

6.3 What does it mean to be human?

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Key Vocabulary

Word	Definition
Purpose	The reason for which something is done or created or for which something exists
Happiness	The state of being happy
Soul	The spiritual or immaterial part of a human being or animal, regarded as immortal
Humanist	A follower of the principles of Humanism
Christian	A person who has received baptism or believes in the faith of Christianity
Freedom	The power or right to think, feel and act as one wants
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Happiness	The state of being happy



The Beatitudes - KJV
Matthew 5:3-12

Blessed are the poor in spirit:
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they that mourn:
for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek:
for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they which do hunger &
thirst after righteousness:
for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful:
for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart:
for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers:
for they shall be called the children of God.

Blessed are they which are persecuted
for righteousness' sake:
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

- ### Key Questions to ask yourself
- What similarities are there between Christianity, Humanism and Philosophy regarding happiness?
 - What did Diogenes consider to be essential to happiness?
 - Is being happy the greatest purpose in life?

Diogenes

Diogenes, also known as Diogenes the Cynic or Diogenes of Sinope, was a Greek philosopher and one of the founders of Cynicism. He thought that to attain wisdom and virtue one must give up all the pleasures of life, which were thought to stand in the way of self-mastery.



'An individual human existence should be like a river – small at first, narrowly contained within its banks, and rushing passionately past boulders and over waterfalls. Gradually the river grows wider, the banks recede, the waters flow more quietly, and – in the end – without any visible break, they become merged in the sea, and painlessly lose their individual being. The man or woman who, in old age, can see his or her life in this way, will not suffer from the fear of death, since the things they care for will continue.'

Bertrand Russell, How to Grow Old

