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National Ta'lim Department  
GCSE Religious Studies: **The Bible, Jesus<sub>(as)</sub> and Church**

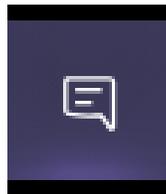
*Assalamu Alaikum and Welcome!*



Have a **pen and notebook** ready

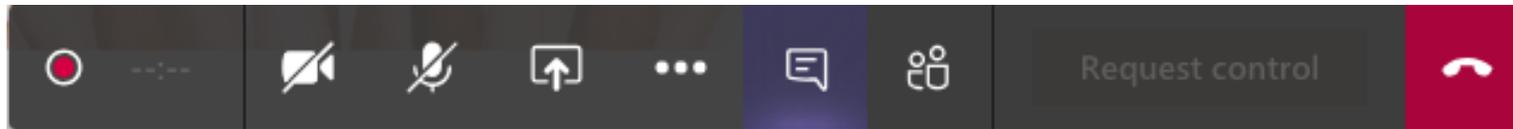


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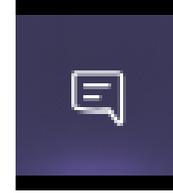


Write any questions and answers in the **chat**

**Starter** Write now in the chat:  
1) where you are from  
2) anything you might already know about today's topic

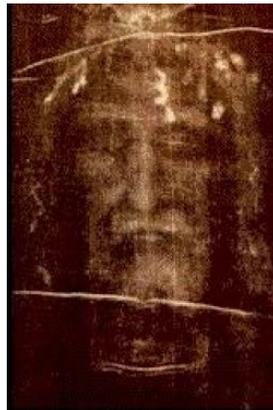
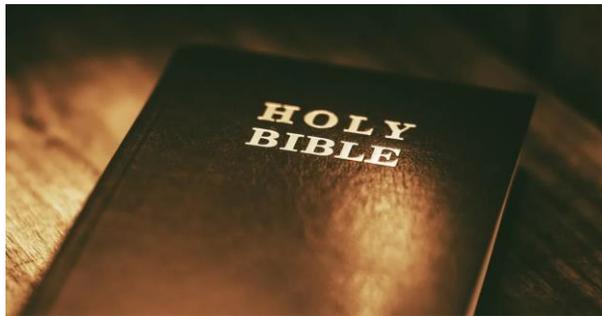


Who or what do we turn to  
when we need help?



# The Bible, Jesus<sub>(as)</sub> and Church

- LO1: Know about these Christian sources of authority and wisdom
- LO2: Understand their importance for Christians
- LO3: Consider their relevance today



# The Bible, Jesus<sub>(as)</sub> and Church



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Part of WJEC

OCR  
Oxford Cambridge and RSA

## True or False?

1. Christianity is the oldest religion in the world
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3. The Bible is the same for all Christians
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5. Jesus(as) lived 2000 years ago
6. The Pope is the head of the Catholic Church

