



Humanism and Buddhism (see Y2)

RE Y4



Vocabulary:

Atheist a person who disbelieves the existence of a god

Agnostic someone who believes we can't prove the existence or non-existence of a god

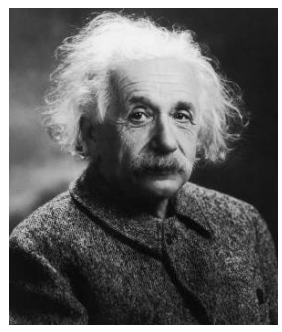
Theist someone who believes in the existence of a god

Famous Humanists

Margaret Atwood,
writer and poet,
1939-present



Brian Cox,
Physicist, writer
and broadcaster,
1968-present



Albert Einstein, a
famous humanist

Humanism symbol



Key Questions:

What does it mean to be a Humanist?

What are the key ideas behind Humanism?

What does it mean to be a Buddhist?

What are the key ideas behind Buddhism?

Key beliefs of Humanism

Humanism is a non-religious faith. People who follow it are usually **atheist** although some are **agnostic**. Humanists believe that the world is created naturally, not by a god. Roughly speaking, the word humanist has come to mean someone who:

- trusts to the scientific method when it comes to understanding how the universe works and rejects the idea of the supernatural
- makes their ethical decisions based on reason, empathy, and a concern for human beings and other sentient animals
- believes that there is no heaven or hell, and therefore human beings can act to give their own lives meaning by seeking happiness in this life and helping others to do the same.

Links to prior learning and next steps:

Y2: Buddhism

Links to other subjects:

Personal Development:

Citizenship and human rights

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