

# RE, Philosophy and Ethics (RPE) –

## Closure work for Year 8

Well done for completing the knowledge quiz last week! I hope you were able to access your feedback, directly after the quiz, to give you an indication on why your answers were correct/ incorrect. We are now moving into a new topic, looking at Religion in the Contemporary World. Today, we are going to look at belief and non-belief in modern Britain.

### Tasks:

#### 1. Read these definitions and write them down:

**Atheism** - A belief that there is no God or Gods

**Agnosticism** - A belief that there might or might not be a God or Gods

**Humanism** - A world-view shaped by a lack of belief in God and faith in humanity

#### 2. What evidence is there for God? Create a table and summarise at least two perspectives in each column. You might like to use this link to help you

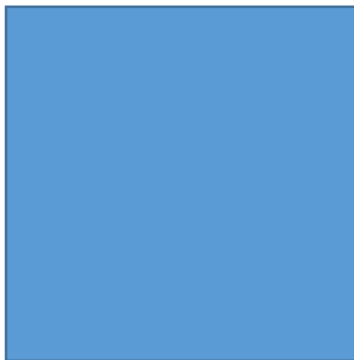
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/5MMHZ7M9dyTILXLHrk1Dqwb/does-god-exist-the-top-table>

Evidence God does exist	Evidence God does not exist
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3. Read these quotes. You might like to complete this task as a table. If so, there is a suggested table, below. For each quote:

- Identify if this quote is from an atheist or a believer.
- Reduce the argument to five to ten words.
- Explain why some people might agree or disagree with the quote.

Person	Quote	Summary	Perspective of agree/ disagree
Stephen Fry			
Isaac Newton			
Richard Dawkins			

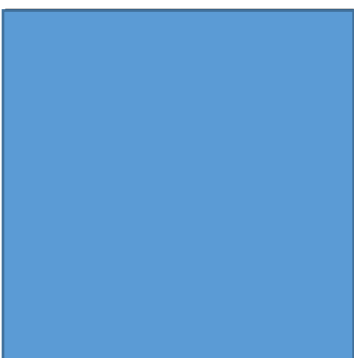


### Stephen Fry

- “You can't just say there is a god because the world is beautiful.”

### Isaac Newton

- “Gravity explains the motions of the planets, but it cannot explain who sets the planets in motion.”



### Richard Dawkins

- “Religion is about turning untested belief into unshakable truth through the power of the church and the passage of time.”