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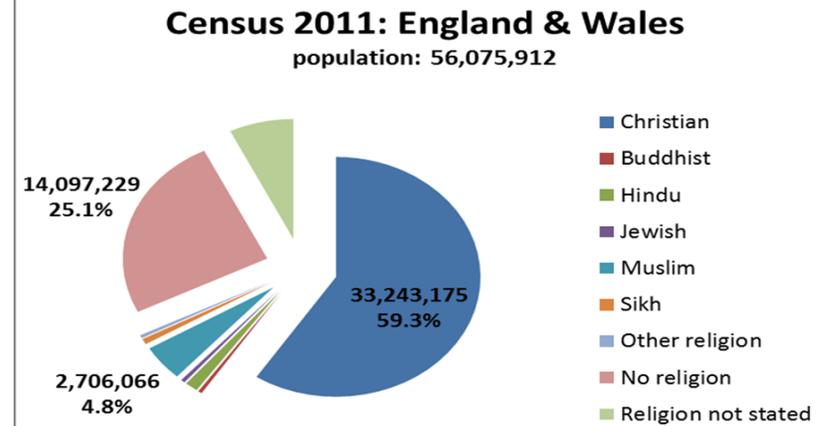
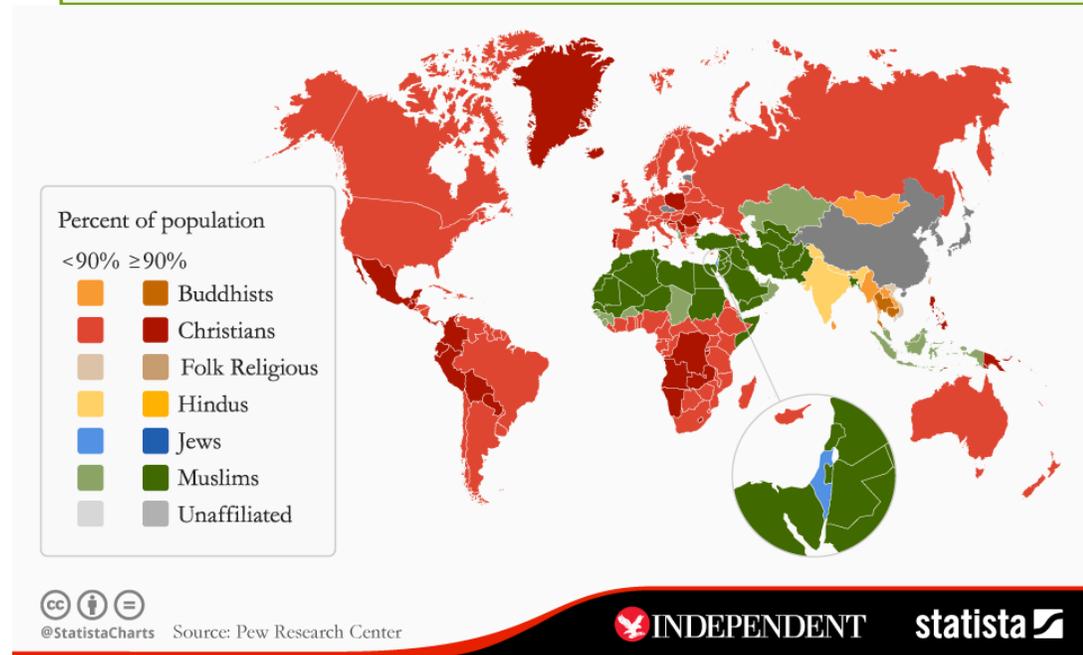
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# The Basics

Christianity is the world's largest religion, with about 2.2 billion followers worldwide. It is based on the teachings of Jesus Christ(as) who lived in the Holy Land 2,000 years ago.

The number of Christians in Britain according to the 2011 Census is 33 million. Of these 6 million are said to be actively practising.

<http://www.oprah.com/belief/introduction-to-christianity>



# The Bible

- From the Greek *biblia* (books)
- Multiple authors written over hundreds of years
- Originally Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek
- Highest source of authority and wisdom for majority of Christians
- One of the world's most widely read books



The list is ranked by [lovereading.com](http://lovereading.com) and takes into account the number of editions, translations and copies sold.



## Most popular books of all time

1. **The Koran – three billion copies sold**
2. **The King James Bible – 2.5bn**
3. **Quotations From Chairman Mao Tse-tung, Mao Zedong – 800m**
4. **Don Quixote, Miguel de Cervantes – 500m**
5. **Harry Potter series, JK Rowling – 450m**

