

# Y6 RE Knowledge organiser – UNIT 2

UNIT U2.11 Why do some people believe in God and some people not?

## My Key Learning



### What do I already know?

**Agnostic** means that you cannot say if God exists or not.

### Cosmology and Evolution:

Cosmologists believe that the universe began differently to the Creation by God.

Some scientists are Christians.

“ Since God is responsible for all nature, there is nothing to fear in studying the details in fact God calls us to study his handiwork as a means to learning of God's character and glory. The time has come to raise up Praise, based on knowledge and wonder, as a primary response of our congregations to scientific discovery. ”

Jennifer Wiseman  
Astronomer & Astrophysicist

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Most Christians believe in **The Trinity**.



God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

### Other ways to describe God:

eternal    almighty    shepherd  
rock       light       Lord

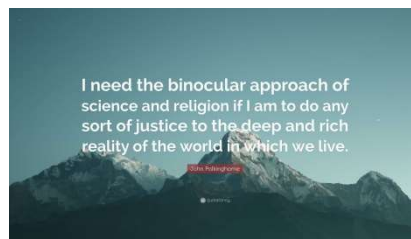
Christians take their beliefs from a range of places: The Bible, religious leaders and prophets, church and moral teachings.

Sources for non-religious teachings include philosophers and other thinkers.

### Reasons why people believe or do not believe in God:

- Family backgrounds and beliefs
- A life experience
- A religious experience
- Questions that cannot be answered
- Science can explain the world

### Scientists who are Christians: John Polkinghorne



#### Christian Scientists

- John Ray** (1627-1705), botanist and zoologist
  - One of the founders of the Royal Society
  - Wrote books on natural theology and the Flood
- Isaac Newton** (1643-1727), physicist, mathematician, astronomer, optics
  - Defended creation and the Bible

#### Christian Scientists

- Blaise Pascal** (1623-1662), mathematician, hydrostatics
  - Discovered Pascal's Law
  - Founded the theory of probability
  - Proposed Pascal's Wager supporting belief in God
- Robert Boyle** (1627-1691), chemist
  - Discovered Boyle's Law of gases
  - One of the founders of the Royal Society of science in England
  - Translated the Bible into Gaelic and Turkish

Many atheists believe that religion is created by humans. Some believe that science can give all the answers about the universe.

Before we understood science, it was natural to believe that God created the universe, but now science offers a more convincing explanation.

Stephen Hawking  
FAMOUS SCIENTISTS ON GOD

Key Vocabulary	Definition
atheist	belief that there is no god
enquiry	looking for truth or correct information
existence	being alive or real
liberating	to free or let out
metaphor	a phrase that describes something by comparing to something else
philosophers	someone who studies life and nature to find answers
restricting	to keep within limits
theist	believes in God

