

## 4.3 How do religious groups contribute to society and culture?

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### Key Vocabulary

Word	Definition
Christian	A follower of Christianity
Compassion	Showing kindness, caring and a willingness to help others
Contribution	Giving of time, money, possessions or expertise to others
Society	An extended social group having a distinct cultural and economic organisation
Impact	A forceful consequence or strong effect
Hindu	A follower of Hinduism
Dharma	Moral law and spiritual discipline of Hindu belief – the foundation of life and ‘universal law of being’
Seva	An act of selfless service

#### Fun fact!

Hinduism is the world's oldest religion, according to many scholars, with roots and customs dating back more than 4,000 years.

### Key Hindu beliefs

- Hindus think of all living creatures as equal, so they try to show them respect.
- Dana and seva are actions which many Hindus follow.
- ❖ **Dana** means giving to others through charity.
- ❖ **Seva** means serving others without wanting anything back.
- Many Hindus share what they have with others.
- They practise **dana** by donating to charity, giving food, money or other items to help people in need.
- Hindus show **seva** in different ways, for example by helping older people to do jobs or giving their time to charity.

### Key Christian beliefs

- Love for all people was at the very centre of Jesus' message. He told **The Parable of the Good Samaritan** to illustrate this.
- The Samaritans and Jews were sworn enemies and so for the Samaritan to show such love was even more amazing. Jesus wanted everyone to be like the Samaritan, to love and help everyone, even their enemies.
- This kind of love is known as **agape love**. It is the kind of love that God has for all humans: the highest form of love, sacrificial and unconditional.

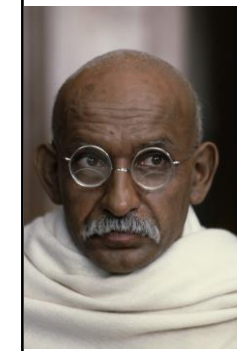
### Quote from Hindu scripture

‘Charity given out of duty, without expectation of return, at the proper time and place, and to a worthy person is considered to be in the quality of goodness.’

### Key Questions to think about

- Consider how other people (headteachers, football players, actors etc) show compassion
- What is the most compassionate thing that someone has done for you? How did it make you feel?

### Mahatma Gandhi



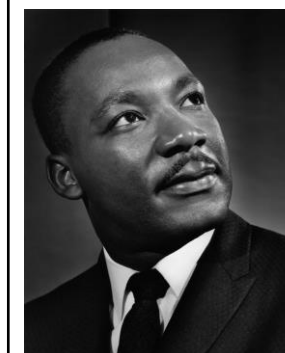
- He lived in India **100 years ago**.
- He fought against the **British rule** of his country.
- He believed in **peaceful protest**.

### Mother Teresa



The **Roman Catholic** nun called Mother Teresa received the Nobel peace prize in 1979 for helping to relieve the sufferings of the poor. Less than 20 years after she died, Mother Teresa was named a **saint** of the Roman Catholic church.

### Martin Luther King



Martin Luther King, Jr., led the **civil rights movement** in the United States. He used nonviolent, or peaceful, protest to try to get equal rights for **African Americans**. He was awarded the **Nobel Peace Prize** in 1964.