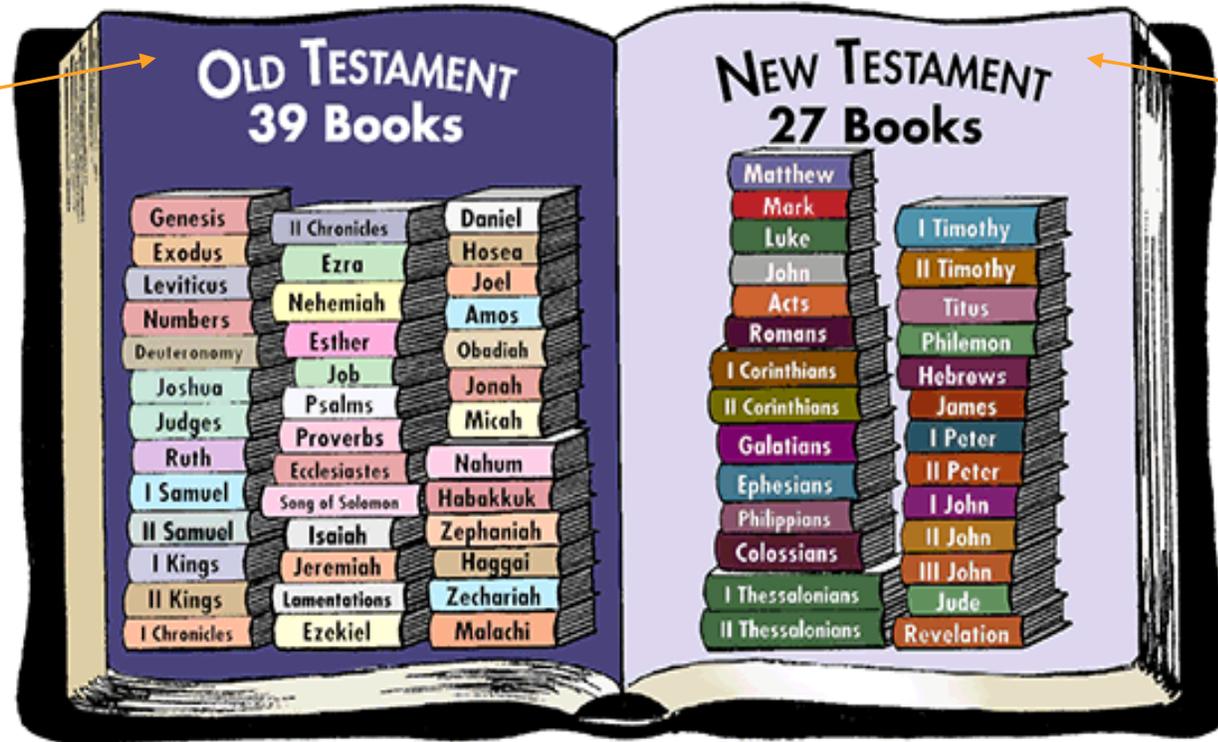
<https://metro.co.uk/2015/07/15/the-most-popular-book-of-all-time-isnt-harry-potter-5297319/>

# The Christian Bible is made up of two parts...

Before Jesus (as)

Main source of authority in **Judaism**

Contains books about Law, History, Prophets, Writings



About Jesus (as)

**More important** than Old Testament

Contains Gospels, Letters, Book of Revelation

# But...

- Different Christians have different versions of the Bible:

Protestants = **66** books

Catholics = **73** books

Orthodox = **79** books



Interpretations differ too:

**Literal/Fundamentalist** – Bible is God's word & 100% true

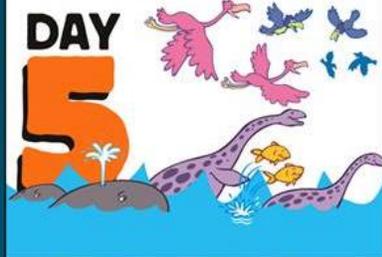
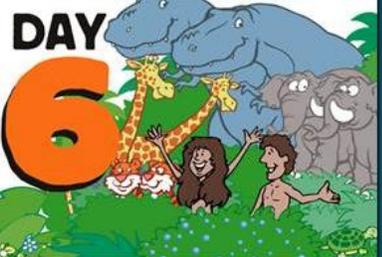
**Conservative** – Bible written by humans inspired by God

**Liberal** – Bible written by humans trying to understand God



**LITERAL/FUNDAMENTALIST**

God created the world as it says in the book of *Genesis*. Science is wrong; there was no Big Bang or evolution. Scientific evidence is a test of faith from God.

<b>DAY 1</b>  <b>EARTH, SPACE, TIME &amp; LIGHT</b>	<b>DAY 2</b>  <b>ATMOSPHERE</b>	<b>DAY 3</b>  <b>DRY LAND &amp; PLANTS</b>
<b>DAY 4</b>  <b>SUN, MOON &amp; STARS</b>	<b>DAY 5</b>  <b>SEA &amp; FLYING CREATURES</b>	<b>DAY 6</b>  <b>LAND ANIMALS &amp; MAN</b>

**LIBERAL**

Science is true and in fact goes on to prove that God exists. Only God could have caused the Big Bang and the conditions necessary for life to develop as it has.

**CONSERVATIVE**

Both the Bible and science are accurate. You cannot accept the Bible as literally true, so the world was not created in 6 days, but was created in order as set out in *Genesis*.



