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| *Religion, Ethics & Philosophy*  Image result for beliefs about god  **What Do People Believe About God?** | **1) Does God even exist?**   * theist – someone who believes in some kind of God or gods * atheist – someone who does not believe in any kind of God or gods * agnostic – someone who thinks we cannot know whether there is a God or not | **2) Why don’t Jews have a name for G-d?**   * Judaism – a monotheistic religion with Moses as an important leader * Jew – follower of Judaism * Blasphemy – showing disrespect to God * Jehovah – ‘I Am Who I Am’ – Hebrew word for God |
| **3) Why do Muslims have so many names for Allah?**   * Islam – a monotheistic religion with Muhammad (pbuh) as its most important leader * Muslim – follower of Islam * Allah – Arabic word meaning God * Tawhid – Arabic word meaning the Oneness of God * Monotheism – believing in only one God | **4) Do Hindus worship one God or many gods?**   * Polytheism – believing in many different gods * Trimurti – three gods representing the cycle of life: Create, Maintain, Destroy * Brahman * avatar – a god that has taken the form of a human * atman – the part of all living creatures that is God, our soul | **5) What do Christians mean when they say that Jesus was God?**   * The Incarnation - God becoming fully human in the form of Jesus * miracle – an event that cannot be explained by science * crucifixion – a painful method of execution used on Jesus * resurrection – coming back to life |
| **6) Why do Sikhs see truth in all beliefs about God?**   * Guru – Punjabi word meaning ‘teacher’ * Mool Mantar - Punjabi phrase meaning ‘basic teaching’ – the most important prayer of Sikhism | **7) Why don’t Buddhists talk about God?**   * Buddha – a person who has achieved Enlightenment and returned to help others * non-theist – someone who is not interested in questions of God * deva – a superhuman being | **9) What makes God worth worshipping?**   * Omnipotent – all-powerful, able to do anything * Omnibenevolent – all-loving, always acts for god and out of love |
| **8) What do I believe about God?** *Use this space to list the important words and ideas you would use to explain YOUR beliefs about God* | | |