believes that how we treat others today is important because of our 'legacy'. Explain what he might mean by this. (3 marks)

4. How might a belief in an afterlife influence the way a person behaves while they are alive? Give one example. (3 marks)

5. Compare the concept of 'Heaven' with the concept of 'Reincarnation'. How are they different? (4 marks)

6. Nova the owl is thinking about the future. Write a short reflection (5-6 sentences) on why beliefs about death are important to human beings. Consider how these beliefs might provide comfort, give life meaning, or encourage people to be kind to one another. (5 marks)

7. True or False: All people in the world share the exact same view on what happens after death. Explain your answer. (6 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture representing a 'legacy'. Show how someone might be remembered by their friends or family through their kindness, art, or actions.



Extension challenge: Total: /25