**ANY QUESTIONS SO FAR?**

# Jesus<sub>(as)</sub>

- Born in Judea (modern day Israel)
- Century of birth is disputed
- Virgin birth
- Jewish rabbi
- Performance of miracles
- Old Testament prophecies about the coming of the Messiah
- Jesus<sub>(as)</sub> claimed to be this... however Jewish leaders rejected him



# 1. Creation



# 2. Trinity



# 3. Incarnation



# 8. Parousia



# 7. Ascension



# 6. Salvation



# 4. Crucifixion



# 5. Resurrection



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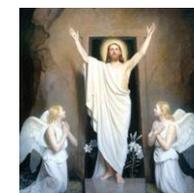
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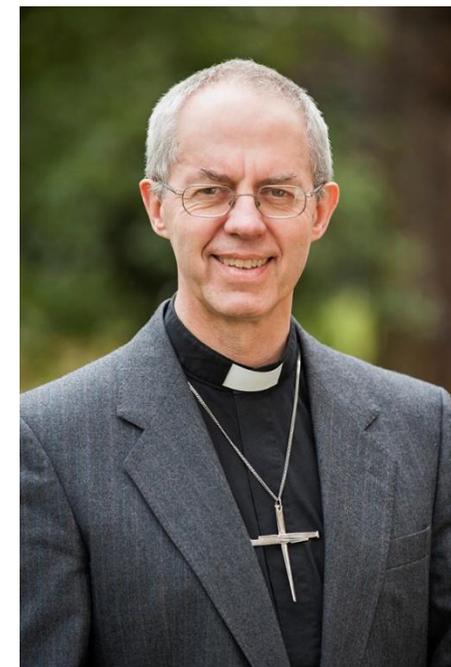
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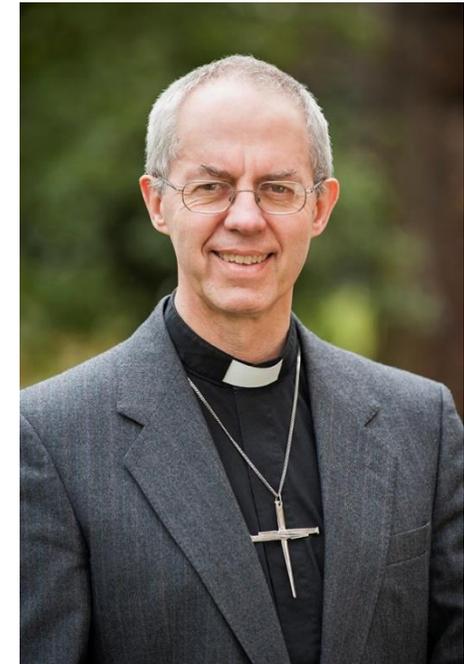
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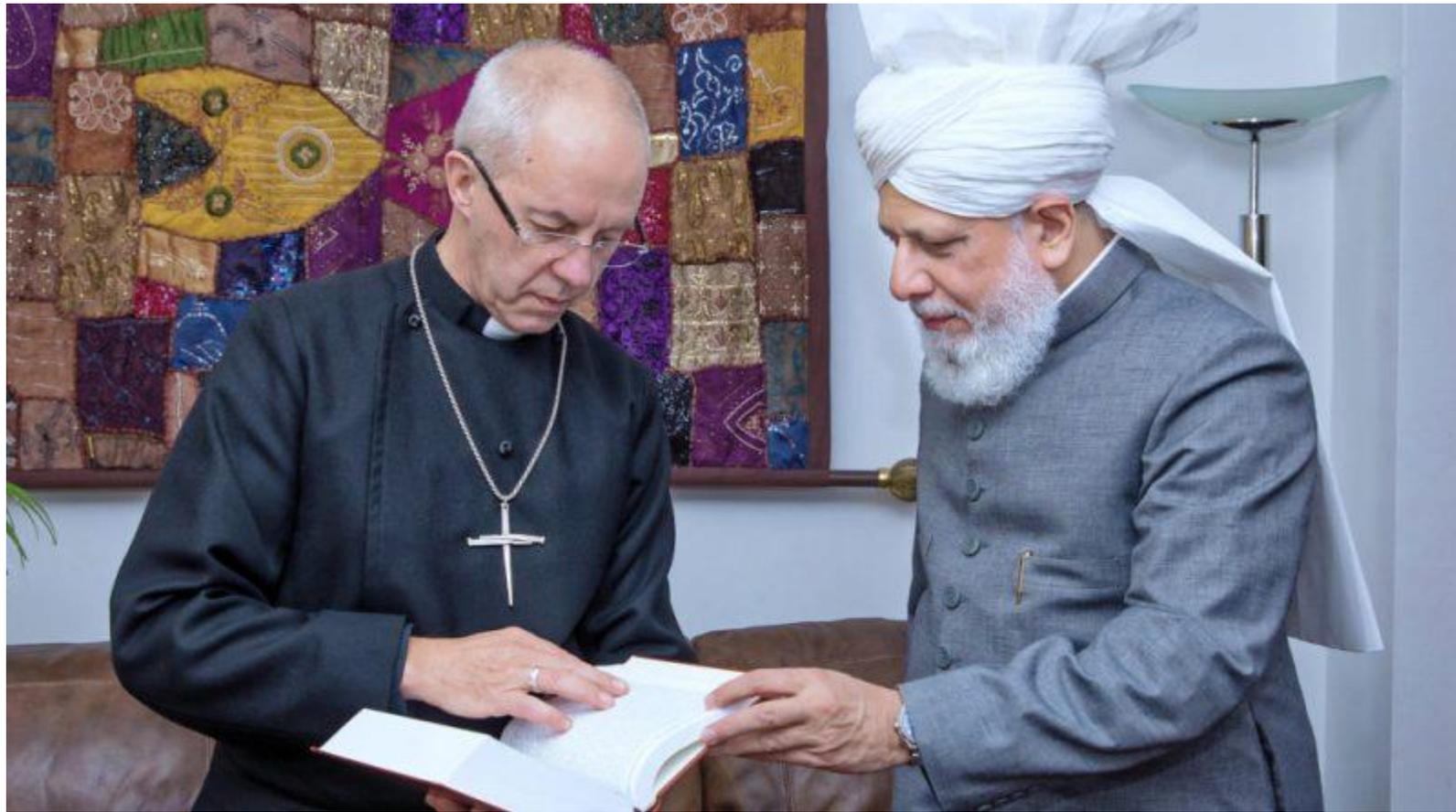
**The Pope**  
Head of Catholic  
Church



