

Today's Vocabulary

Theist

Agnostic

Atheist

Exist - to be real or have being

Evidence - facts or information that show if a belief is true or valid.



Distinguishing facts, beliefs and opinions

- Leicester City is the best football club in the Premiership
- The world is round
- The capital city of England is London
- When I die I will go to Heaven
- Henry VIII had six wives
- God does not exist
- Dinosaurs once walked on this earth
- Brussel sprouts are disgusting

Why have you categorised them this way?

Can you use words like

proof, evidence, idea, probability, argument
knowledge, possible

For example...

- "The world is round"

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The earth is round.

The sun revolves around the earth.

The big bang began the universe.

Scientists can explain everything without referring
to God. God created the universe for a purpose.

The world exists.

Reasons for believing or not believing in God
Can you think of some?

Reasons for believing or not believing in God

- family background – many people believe (or don't believe) because of their home background;
- religious experience – many people say they have experienced a sense of 'the presence of God' or had prayer answered;
- many would argue that the universe, the Earth and life are extraordinary and are best explained as the result of an all-powerful Creator.
- Many people who do not believe in God point to the existence of terrible suffering as a key reason.
- Some argue that there is no need to use a Creator to explain the existence of the universe and life.



Good News/Bad News



- The event is absolute proof that God doesn't exist;
- The event offers some challenges the existence of a loving God;
- The event shows that God wants humans to work to change the world
- The event shows that God wants humans to practice the virtues of patience and faithfulness
- The event says nothing about the existence and nature of God – humans are to blame.