

6.1 How and why does religion bring peace and conflict?

Key Vocabulary

| Word | Definition |
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| Pacifism | Belief that war and violence are unjustifiable and should be settled peacefully |
| Conflict | To fight or disagree actively |
| Peace | A freedom from disturbance; tranquillity ; A period in which there is no war |
| Self-defence | To defend yourself from attack |
| Violence | behaviour involving physical force intended to hurt, damage, or kill someone or something |
| Justice | Fair and reasonable treatment or behaviour |
| Jihad | To struggle in the way of Allah – devoted to carrying out the will of Allah |
| Harb al-Muqadis | A Holy War – fighting against evil can justify going to war |
| Ahimsa | Respect for all living things and avoidance of violence towards others |

The Golden Rule
You should treat others as you would like to be treated yourself.

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How does Hinduism, Christianity and Islam view peace and conflict?

Hinduism: Peace is valued as a way to achieve harmony with oneself and others, but the concept of dharma allows for righteous action in conflict if it protects justice and order.

Christianity: Peace is central, with Jesus' teachings emphasizing love and forgiveness, though self-defence or conflict may be acceptable to prevent greater harm or injustice.

Islam: Peace is highly valued, as the word "Islam" means "submission to peace," but conflict may be justified as a last resort to protect faith, justice, or defend against oppression.

Key Questions to ask yourself

- What is your Golden Rule for peace, and how would you symbolise this?
- When is it right to fight?
- Why are expressions of peace important in our society?
- How can we as individuals promote peace within our school community? Wider community? Self?

It's important not to group all people of one religious background under one bracket and judge a whole group of people by the actions of a few.

Activists



Malala Yousafzai defied the Taliban's ban on girls' education, arguing that Islam encourages learning for all.

Martin Luther King opposed racial segregation in the U.S., which some leaders justified with Christianity, promoting a more inclusive interpretation.

