

Wednesday 24th February

RE: What Guidance do Humanists follow and how do they compare to Christians?

1) **Read** these '**Ten Non- Commandments**' written for Humanists

- look at the **image and Humanist quote**,
- then look at **the Knowledge Organiser** in the RE folder.

These will help you learn about what Humanists think, how they choose to live their lives and what guidance they may follow.

Humanism: Ten non-Commandments

Ronald Fletcher, a renowned Humanist, wrote these non-commandments in 1963, over 50 years ago. They express how some Humanists would like to live – but they are not rules.

In humanism, each person has a duty to work out their way of life for themselves, being reasonable and unselfish.

- 1. Never accept authority.**
- 2. Base your conduct on simple, humane principles.**
- 3. Strive to eliminate poverty**
- 4. Strive to eliminate war.**
- 5. Do not be a snob ~ always respect other people.**
- 6. (Relates to adult relationships)**
- 7. Take the care necessary to enjoy family life and marriage.**
- 8. Respect the law.**
- 9. Commit yourself to active citizenship**
- 10. Have confidence in the modern world and your powers to improve it.**

Glossary:

authority- power/ right to give orders or control others

conduct- behavior

humane- showing compassion/ understanding/ empathy for others

principles- ideas/ beliefs

strive- work hard/ aim

eliminate- get rid of

snob- person who believes they are above/ better than others

citizenship- being part of a community



We are all part of one ginormous family and we owe it to ourselves to make an effort to get along

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2) **Write a date and title in your topic book.**

As you did before half term when looking at Christianity, **make a list of the main ideas and guidance that humanists live by in your own words.** You could start with...

Humanists live their lives by:

- *being a positive part of their community*
- *trying to get on with everybody...*

- 3) Make a **list of values** that you feel are **important to Humanists**, using the information you have been given. It could start with...

Values that Humanists try to live by:

- *peace*
- *respect...*

- 4) Your last task is to **complete the Venn diagram** in the RE folder (if you can't print it out, just use something round to draw around on plain paper, add the date and title and create your own).

Use the information from the last RE lesson on Christianity and this one, to help you put the values and guidance into the Venn diagram. Remember that any that are the same need to go in the centre.

5) **Reflection:**

Use a highlighter or coloured pencil to NEATLY show which of the values or guidance are **most important to you**- don't highlight everything! Think carefully and decide which ones are **REALLY** important to you that you **try your hardest to live by every day**. If there are any that aren't on there that are really important to you, then don't forget to **add them on the outside** of the diagram and highlight them to show that they are important to you, but perhaps not so important to most Christians or Humanists.

I'm looking forward to seeing how deeply you have been thinking.

**See you soon,
Mrs. P**

