

# Year 12 Programme

- Loss, Grief, Death and Dying
- Religions of the World
- Justice and Peace

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- Commitment and Ministry
- Understanding the Gospel

# Central Theme to Year 12

- What role does God play in our society?
- None
- Huge
- Religion is for those who are scared of going to hell
- Spirituality the new religion



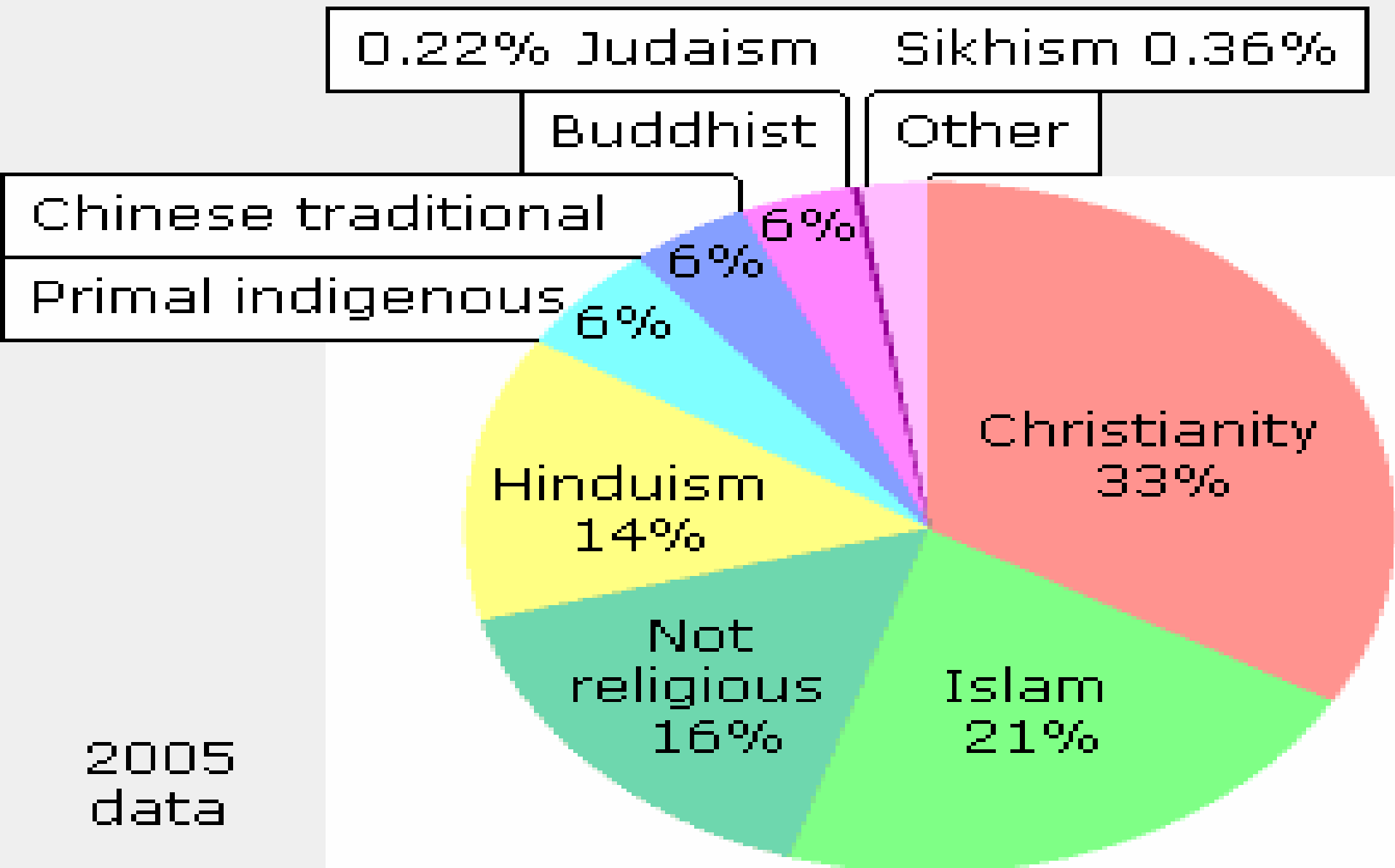
**Write your own  
definition of Religion.**

# Religion

- We understand that all cultures have something they call God
- Statistics
- According to the latest data most people on the planet believe in some kind of spirituality

# Major religious groups

(percentage of world population)



# Views on God

- "If God had a name, what would it be  
And would you call it to his face  
If you were faced with him in all his glory  
What would you ask if you had just one  
question."

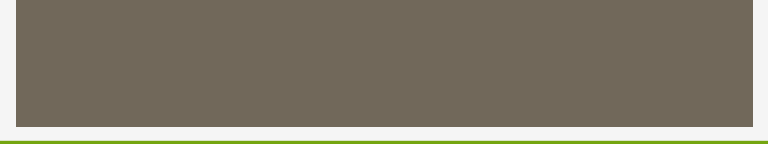
# Future

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# What's the point???

In this era of shopping and instant gratification we are a people engaged in the pursuit of self-interest. But looking after number one is just a part of human nature: equally important are such seemingly outmoded qualities as faith in God.

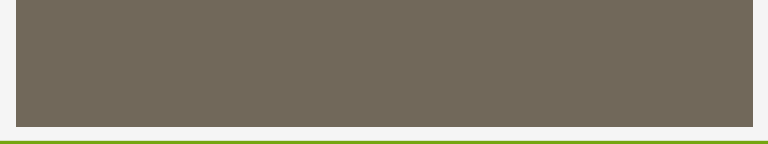


History shows, religious faith or belief can often prove to be a much stronger force than considerations of pure self-interest. In some circumstances people will even sacrifice their life for their faith.



Religion acts as one of the major guides of human behaviour.


Humankind is incurably religious although the form and object of his religious feelings may change over time



The role of religion in respect to peace building and conflict can often be ambiguous. Religious institutions such as churches are frequently to be found at the heart of conflict prevention and peace-building activities. However, there are also examples of religious institutions failing to promote peace and even fanning the flames of conflict.

# Future

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Here are some  
questions for  
you....

and guess what it is not  
being assessed.

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- *Why am I here?*
- *Is there anything greater than human beings?*
- *What will happen to me when I die?*
- *What is the point of human life?*
- *How can we know about God?*
- *What distinguishes one religion from another?*
- *What is religion and religious faith?*
- *Should religion give you guidelines for living or should religion enable you to know God?*

- *Religion is a system of beliefs and practices by means of which a group of people struggles with the ultimate problems of human life. Dictionary of Religions.*
- *Religion is the whole complexes of attitudes, convictions, emotions, gestures, rituals, beliefs and institutions by which we come to terms with, and express our most fundamental relationship with Reality (God and the created order, perceived as coming forth from God's creative hand).*



## Lets finish with some statistics

- 95% of people believe in something divine
- 90% believe in God
- 85% believe in heaven
- 82% believe in miracles

# Lets compare these to new age beliefs

- Ghosts 34%
- UFOs 34%
- Astrology 27%
- Reincarnation 23%
- Witches 22%



69% of people believe  
religion should have  
greater importance in  
our lives

What do you think?