

### Some reasons why people believe/don't believe in God

<p>I was brought up as a believer. It is all I have ever known. My family all believe. We worship, pray and practise our faith. It is just the way it is.</p>	<p>I grew up in a home where religion was not important and was not often talked about. It never occurred to me to believe.</p>	<p>When I was a teenager I had a religious experience. I had a sense of the presence of God. It was amazing! I cannot forget it. I had a sense of great peace and joy.</p>	<p>I believe that what the Bible says about Jesus is true. He is God. He was born, crucified and rose again. His teaching and his guidance in my life make me sure he is real.</p>
<p>I was in trouble and I prayed: 'God, if you exist – please help me now!' And God answered my prayer. I could hardly believe it – but now I trust and believe in God.</p>	<p>I was in trouble and I prayed: 'God, if you exist – please help me now!' But there was no answer. I prayed a lot but it made no difference. There is no god to answer prayers.</p>	<p>The universe is such a complex and amazing place – as we can see, and as science shows us. It couldn't have happened on its own. There must be a Creator behind it all.</p>	<p>I think science can give us all the explanations we need for the universe. We can check them too. We don't need to believe in a Creator God.</p>
<p>There is so much suffering in the world. If there is a good God, then God would want to stop suffering. A powerful God would be able to. So I say there cannot be a God.</p>	<p>Humans want to think there is more to life than the physical world. I think humans create ideas of God to give them a sense of purpose. Why else are there so many religions?</p>	<p>Most people on Earth believe in one god or another. Science is really useful and tells us a lot, but I don't think it can tell us everything about life.</p>	<p>Humans are limited creatures. If there is a god, it would be much greater than us and we would not be able to know it. Like a fish cannot understand life outside the water.</p>