**The Patriarch**  
Head of Orthodox  
Church



**The Archbishop**  
Leader of Anglican  
Church



# Christian Church Family Tree

At first the Christian Church had identical beliefs.

In 312 the Emperor Constantine became a Christian and so Rome helped the spread of Christianity.

1000 years later a split happened between East and West. This split involved different ideas.



In 1517 a priest called Martin Luther objected to how the Catholic Church ran the religion. He listed 95 objections he had.

In 1534, Henry VIII broke away from the Pope and became the Head of his own Church The Church of England.

Since then different groups (denominations) felt the need to worship God in different ways.



Literacy Focus



Don't confuse

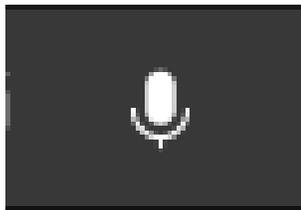
**Church** (community of Christians belonging to a particular denomination, e.g. Catholic Church)

with

**church** (building that Christians worship in. e.g. a nearby church)

# Why are the Bible, Jesus<sub>(as)</sub> and Church still important for...

1. Christians?
2. Muslims?
3. Others?



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zrpqmsg/video>



## Write down:

- Any three things that you learnt today
- One question you would like to ask
- Email your responses to [talimadd1@ahmadiyyauk.org](mailto:talimadd1@ahmadiyyauk.org)



Complete this survey straight after the lesson:

<http://ahmadiyya.uk/talim/feedback-student/>



### Next Religious Studies lessons

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April @ 11am: **Arguments about God** (Years 7-8)

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May @ 11am: **Qur'an, Sunnah and Hadith** (GCSE)

*Sign up and encourage others too!*

Religious Studies home learning:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zb48q6f>

<http://www.sourcesofwisdom.org.uk/>

<https://www.natre.org.uk/about-natre/free-resources-for-you-and-your-pupils/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b03zf45d/clips>

<https://www.audiopi.co.uk/subjects/religious-studies>

<http://re-definitions.org.uk/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/3lKZp31jBVJ2v3C2h1V03kz/a-to-z-of-religion-and-beliefs>

# Questions from last lesson...

Can you shed light on why people are turning away from religion? (Atiyatul Aleem)

Is the coronavirus a test from God? (Zahaa Malik)

Why does Allah make Christianity bigger than Islam? (Naseer Uddin)

**Do Buddhists believe in 1 god or more? (Zaresh)**

**Are people turning away or to religion? (Jalees)**

**How many religions are there in the world in total? (Farhanah)**

Why do some people believe in no God? (Amna Marium)

Why did Allah create Islamophobia? (Farrah Malik)

**If Allah is real why is their bad things happening for example Taliban or coronavirus?  
(Zafrullah Ahmed)**

Why did Allah create disease for us to die? (Kazeem Rehman)

If Allah created a virus why isn't there a cure for it? (Zahaa Malik)

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July @ 11am: **If God exists, why is there suffering?**