

4.2 What do we mean by 'truth'? Is seeing believing?

Key Vocabulary

Word	Definition
Axiom	A statement that everyone believes is true – eg: "the only constant is change."
Proof	The evidence that shows something is true or valid
Burden of Proof	The duty of proving a disputed charge
Reality	The way things actually are
Evidence	Anything that can be used to prove something
Truth	Something which is fact and true in accordance with reality
Logical Fallacy	A mistaken belief that arises from a logical idea
Ultimate Reality	Something that is the supreme, final, and fundamental power in all reality - ultimate reality in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam is God

Miracles

A **miracle** is something amazing and special that happens, which seems impossible by natural laws, and is believed to be caused by God or a higher power.



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Similarities between Hinduism, Christianity and Islam

Even though **Hinduism, Christianity, and Islam** are different in many ways, they all teach us to **love God, be kind to others, and do good deeds**. They also believe in **prayer, worship, and helping those in need**, and they each have special books that guide their followers on how to live good lives.

Differences between facts and opinions

FACT	OPINION
Something that can be verified	A belief or judgement about something
Based on research or observation	Based on personal view, cannot be verified
Verification possible	Verification not possible
Universal	Varies from one person to the next
Not debatable	Debatable
Has power to influence	Has power to influence

Key Questions to think about

- What do you believe about miracles and heaven?
- What can you prove through logic?
- What are some axioms you believe to be true?

Logical Fallacies

Errors in reasoning that invalidate the argument



Waheguru

Sikhs have many words to describe God. The name most widely used for God by Sikhs is , which means 'wondrous enlightener'. Sikhs believe that there is only one God, who created everything. They believe that Waheguru must remain in the mind at all times. Sikhism is a way of life, and so Sikhs' beliefs reflect their actions on a daily basis and bring them closer to Waheguru.



Sikh Beliefs

- There is One God for all of creation, a loving Creator attainable through the Grace
- Goal is to be one with god
- Selfless service towards the entire Creation
- Truth, fearless, non-hateful spirit are important in attaining salvation
- Absolute equality of humanity
- Defenders of social and spiritual justice
- Living a moral, truthful and hardworking existence
- Humility and loving action
- Defending the rights of the downtrodden and oppressed



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