

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

Year 6 Religious Education

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Key vocabulary

Islam: An Arabic word related to Salam which means peace. Islam is the peace that comes from obeying the will of God. The word Muslim is also an Arabic word which means someone who obeys the will of God.

Allah: 'The God'- singular, not plural. This reflects the Muslim belief that there is only One God.

Muhammad: The name of the Arabic man who lived about 1,500 years ago in Arabia and became the prophet of Islam. Many Muslims add the letters pbuh which stand for 'Peace and Blessings Upon Him' after his name. Muhammad's (pbuh) messages were all written down and collected together. The book that they are written in is called the Holy Qur'an. It is written in Arabic, the language in which it was revealed, but it has been translated into many other languages.

The Five Pillars of Islam: Muslims have five rules which are most important. These come from the Qur'an and the actions of Muhammad (pbuh).

Muslims pray on their own and together. When they pray together they often go to the Mosque.

Islam is one of the biggest religions in the world today. There are Muslims in most countries and Britain is no exception. There

are around 2 million British Muslims.

When Muslims meet, they greet each other by saying, As-Salāmu `Alaykum. This is a traditional Muslim greeting, often translated as Peace be upon you.

Akhirah is the term used in Islam to describe the belief in everlasting life after death. Muslims regard life on Earth as a test from Allah, to prepare them for eternal life.

Belief in God

Belief in the Messengers

of God

Belief in Angels

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God's

Revealed

Books

Belief in

destination

Belief in

the Day of

Judgment



Before we learn our topic:

• What is the meaning of Allah?

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True False

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True

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