



In the first part of the topic you considered yourselves, your own beliefs, what you believe to be important and who inspires you. In this part of the topic you will think about the wider world and what your responsibilities are as a human living on earth.



Year 7 Me and My World- Part 2

Me and My World

Dominion and Stewardship

Christians believe that God told them that they were to 'work and keep' the land but also that they had dominion over 'every living thing' and this makes them in charge. This effects how Christians treat the world and everything on it.

How can they help?

Christians will try to look after the environment themselves by doing things such as recycling, walking rather than driving and buying a reusable water bottle.

Animal Rights

If Christians have stewardship over animals, then that means they should look after them and not use them in experiments or for food.

However, if Christians have dominion then they can eat meat and use them for human benefit.

Helping the Poor and Charities

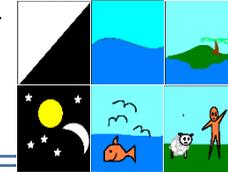
Religious people's beliefs on wealth means that they will use their money in a way that benefits others. One of the ways Christians do this is through charities like Christian Aid, CAFOD or Samaritans Purse. Christians are also taught that God wants them to care for others and this is in the way that they behave so if they don't have the money to donate they can still help those less fortunate than themselves by giving up their time.



The world

Where did the world come from? Christians believe that God made the world in six days and rested on the seventh.

Genesis tells them that God told Christians they had 'dominion over the fish and the sea' which some people believe means they can do what they want. Christians also believe that God put Adam in the Garden of Eden to care for it- should care for everything.



Wealth

Christians don't consider money to be important. Jesus warned of the dangers of money and that it was difficult to enter the Kingdom of God with it. Some well-known Christians live their lives with wealth that might seem to go against what Jesus taught. In Buddhism they are taught that Siddhartha Gautama gave up with wealth in order to pursue is spiritual journey.



Keyword	Meaning
Agnostic	Not sure if God exists
Atheist	Belief that God does not exist
Theist	Belief that God exists
Value	An important principle to live by.
Democracy	Being free to voice your opinion.
Multi-faith society	Many different religions living together in a society.
Multi-ethnic society	Many different races and ethnicities living together in a society.
Tolerance	The willingness to allow different opinions to exist.
Respect	Considering the feelings and rights of others.
Courage	To be brave.
Faith	To trust strongly in your beliefs.
Hero	A brave and inspirational person.
Adversity	To overcome a great difficulty or a great struggle.
Charity	An organization that gives money or help to people in need.
Golden Rule	To treat others how you want to be treated.
Poverty	Not having enough to meet your needs.

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."

Treat others as you want to be treated

keeping hope alive