

Year 5

Summer Term

How do Sikhs view other religions?

Name of religion: Sikhism

Holy book: Guru Granth Sahib

Name of people who study religion: Sikhs

Founder of religion:

Guru Nanak

Place of worship: Gurdwara



This is our local Gurdwara,
Gurdwara Guru Maneyo Granth



Sikh
festivals

Vaisakhi

Festival that shows
gratitude and thanks
for the harvest of
food and crops.



Diwali

Festival of light,
symbolising good
overcoming evil.



How do Sikhs view other religions?

- identify the words, "There is no Hindu, there is no Muslim" as words spoken by Guru Nanak.
- know and show awareness of significant ideas associated with what Guru Nanak meant when he said, "There is no Hindu, there is no Muslim" including: (1) when Guru Nanak said, "There is no Hindu, there is no Muslim" he was not saying that there are no Hindus and no Muslims as obviously there are Hindus and there are Muslims; (2) Guru Nanak's message in those words was we should not think of other people first and foremost as being a Hindu or a Muslim, or as being a member of a religion or a group; (3) we should not first and foremost think of other people by using a religious label, or using other labels like colour, race, gender or age; (4) first and foremost we should think of other people as human beings; (5) Guru Nanak's message in the words, "There is no Hindu, there is no Muslim" is that we should respect and treat all people well as we are all brothers and sisters because we are all children of the one God who created us.

- know that most Sikhs have a respectful attitude towards other religions and that most Sikhs believe it would be wrong to try to pester, bully or force a person into being a Sikh.
- know that Guru Nanak was on friendly terms with Hindus and Muslims.
- Pupils should also know: (1) Guru Nanak's lifetime friend was a man called Mardana who was born and brought up as a Muslim; (2) Guru Nanak travelled widely preaching his message and Mardana travelled with him; (3) Many people were fascinated to hear Guru Nanak singing hymns that he had written; (4) Mardana accompanied Guru Nanak's singing using a lute like instrument.
- Pupils should know that every gurdwara has a langar in which a free meal is provided daily for all who attend and no-one is turned away because of their religion, colour, gender, caste, social status, etc.

Vocabulary you will use:

Word	Definition
langar	The langar is the kitchen in a gurdwara where a free meal is served to all visitors.
Mardana	Mardana was the lifelong friend and companion of Guru Nanak. Mardana was ten years older than Guru Nanak but they knew each other in childhood. Mardana was born into a Muslim family and raised as a Muslim.
'No Hindu, No Muslim'	Looking beyond labels and recognising that all people, first and foremost, belong to the one common category which is that we are all human beings.

How does Christianity view other religions in comparison to Sikhism?

- They believe there is truth in all religions and that there are different ways to God.
- Christians may wish to share their understanding of God with others, and may seek to show God's love in the world through social action and concern; but Christians believe they have no right or need to seek to convert people from other religions to Christianity.
- Christians recognise and respect the truth preserved in other religions and the good done in this world by non — Christians, and that Christians should be humble about their own successes and failings.
- This is similar to Sikhism views as Christians too believe in the acceptance and tolerance of other religions. Whilst Sikhs believe there should no religious label put onto people, Christians are accepting of other religions but use religious labels.

How does Islam view other religions in comparison to Sikhism?

- There are guidelines that the Qur'an clearly presents to Muslims for building tolerance and understanding among differing religions:
- Everyone's God-given human dignity must be respected, regardless of his or her faith, race, ethnic origin, gender, or social status. As everyone is created by God, humans must treat one another with full honour, respect, and loving kindness.
- Islam teaches it is by Divine Will that God's human creation follows different religions, or no religion at all — no religion is nevertheless a faith, or belief-system. Muslims believe God is not pleased when some humans choose not to believe.
- The Qur'an states clearly that freedom of religion is a God-given right.
- The final judgment of all humanity (good/bad) lies in the hands of God, to whom we all ultimately return to upon death.
- God loves justice and those who strive to practice it, especially toward people who are different from them in any way, including in matters of religious belief.

How does Hinduism view other religions in comparison to Sikhism?

- Hindus view the entire universe as God's and everything in the universe as God. H
- Hindus believe that each person is intrinsically divine and the purpose of life is to seek and realise the divinity within all of us.
- The Hindu belief is totally non-exclusive and accepts all other faiths and religious paths.
- Hindus believe that no one religion is exclusively true, that all major faiths are aspects of the one universal, all-encompassing truth, and that there are many paths to seek and experience religious understanding and enlightenment.
- Hindu Dharma believes that no particular religion is better than another; all genuine religious paths are symbols of God's pure love and light, deserving tolerance and understanding. Hindu's also believe not only in tolerance for other religions but respect as well. Everyone is entitled to their own path, and none should be mocked or persecuted.

How does Buddhism view other religions in comparison to Sikhism?

- Buddhism recognizes that all religions share the same aim of working for the well-being of mankind.
- Buddhists believe you must eradicate a sense of superiority about one's own religion and eliminate mutual suspicion, religious prejudices and selfish motives, for the common good and upliftment of your own religion.
- Buddhists believe simply tolerating another religion and maintain a superior attitude about your own religion is not worthy of doing and you must be able to deeply respect another view although you may not agree with it.

Questions we'll ask you throughout the unit to check your knowledge and understanding.

"Religions do not agree about what is true and so religions create barriers... and divides people"

To what extent do you agree/disagree?

"Religions encourage people to be kind and... generous and contributes to making the world a better place"

Do all religions believe this?
Could you persuade someone who disagrees?

What are the similarities and differences with regards to the way religions view one another? Is there a religious view that particularly resonates with you? Why?