

Year 8 (age 12-13) Difficult Questions List

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REinspired is an organisation that enables teams of ecumenical Christians to support RE lessons in state schools. The aim is to help them understand what Christians believe and support the Christianity part of the RE curriculum.

One of these lessons is on the theme 'difficult questions'. The team leader prepares for the lesson beforehand by asking the teachers to collect questions from the students. Below are the main questions that we covered with one year group in November 2015. The students came from a range of faiths and none.

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1. If God is real and supposed to be good, then how come so many bad things happen in our world today?
2. Why do bad things always happen to good people?
3. Where was God on 9/11?
4. Why does violence exist?

5. Will the universe ever end?
6. Is God real?
7. Do spirits exist?

8. Do Christians believe in the Big Bang Theory?
9. Did God make the world in 6 days?
10. Do Christians believe in evolution?
11. Did humans evolve from apes?
12. What is the reason for us living/existing?

13. Are we alone in the universe?
14. Are there other universes and if so do they have their own God?
15. Which religion is real? Why can't we just have one?

16. What do Christians believe happens after you die?
17. Will people go to heaven if they commit suicide?
18. Is heaven actually real as there is no proof it exists?

19. Why do some people think they are better than you?
20. Do all humans have emotions and how do we know that we're human?
21. Why does God not speak to us?

22. If Jesus is the Son of God, who is God's wife?
23. When Jesus was buried after he died, how come he came back to life?

24. Is the weather God's emotions?
25. Is it ever acceptable to murder a wanted murderer?
26. Is animal testing right?
27. Was Hitler a good person?