

Year 8 Philosophy and Ethics Revision Booklet - Life After Death

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Class:

Teacher:

Your exam will be in the dates from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June to 17<sup>th</sup> June. Your teacher will set each week some revision for you to complete. **This is like homework and not optional.** This is the minimum you should think about doing. You will need to read through your notes two or three times in the lead up to your exam.

Week beginning	Task	Due
16 <sup>th</sup> May	Key Terms and Hindu Beliefs fill in the gaps.	
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Samsara Cycle	
Over half term	Christian Beliefs fill in the gaps. Similarities and Differences	
6 <sup>th</sup> June		

Key Terms

Can you define the following?

Samsara	
Reincarnation	
Atman	
Karma	
Moksha	
Dharma	
Heaven	
Hell	
Judgment day	
Resurrection	
Soul	

### **Hindu Beliefs About Life After Death**

**Can you fill in the missing words?**

## Hindu Beliefs About Life After Death

Hindu's believe that when you die your soul/ \_\_\_\_\_ is reborn into another being. This can be any living thing; plant, animal or human. In Hinduism being reborn is called \_\_\_\_\_.

The cycle of birth and death is called \_\_\_\_\_. What happens to you in your next life depends on your \_\_\_\_\_. If you are a good person you will be reborn into a higher being and if you are a bad person you will be reborn into a lower being. This is called the law of \_\_\_\_\_. The Hindu goal of life is to achieve \_\_\_\_\_. This is when the soul escapes the cycle of **samsara** and joins with the \_\_\_\_\_. This can only happen when the soul becomes completely \_\_\_\_\_. To lead a good life Hindu's must complete certain duties called \_\_\_\_\_. These are different for everyone but generally include things like worshipping God, doing your job properly, not hurting other people or animals and being honest. Behaviour that Hindu's try to avoid are lying, violence, murder and harming animals.

“just as a man discards worn out clothes and puts on new clothes, the soul discards worn out bodies and wears new ones” Bhagavad gita 2:22

Can you explain this cycle?

Moksha

Christian Beliefs About Life After Death

Can you fill in the missing words?

### Christian Beliefs About Life After Death

Christians believe when you die you are \_\_\_\_\_ by God and you are either sent to \_\_\_\_\_ or **Hell**. This happens on a special day called **judgement day**. The Christian goal in life is to get into Heaven. Christians believe that you will get into heaven if you have accepted \_\_\_\_\_ as your **saviour** and asked him to forgive your \_\_\_\_\_ (bad actions). If you have not asked Jesus to forgive your sins you will not be able to enter heaven.

**“I am the way the truth and the life. No one will get to my father except through me”**

This is because Christians believe that **Jesus** paid for human **sins** when he was punished on the \_\_\_\_\_ and if you don't ask him to take your **sins** you will be punished in \_\_\_\_\_. Christians have got different ideas about **Heaven** and **Hell**. Some believe that they are actual physical places whereas some believe that they are spiritual realms. Some Christians believe that it is your \_\_\_\_\_ that goes to **Heaven** or **Hell** whereas others believe that your body is **resurrected** on **judgement day**. Examples of how Christians might try to do good are by following follow Jesus' teachings in The \_\_\_\_\_ like **“love your neighbour as you love yourself”** and **confessing** their sins regularly. Christians would try to avoid sins such as murder, lying, jealousy and stealing.

Similarities and Differences

## Christian, Hindu or both?

The way in which you live your life will affect what happens when you die.	This is the only life you have so you need to make the most of it.
The goal of life is the realisation of truth, that nothing exists except Brahman and material goods are of no use to be a true Hindu.	'I am the way, the truth and the life. No one will get to my Father except through me'
Everybody has a soul, a spark of God that lives inside them	When you die you will face judgement.
When you die you are re-born into a new life to try and improve the way you live.	When you die your body decomposes but your soul lives on.
' Today you will be with me in paradise' Jesus taught that those who follow his teachings will go to Heaven.	Being reborn as an animal is a punishment for the bad Karma you have achieved in your previous life.
'the Self, having left behind a body unconscious, takes hold of another body and draws it to himself'  Birihadaranyaka Upanishad 4	If you have led a good life you will earn the ultimate reward.

### Summarise the similarities and differences

Similarities	Differences

### Your Beliefs

What do you think of the following questions? Answer below and discuss with others.

- What do you believe happens when you die?
- How does this influence your life?
- Do you agree/disagree with Hindu/Christian beliefs? Can you explain why?
- Is there any evidence of life after death?
- Is there anything which puzzles you about life after death?
- Can you suggest a possible answer?

### **Useful links**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/rs/death/chbeliefrev1.shtml>

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