

Lesson objective

- The aim of this lesson is to use an independent study exercise to research information about what Muslims believe about life after death.

Lesson outcomes

- ALL will be able to explain why Muslims believe in life after death and the differences of opinion within Islam on the topic.
- MOST will be able to give examples of how believing in life after death might affect the way a believer lives their life.
- SOME will be able to decide how believing in a bodily resurrection might affect the way you live your life.



Starter - Key Letters



A letter will appear on the screen. You must think of a key word from the unit we are studying at the moment and write it on your white board. The side of the room that has the most correct answers after ten seconds wins!



The letter is...

H

The letter is...

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The letter is...

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N

What do Muslims believe about life after death?

Muslims believe in the resurrection of the body.

This is the belief that people stay in the grave until the last day of the world. Then on the last day, God will judge people on whether they have been good or bad Muslims. The Good go to heaven, the bad go to hell.

In what ways is this belief similar /different to the Christian view?



Task

- Muslims believe that the *body* is resurrected after death. Christians say it is the *soul*.
- How might this belief make Muslims act differently to Christians in how they live their life and what happens to the bodies of dead Muslims? Write down as many ideas as you can.

Answer

- Muslims believe nothing should be removed from the body after death because the body will be resurrected on the last day, not the soul.
- No autopsies (if possible) or organ donation
- Bodies must be buried, not cremated
- Face of the person facing Mecca and the plain of Arafat

Lesson outcomes

- **SOME** will be able to decide how believing in a bodily resurrection might affect the way you live your life.

Task

- Use the coloured pieces of paper around the room to help complete side one of the sheet.
- The questions will help you to understand
 - a. what happens on the last day
 - b. why Muslims believe in life after death
 - c. some differences of opinion between different Muslims

On the last day the Angel Israfa'il will sound a trumpet and everything will end. The trumpet will be sounded again and everyone will be raised from the dead.

Then everyone will wait on the plain of Arafat to be judged by God.



There are some slightly different views amongst Muslims about afterlife and Judgement day...

Many Muslims think the soul stays with a dead body until judgement day .

Some Muslims think the soul will hover above the grave and will be aware of visitors.

Some Muslims think the soul will be questioned by angels and hover around the grave.

Some believe bad Muslims and good non- Muslims will go to heaven because God is merciful.

Some believe good Jews and Christians will go to heaven.

Why do Muslims believe in life after death?

The Qur'an teaches about life after death and Muslims believe this is the word of God.

Muhammad taught there was life after death.

Akhirah (life after death) is one of the 6 beliefs which all Muslims must believe.

Muslims believe life is a test and heaven is the reward for those who pass.

Belief in life after death gives life meaning and purpose.

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How would believing in Life after Death affect Muslims?

- On the last day, those who have lived good lives will go to paradise, the rest to Hell.
- Muslims believe nothing should be removed from the body after death because the body will be resurrected on the last day, not the soul.

Heaven or Hell?

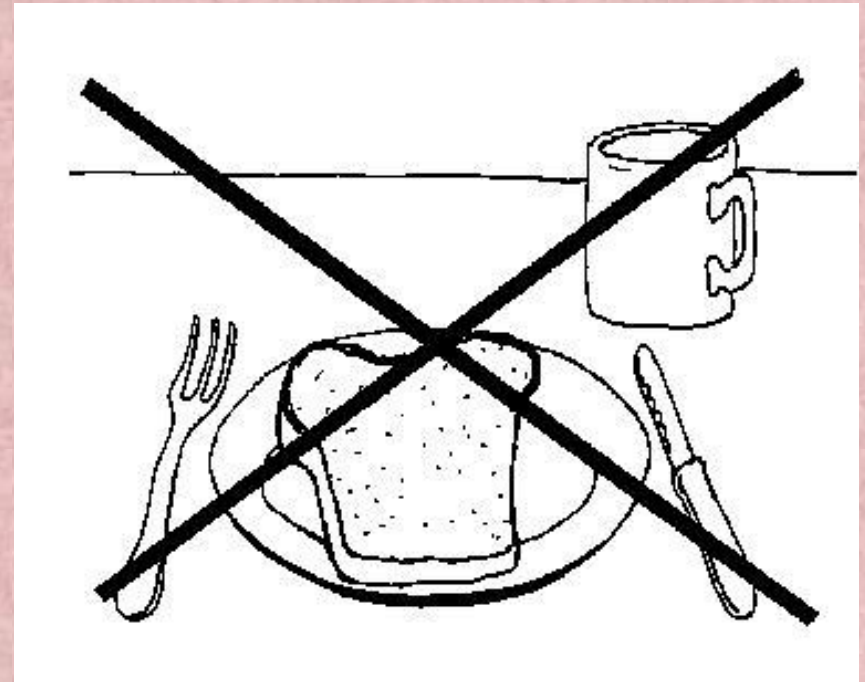
- How can Muslims make sure they go to Heaven and not Hell?
- There are many rules that a Muslim must follow - some contained in the Five Pillars and others as well.
- How many can you guess from the pictures?
Complete the boxes on the back of the sheet.

The Five Pillars

Hajj



Fasting



The Five Pillars

Zakah



Prayer 5 times a day



Other observances

Muslim dress code



No gambling



Other observances

Halal food killed correctly



No drinking alcohol



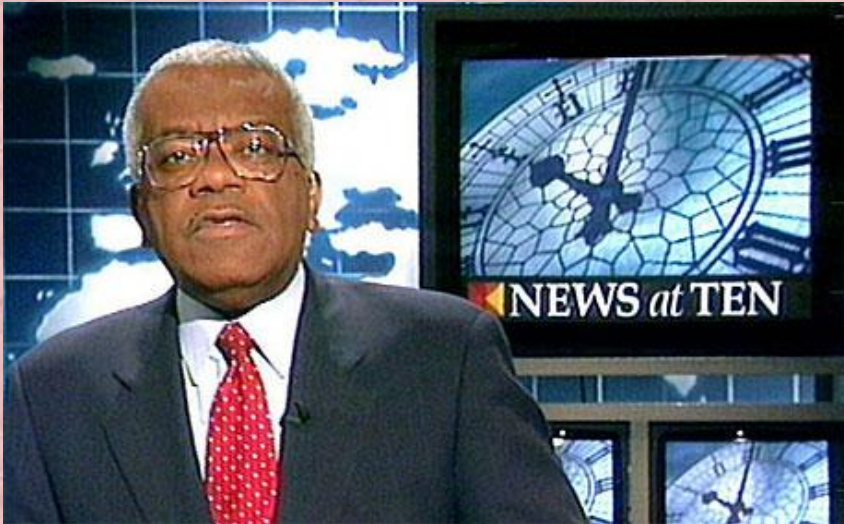
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Plenary



- How would Trevor MacDonald (a famous newsreader) sum up what you have learnt today in a maximum of fifteen seconds?