

Key Question:

IS IT BETTER TO EXPRESS RELIGION IN ARTS & ARCHITECTURE OR IN CHARITY & GENEROSITY? (expressing)



Vocabulary:

Calligraphy – decorative handwriting.
Geometrical art – a piece of art made from rectangles, squares & circles.
Cathedral – a principal church.

Resources:

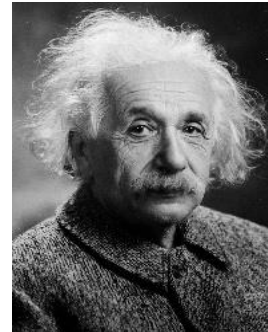
- Pictures of religious art and architecture.
- Pictures of Christian & Muslim sacred buildings.

Content:

- Find examples of religious art/architecture – give reasons for choice.
- Find similarities/ differences between Christian & Muslim sacred buildings.
- Discuss Muslim & Christian ideas about importance of being generous & charitable. Rank according to importance. Apply to poverty/charity.
- Consider why Christians & Muslims think giving money away is important. What difference does it make to giver & receiver?
 - Christian & Muslim ideas about art (contrasting views on showing/ not showing God in art; calligraphy/geometrical art v drawings.
- Connect ways in which art & actions reveal what people believe about God e.g. cathedrals & mosques – greatness of God; actions – justice.
- Consider what a world would be like without great art or architecture; what a world would be like without charity or generosity?

How this fits into our lives:

- Suggest why some people are critical of art/ architecture & why others defend it.
 - Do you think art or charity has greater impact?
- Examine the title question from different perspectives including Humanism.



Albert Einstein developed the theory of relativity & was a supporter of humanism