

Kingshurst Primary School

Religious Education

Year 6

Autumn 1

What belief do humanists share with each other?

Religions covered: Humanists

What is a humanist? What do they believe?

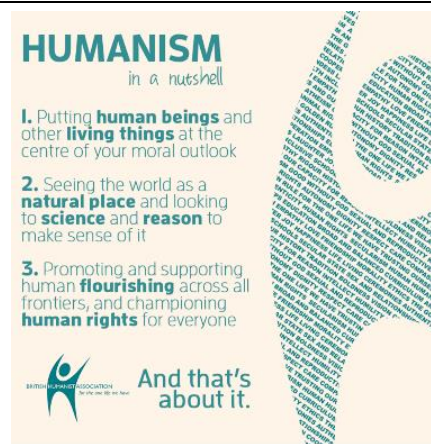
Humanists do not believe in a god. They believe it is possible to live a good and fulfilling life without following a traditional religion.

They do not follow a holy book either. Instead, Humanists value traits like reason and rely on science to explain the way things are.

Humanists believe that people have one life to live – there is no afterlife. As a result, they focus on being happy and making the most of their life. They also believe they have a duty to support others.

Humanists do not have a regular place of worship. They do, however, hold talks, lectures, and discussion groups all around the country.

Humanist also have ceremonies, celebrations, or special occasions. Many Humanists hold naming ceremonies, non-religious weddings, and funerals.



Happy Human is the official logo of the International Humanist and Ethical Union, it is also used by many humanist groups worldwide.



How do Humanists use evidence to support their beliefs? Why is it important that Humanists support their beliefs with scientific facts?

evolution



sustainability



The Humanist Ten Commitments

- 1) Thou shalt strive to promote the greater good of humanity before all selfish desires.
- 2) Thou shalt be curious, for asking questions is the only way to find answers.
- 3) Harm to your fellow human is harm to humanity. Therefore, thou shalt not kill, rape, rob, or otherwise victimize anyone.
- 4) Thou shall treat all humans as equals, regardless of race, gender, age, creed, identity, orientation, physical ability, or status.
- 5) Thou shalt use reason as your guide. Science, knowledge, observation, and rational analysis are the best ways to determine any course of action.
- 6) Thou shalt not force your beliefs onto others, nor insist that yours be the only and correct way to live happily.
- 7) If thou dost govern, thou shalt govern with reason, not with superstition. Religion should have no place in any government which represents all people and beliefs.
- 8) Thou shalt act for the betterment of your fellow humans, and be, whenever possible, altruistic in your deeds.
- 9) Thou shalt be good to the Earth and its bounties, for without it, humankind is lost.
- 10) Thou shalt impart thy knowledge and wisdom gained in your lifetime to the next generation, so that with each passing century, humanity will grow wiser and more humane.



A mosaic located at the entrance to United Nations Secretariat Building in New York depicts people of different nationalities, religions and cultures with the words: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you", called the Golden Rule.

religious	Having to do with religious beliefs.	Non-religious	Not relating to or believing in a religion.	atheist	A person who believes that there is no god or gods.	agnostic	A person who believes it is impossible to know anything
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ethics	A set of moral principles and values.	evidence	Something that gives proof or a reason to believe.	reason	A cause or explanation for an action, opinion, or event.	empathy	Identification with or sharing another's feelings, situation, or attitudes.
compassion	A feeling of sharing another's suffering that leads to a desire to help.	consequence	That which follows; result.	celebrant	One who officiates at a ceremony.	commitment	A pledge or obligation to fulfil an act or function.