

Home Learning Week 1 and 2 RE

If God is omnipotent, omniscient can we ever describe, paint or sculpt God? Is it beyond our human capability? What do the other monolithic faiths believe?

Key word: Monotheism – believe and worship one god.

Omnipotent – all powerful.

Omniscient – sees all, hears all is everywhere.

What to do?

Read through two people descriptions of how Judaism and Islam answer the question above.

God's **Jewish** name in the Bible is Yahweh. This name has also been transliterated outside of Jewish contexts as "Jehovah," and in other renderings, but in Judaism it is traditionally not articulated. During prayer and communal Torah readings it is pronounced Adonai (Lord). The most traditional and Orthodox Jewish community outside of a religious activity will not use these names of God they will refer to him in conversation as "The Name".

They will also restrict pictures and or sculptures representing God.

In **Islam**, the concept of God is that he is **the Creator** of all creations and nothing came before him. He is not human, man, creature or any other creation and so there is no physical image to draw him into. So as Muslims we draw it in Arabic text or calligraphy which is not the same as drawing a portrait of a person:



<https://islam.stackexchange.com/questions/29371/is-drawing-god-allowed-in-islam> August 31st 2018

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What to do?

- 1) Read through the information about how both Judaism and Islam what do they believe and why?
- 2) How do you think a Christian might explain why we use and symbolise God?
- 3) What do you think? Explain your answer.

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What to do?

- 1) Explain what the differences are in the use of the word God and images for Jewish, Muslim and Christians.
- 2) What do you think? Explain your answer.

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What to do? Write out the sentence starts and complete:

- 1) A Traditional Jewish person will use the name of God when....
- 2) However they won't use this name when..
- 3) In Islam instead of writing the name Allah they would....
- 4) I think that if God is omnipotent and omniscient we should/ shouldn't use his name, symbols and or pictures because....

Higher

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