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Muslims Vol. 2



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Essential beliefs: angels in the Qur'an





Editorial



This is the second volume of this series to explore Muslim believing, expressing and living. As with the first volume, we aim to provide authentic, first-hand resources to use in the classroom. Our focus

on 'Muslims' rather than 'Islam' seeks to avoid any essentialising of Muslim belief and practice, allowing for a close examination of particular beliefs (e.g. angels, pp. 12-13) and attitudes (e.g. towards animals, pp. 14-15), and also opening up something of the diversity of Muslim voices (e.g. of teenagers, pp. 8-11; on being Sufi, pp. 6-7; and the vibrant art of Teakster, pp. 32-33).

We are aware that certain topics present difficulties for students as they face examination demands. One of these areas is on the relationship between Sunni and Shi'a Islam. In the first book of this series we

produced a resource on what is held in common and what is distinctively Sunni and Shi'a. In this book we have opened up the origins of the divide, rooted in the succession to Prophet Muhammad (see pp. 4-5).

Each resource page offers some suggestions to get your students thinking. Two longer articles give ideas for more sustained study: examining what goes on at the mosque (for 11-14s, pp. 18-23) and how Muslims practise charity (for 14-16s, pp. 25-29).

Through engaging with and encountering Muslim voices, students can deepen their understanding of the world and reflect on how they make sense of their own place within it. This resource aims to enable personal reflection as well as to develop religious literacy.

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Teenage voices: what is it like to be a young Muslim in Britain?

Many thanks to students from Beal High School in London and Sir Thomas Rich's School in Gloucester, who have helped give an insight into what it means to be a young Muslim in Britain today. Here is how some of them would introduce themselves:*



Leanne

British Palestinian | Muslim | 18 | A-Level Student | Human Rights Activist | Public Speaker | Arabic Teacher | Love #Travelling and #Shopping | Family and Food is everything | Cello Player



Student A

I'm a #Muslim from Sir Thomas Rich's School who likes listening to music and playing video games. Also, I love learning about other cultures and socialising with people. I have a dream for a #hate-free world where there is no such thing as homework.



Student B

My hobbies are playing football, gaming on my #PS4, and cycling and swimming with friends and family, and going to the gym. I like Indian tea, football, Liverpool FC and Mo Salah as he is a role model, #FIFA and #CoD. I dislike homework. Man Utd and Chelsea.



Hayan

My name is Hayan. I am in Year 8 and I try my best to be a good #Muslim, which also means a good human. I love learning and want to explore the world. Big #sciencefiction fan and love my food.



Anjuma

British #Bangladeshi | Muslim | 16 | Student | Aspiring medic | Global Peace Supporter | Love shopping & doing #make-up | Family & friends are everything | #Football player

What is it like to be a Muslim in Britain?



I grew up in a predominantly south Asian community, however I attend a school with many different ethnicities and religions. The media has caused many people to have a misleading perception of Muslims and I have experienced a lot of nasty comments because of my religion. This to

me is completely wrong; however I have learnt to ignore the comments and follow my faith, regardless, as the Quran says to respond with peace to those who make ignorant comments. (Anjuma)

Amazing. (Student E)

* We cannot share the names of all of the interviewees, so we have referred to them here by using letters.

Challenging. Balancing learning of Qur'an and finding time for prayers can be very hard and often leaves you with very little free time for clubs. It is difficult because the Mosque is far away, *leading to travelling large distances to get there.* (Student C)

Being a Muslim in Britain is easier today than any time in history. I'm free to practise my religion; I can pray five times a day and eat Halal food, and my Mum can wear the Hijab. There are laws protecting all religions including Islam, which means we can all get along. My mosque is a very short walk, too, which is convenient

for me. Eating Halal food is a dietary requirement for Muslims; nowadays I can find many Halal butchers and restaurants. All of this makes it easier for me to practise Islam. (Hayan)



Muslims Vol. 2

This book offers authentic, first-hand sources, creative ideas and resources for deepening students' encounter with Muslims and Islam. Designed to be flexible and practical, for you to use and adapt in your classroom, the resource include:

- an introduction to the Sunni/Shi'a divide
- the voices of young Muslims
- concise introductions to being Sufi and to angels in the Qur'an
- an infographic giving data on Muslims in England and Wales
- units on the daily life of a mosque (for 11-14s) and on *zakat* (for 14-16s)
- an introduction to the dynamic Islamic art of Teakster
- scholars on things to bear in mind when studying Islam



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INSIDE:

Teenage voices: being Hindu in Britain today

Essential texts: Ramayana and Bhagavad Gita



Infographic: Hindus in the UK and beyond

Case studies: Shankara and Ramanuja







It's always a privilege to look a little more deeply into a tradition. As always, the more you look, the more you realise there is to know. Religious education is a multidisciplinary subject, with scope for looking

at social, psychological, philosophical, theological, historical, ethical dimensions (just for starters). To begin to do that with the richness of 'Sanatan Dharma' is absorbing but also a huge challenge.

