



Y6 Thinking like a Theologist

Islam

Concept: Beliefs and Meaning



Key Knowledge:

- We all have different motivations to take certain actions. Our actions sometimes are dependent on what we think will happen to us if someone sees us do them.
- Muslims try to live 'good' lives i.e. lives they believe will show love and respect to Allah e.g. prayer, good work, fasting in Ramadan, etc.
- Muslims believe that Allah will judge them when they die and weigh up the good things they have done against the not so good i.e. every Muslim will have a judgement day which will determine whether they go to heaven after they die. It may also determine which tier/part of Heaven they are allowed to go to.
- The spiritual struggle or effort of every Muslim to follow the teachings of Allah in their own lives e.g. overcoming anger, greed, pride, working for social justice, etc., is called 'Greater Jihad.'
- The most honoured of you in the sight of Allah is he who is the most righteous of you."

Surah 49:13.

Key Vocabulary:

Motivation is a reason or reasons for acting or behaving in a particular way.

Actions are the fact or process of doing something, typically to achieve an aim.

Akhirah (life after death) is an Islamic term referring to **the hereafter or the final destination**. It is a core belief in Islam that life on earth is but a test and that we will be returning to Allah, where he will decide their eternal home.

Jihad has two meanings for Muslims. It is both a struggle for faith and a struggle against evil.

Greater Jihad is about making the effort to be a good Muslim through a personal struggle to improve spiritually. It is a duty and an act of worship.

Righteous is morally right or justifiable.

Learning Questions

Enquiry Question:

Does belief in Akhirah (life and death) help Muslims lead good lives?

What motivates us to take certain actions?

How do Muslims live good lives?

What are the most important ways Muslims can follow the teachings of Allah?

Evaluation:

Does belief in Akhirah (life and death) help Muslims lead good lives?