

RE Knowledge Organiser - Year 6 - Multi Faiths

2.12 How does faith help people when life gets hard?



Christians believe that because of his **omnibenevolent** (the belief that God is all loving) nature, God gives human beings instructions on how to live a good life and get to Heaven after they die.

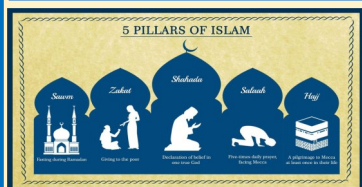
Omnipotent means all-powerful. In the Bible, God shows his power and involvement in the world to human beings many times.

Nūr is a term in Islamic context referring to the "cold **light of the night**" or "heatless light" i.e. the light of the moon. This light is used as a symbol for "**God's guidance**" and "**knowledge**", a symbol of mercy.

"I am the Light of the World" (John 8.12)



'God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all' (1 John 1.5)



Jihad

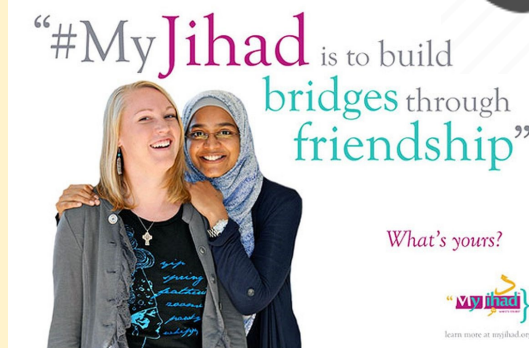
Jihad has two meanings for Muslims. It is both a **struggle for faith** and a **struggle against evil**.

Greater jihad

Greater jihad is about making the **effort to be a good Muslim** through a **personal struggle to improve spiritually**. It is a **duty** and an **act of worship**.

To do this Muslims should:

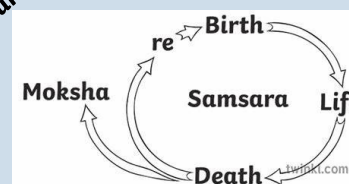
- follow the **Five Pillars of Islam**
- **forgive** others
- work for **social justice**
- study the **Qur'an**
- **help** those in need
- **avoid negative qualities**, e.g. greed
- **avoid temptations**, e.g. alcohol



11 For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29: 11)



Faith plays a crucial role within Hinduism, underpinning all assumptions, beliefs and inferences. Within Hinduism, having faith means one maintains trust in **god, scriptures, dharma**, and the **path of liberation (moksha)**.



The lighting of an earthen lamp after the death of a person symbolises that the soul is still there even if the body is dead. The earthen lamp symbolizes the physical body and the flame soul.

Lighting a lamp symbolises that we are wiping out the ignorance and welcoming knowledge.

If you selflessly serving others and God, you are on the **righteous path (dharma)** and if you are selfishly living yourself and serving your own interests, you are on the **sinful path (adharma)**. Good actions lead to **meritorious** (deserving reward or praise) **karma (punyam)** and evil actions lead to **sin karma (papam)**.

Meritorious karma (punyam) leads to **liberation, peace, and happiness**, while sinful karma (papam) leads to **suffering, rebirth, a reversal of fortune**, and in severe cases a certain downfall into the darker and sunless worlds or hells.