

# Etwall Primary School

## What do religions say to us when life gets hard? Year 5/6

Many religions try to answer the question what happens to the soul or spirit when we die.

In the Hindu tradition, they believe the real self does not die but goes on and assumes another body. They state that even though the body may be dead, the soul is not as it is indestructible.



Christians and Muslims believe that God judges us based on decision we made within our lives.

Christians believe that if you repent then you will be forgiven for the things that you do that are wrong. Many believe that if you believe in God and his son Jesus Christ you have a place in heaven, as long as you do not behave badly.



All these religions teach that if we have made positive decisions then we will go to paradise or heaven. Each religion also teaches that if we have made bad decisions then we will suffer the consequences.

Muslims believe that all through life you have two angels on your shoulders who write down all the good and bad deeds you commit. After death, your deeds are weighed.

If you have committed more good than bad, you will go to heaven and if you have committed more bad, you will go to hell.

## Key Vocabulary

**Reincarnation** — Being born into another life.

**Moksha** — Escape from the cycle of being-life, death and rebirth that happens as a result of karma.

**Karma**—The idea that every action we take will have consequences either positive or negative.

**Dharma**—Is a person's duty, the right thing to do in any situation.

**Temptation**—The desire to do something.

**Repent**—To say sorry.

**Barzakh**—The place of waiting for judgement day. On judgement day, Allah will deal with everyone according to how they have lived their lives.

**Eulogy**—A speech/piece of writing that praises someone highly and a tribute to someone who has just died.

