

Beliefs About Life After Death

Learning objective: To understand that different religions have different beliefs about what happens after this life.

Read the text carefully. Use the word bank to help you understand the words. Answer the questions in the spaces provided. If you get stuck, look back at the text to find the answers.

People all over the world think about what happens after we die. This is often called the afterlife. Many religions have special ideas about this. Some people believe that when a person dies, their soul leaves their body. They think the soul goes to a place of great peace and happiness. For some, this place is like a beautiful garden or a home in the sky. Other people believe that life is a circle. They think that after someone dies, they might come back to the world in a new form. This is a way to learn new things and become a better person. Not everyone believes the same thing. Some people think that life ends when the body stops working. They believe that we should focus on being kind and helpful while we are here on Earth. These different ideas show that people wonder about the big mysteries of life. Even though we do not know for sure what happens, talking about these beliefs helps us to respect what others think and feel.

Word bank: Afterlife: A life that many people believe happens after we die. · Religion: A set of beliefs about how the world began and how to live. · Soul: The part of a person that some believe lives on forever. · Peace: A calm and happy feeling.

1. What is the afterlife? (2 marks)

2. Where do some people think the soul goes after death? (2 marks)

3. Why might someone believe in a 'circle' of life? (2 marks)

4. What do some people think is the most important thing to do while we are alive on Earth? (2 marks)

5. Why is it important to listen to other people's beliefs, even if they are different from yours? Explain your answer. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of a peaceful place where someone might imagine the afterlife to be, like a beautiful garden or a bright, starry sky.



Extension challenge: Talk to an adult at home about what they think happens after we die. Write down one thing they said that was interesting.