



Religious Studies Knowledge Organiser

Year Group: 8
Topic: Spirituality
Half Term: Autumn Two

Key Terms

Atman	The Hindu term for the spirit.
Soul	The Christian term for the spirit.
Immortal	Something that will live forever.
Values	Things which are important to a person
Adhan	The Muslim call to prayer.
Hymn	A Christian worship song.
Haram	Something which is banned in Islam.
Masjid al-Haram	The sacred temple built around the Kaaba in Mecca.
Kaaba	A temple which Muslims believe was built thousands of years ago with black stone from heaven.
Reformation	An event where Henry VIII created the Church of England based on Protestant beliefs.

The idea of the spirit is present in many different religions. In Hinduism it is called the Atman, and in Christianity it is called the soul. Both of these religions believe that the body is temporary but the soul is immortal. Spirituality can mean different things to different people. Some people express their spirituality and their values through their jobs or clothing.




Music is another in which spirituality can be expressed. People who write music can express their beliefs and views about issues within songs. Music is also another way that religious believers can demonstrate their faith and worship. For example, Christians may worship through the singing of hymns or psalms, and the Adhan is used to call Muslims to prayer. Sometimes this is played as a recording, and other times it is sung.

Spirituality and religion can also be expressed through art. There are many famous Christian works of art. For example Calvary by Octavio Ocampo shows the crucifixion of Christ, but also demonstrates that there is hope for life after death through the resurrection. In Islam it is haram to create an image of God.




Architecture can be used to reflect a group of people's values, either religious or otherwise. For example, many Christian churches are built in the shape of a cross to represent the crucifixion of Jesus. Buddhist teaching also says that no religious building should harm living beings. Some people reflect their love of animals and the environment through environmentally friendly architecture.



Religious Teachings

Shirk (worshipping another besides Allah) is an unforgivable sin in Islam



'Right mindfulness'. If you are 'mindful' of the effects of your actions on the world, this is an effective way to avoid causing damage to nature and other living creatures.

Suggested Reading

- *That Thing We Call a Heart* by Sheba Karim.



- *The Book of Dust* by Philip Pullman