

## Does God exist?

Yes	No
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How did we all get here otherwise?</li> <li>Some people say they have spoken to God</li> <li>Some say God performs miracles</li> <li>Some people say God created evolution and the Big Bang</li> <li>Some people say they can feel God's presence</li> <li>Some people were raised religious</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Some people say science answers all the big questions of life e.g. through the Big Bang and evolution</li> <li>Why would a loving God allow us all to suffer?</li> <li>Some people were not raised in a religious household</li> <li>Durkheim - Says religion was designed by early societies to help the human race survive</li> <li>Marx - Says religion was designed by governments to control us</li> <li>Freud - Says our brain designed religion to keep us behaving well.</li> </ul>

## Humanism, Paganism & Wicca

Humanists believe that there is no God, but that human life is still special, because it is so short. They believe the purpose of life is to enjoy it and to do things which make us happy whilst helping others to also live their best lives.



Paganism refers to a group of religions e.g. Wicca who believe that nature should be worshipped. E.g. the sun & moon. Practitioners of paganism, particularly wicca, will often refer to themselves as witches. They believe in positive thinking and manifesting, too.



## Year 8: Non-religious viewpoints & alternatives



### Problem of Evil

The belief that a loving God would not put humans through pain and suffering. Therefore, he probably does not exist



### Natural Evil

Evil which naturally occurs on the planet

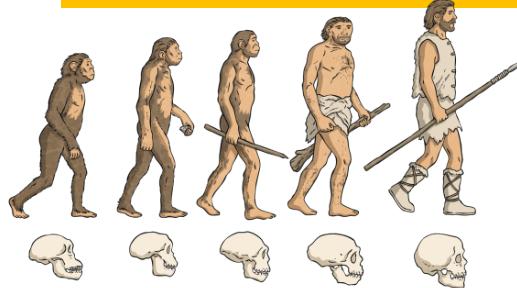
Earthquakes  
Floods  
Tsunamis  
Disease

### Moral Evil

Evil which happens as a result of human actions

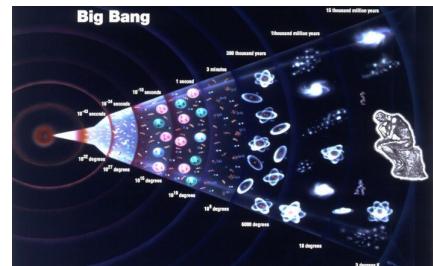
Murder  
Verbal abuse  
Physical assault

## Evolution



The belief that human life developed slowly over millions of years. Charles Darwin came up with this theory, and as a result some people say that he "killed God" - he took away the need for God when trying to explain how human life began. Some religious people say that God could have caused evolution to happen.

## Big Bang Theory



The theory that the universe began billions of years ago, when a very dense ball of "matter" exploded. This scientific theory along with evolution seems to prove that God did not create the world in 7 days as the Bible suggests.

However, some religious people say that we don't know what caused the Big Bang, or where the original ball of matter came from. Therefore, God might have created the ball of matter, and then set off the explosion.

**Atheist** - Someone who doesn't believe in God

**Agnostic** - Someone who is not sure whether they believe in God or not

**Theist** - Someone who believes in God

**Big Bang Theory** - The theory that the universe was created from a big explosion

**Evolution** - the theory that human life developed over millions of years, from other animals

**Humanists** - A group of people who do not believe in God but still believe that human life is special and that we should celebrate it

**Paganism** - A group of religions which believe that nature is divine and should be worshiped e.g. Wicca