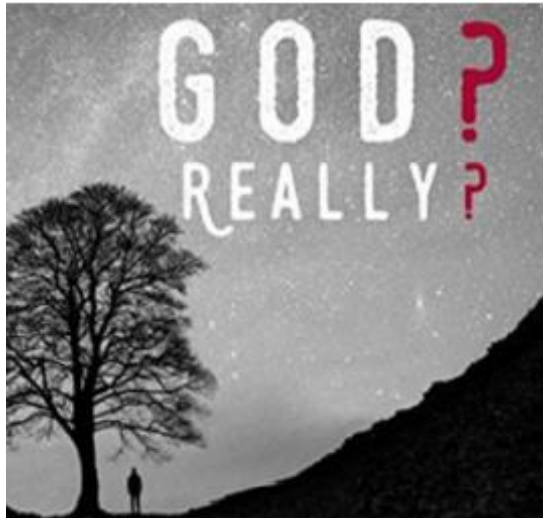


Knowledge organiser term 6: Why do some people believe in God and others don't?

Key Vocabulary

evolution	The change of species over time by natural selection
theist	Someone who believes in the existence of God or gods.
atheist	Someone who doesn't believe in the existence of God
agnostic	Someone who believes we can never know if there is a God or not
eternal	Existing forever, without end
opinion	A view, not necessarily based on fact.



Questions to consider:

- What presence does God have in the lives of people today?
- Why do so many people believe in God?
- Why do some people not believe in God?
- Why do some people start with faith and then lose it?
- Why do some people start with no religious faith and then convert to faith?
- How might religious beliefs affect people's actions?

Here are some reasons people do or do not believe there is a God:

- Religious upbringing
- Examining the universe and its intricacies
- Peer pressure
- Religious experience
- Faith

Similes and metaphors about God from the bible

Father (Psalm 103:13),
Creator (Genesis 1:1),
Rock (Deuteronomy 32:3-4),
Shepherd (Psalm 32),
Fortress (2 Samuel 22:2-3),
Light (1 John 1:5),
Jesus (Colossians 1:15;2:9),
Spirit (John 4:24),
Eternal (1 Timothy 1:17),
Everywhere (Jeremiah 34:24),
Almighty (Matthew 19:26)