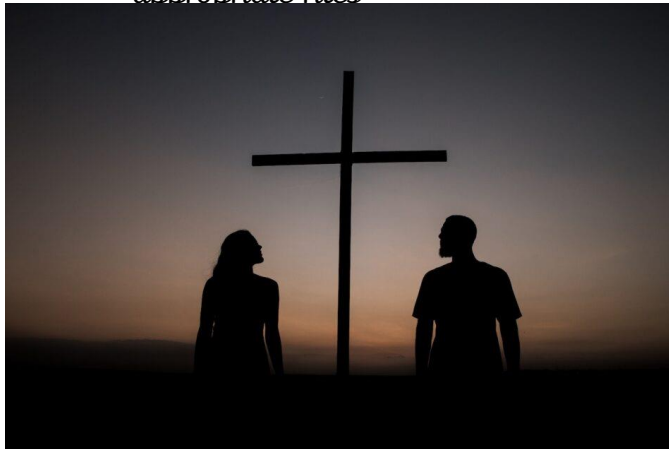


4.5 What does sacrifice mean?

Key Vocabulary

Word	Definition
Altruism	The quality of unselfish concern for the welfare of others
Commitment	The act of binding yourself (intellectually or emotionally) to a course of action
Sacrifice	To make a sacrifice of; in religious rituals; endure the loss of/ the act of killing (an animal or person) in order to please a deity
Self-Sacrifice	The giving up of one's own interests or wishes to help others or advance a cause
Ultimate Sacrifice	Death for a cause
Humanist	An advocate of the principles of humanism; someone concerned with the interests and welfare of humans
Virtue	The quality of doing what is right and avoiding what is wrong
Purification	A ceremonial cleansing from defilement or uncleanness by the performance of appropriate rites



Many Christians believe that Jesus made the ultimate sacrifice when he died on the cross.

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Humanism is a way of thinking that says people can choose to be kind and fair without needing rules from religion. Humanists believe in being kind and helpful because it makes the world a better place. Humanists believe in sharing because it's the caring thing to do, not for a reward. They think everyone can make a difference by being thoughtful and generous!

Key Questions to ask yourself

- What are the positives (benefits) and negatives (costs) to the sacrifices that we have considered?
- What do you believe in so strongly that you would sacrifice something to achieve it?
- Why do you think that virtue and altruism must play a part in a Humanist life?



The Story of Abraham and Ishmael

A long time ago, there was a man named Abraham (Ibrahim), who loved God and followed Him faithfully. He had two sons: Isaac (Ishaq) and Ishmael (Ismail), and God gave him a special test of faith. God told Abraham to take his son to a mountain and prepare to sacrifice him, as a sign of trust. Even though he loved his son deeply, Abraham trusted God and was ready to do as asked. His son was also brave and trusted both his father and God. Just as Abraham was about to make the sacrifice, God stopped him and sent a ram (a sheep) to take the son's place! God was pleased with Abraham's faith and rewarded him.

In **Judaism**, this story is remembered on **Rosh Hashanah**, a time of reflection and prayer. For **Muslims**, this story is celebrated on **Eid al-Adha**, when they sacrifice an animal to remember Abraham's trust in God and share the meat with others. This story teaches people in both religions about faith, trust, and kindness.