To an extent, we are constrained in a brief publication like this: we have to ask what teachers are teaching and how we can help to support that with authentic, accurate, engaging sources and resources. Our emphasis on texts and philosophy, therefore, reflects the current syllabus and examination specification demands teachers face.

We do approach these from the perspective of Hindu living and thinking, however. We hear from teenage

Hindus from various traditions (pp. 4–7) and from young ISKCON devotees running a café in Cardiff (pp. 18–23). We outline key Hindu texts (pp. 8–9) before going more deeply into two that are important in the lives of many Hindus - the Ramayana (pp. 10–13) and chapter 2 of the Bhagavad Gita (pp. 14–15). We have included progressively detailed explorations of Hindu philosophy - examining ideas of *rita* (cosmic order), karma and samsara (pp. 18–23), before connecting these philosophies to two major schools of thought about the nature of God - *Advaita* and *Dvaita Vedanta* (pp. 24–29). We then dig a little deeper into this with case studies on Shankara and Ramanuja (pp. 30–31).

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As always, we look to engage students with a deeper encounter with Hindus and Hindu ideas, and to offer opportunities for them to use this encounter to reflect on their own ways of thinking and being.

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Teenage voices: what is it like to be a young Hindu in Britain today?

Over these next four pages, four Hindu teenagers talk about being Hindu. Before reading through their interviews, look at the questions we asked them and think what answers you would expect teenage Hindus to say in reply.



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What is it like being a young Hindu in the UK?

I can imagine it is definitely not the same as being a young Hindu in India, where you are surrounded by more people of the same belief. Being a Hindu in Britain gives me the opportunity to spread the religion to other parts of the world, educating people and allowing them to experience the traditions of other cultures. There are certain festivals such as Diwali that are not celebrated in the same way as they would be in India, but we can still spend this time with friends and celebrate as we would have done there.

Are all British Hindus the same?

Not all British Hindus are the same. Since many Hindus in England are not surrounded by their extended family, many of whom are in other countries such as India, we learn about our culture and religion through our parents. However, all parents are different and therefore the way in which we grow up and learn about our religion is different. This means our values and beliefs may vary slightly. But the fundamental beliefs of Hinduism largely remain the same.

How does being Hindu affect your life?

There are certain things I have been taught to do from a very young age and have now become habits in my daily life. These include praying after taking a shower in the morning and learning to control what I can eat and what I cannot – such as beef and pork.

What matters most about being Hindu?

Hinduism is such a unique religion; we learn to trust in a supreme being who watches all we do and helps when we need it. This enforces discipline from a young age and allows us to be careful about all we do and say; this is what matters to me most.

Do you have any favourite stories or prayers?

As a family, we recite Gayatri Mantra (*slokam*) every day when we pray in the morning after a shower, and in the evening after 6pm.

- Om Om Om Om Bhur Bhuvah Swaha, Om Tat Savitur Varenyam Bhargo Devasya Dhimahi,
- Dhiyo Yo Nah Pracho Dayateh

We repeat the above mantra three times every time before the prayer. It is one of the most powerful mantras, and we believe that reciting this mantra every day brings us a prosperous, healthy and happy life.

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Hindus

This book offers authentic, first-hand sources, creative ideas and resources for deepening students' encounter with Hindus and Hinduism. Designed to be flexible and practical, for you to use and adapt in your classroom, the book includes:

- the voices of teenage Hindus on life in **Britain today**
- concise introductions to Hindu texts, with more in-depth study of Bhagavad Gita Chapter 2 and the Ramayana
- an infographic giving data on Hindus in the UK and beyond
- units on human nature (for 11-14s) and Ultimate Reality (for 14-16s)
- case studies on Shankara and Ramanuja.







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