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Why do some people believe in God and some people not?

Wonderful words

Theist: a person who believes in the

existence of god

Atheist: a person who disbelieves the

existence of god

Psychology: the study of how people think

Evidence: the available facts about

something

Psychologist: a person who studies how the mind works and how people think

Agnostic: a person who believes that nothing can be known about the existence

of God

Humanist: a person who seeks natural explanations to answer life's big questions and for events in the world around them

Philosophy: the study of the nature of

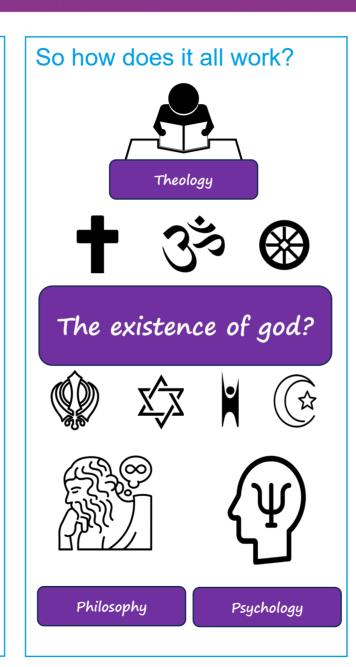
knowledge and existence

Reason: the power of the mind to think, understand, and form judgements

logically

Theologian: a person who studies religion

and the existence of god



Important information

There are a rising number of people who identify as 'no religion'. These may include people who call themselves **atheist** who believe that god does not exist. Someone people who identify as no religion may call themselves a **humanist**.

Other people are not sure whether there is god or not and they would call themselves an agnostic whereas someone who would say that there is a god is known as a theist.

People who study **philosophy** like to think about the answers to the big questions that are difficult to answer. They will try to use **reason** to prove whether god exists or not.

A **theologian** will use religious texts and actions to provide **evidence** for the existence of god, for Christian theologians this would mean looking at the Bible and for Muslim theologians at the Qur'an.

The study of **psychology** investigates how the mind works and how people think and feel. A **psychologist** will investigate how the impact of believing or not believing in god will affect how someone thinks and feels.