

### Key Vocabulary

humanism	This is a worldview centred on solving human problems with the help of reason rather than religious belief.
secular	To have no connection with religious or spiritual matters.
worldview	An individual's ideas about life or the world.
atheist	A person who has a lack of belief in the existence of God or gods.
agnostic	A person who believes that humans cannot know of the existence of God.
rationality	To be guided by reason and evidence.
ethical	To follow good and moral practices.

The Census shows that the number of people with 'no religion' has increased from 2001-2021. Sociologists call this group the 'Nones'. Other surveys ask different questions and get different results. People may be more or less religious according to different categories – whether they identify with a religion, what they believe, if they belong and how they behave.

### Humanism

Humanism is a secular worldview and many humanists would recognise themselves as either atheist or agnostic. They believe that we can live happy, harmonious and fulfilling lives without the presence of religion. Humanists base their moral values on human nature and lived experience. They trust scientific evidence and rationality to help understand how the universe works and reject supernatural explanations.

The Humanist symbol is called the Happy Human. It was designed by David Barrington who won a competition organised by the BHA (now Humanists UK). The symbol has become the international symbol of humanism. Not only has it been praised for its simplicity, it is also gender neutral which represents the inclusive nature of humanism



Humanists place significant value on science but they also believe in the power of cooperation with people with different worldviews. Humanism is built upon the values of equality, fairness, human rights and celebrating human achievement.

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