



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

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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

So how does it all work?



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. Some 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.