Lincolnshire Locally Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education KS3 Additional Unit: Philosophy and Religion – What is Religion, What is Belief?



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The questions we might ask:

- ► How do we know?
- What is a truth claim?
- ➤ What is belief?
- How do different people define the term 'religion'?

The ideas we might explore

- Different ways of gaining knowledge and exploring what we know, e.g. rationalism, empiricism, epistemology, religious/spiritual experience
- Truth claims as facts, statements made in accordance with reality, expressions of belief, etc.
- The relationship between facts, opinions, beliefs, truth, faith and reason
- Diverse ways in which people understand the term 'religion', e.g. a formalised system of belief and practice, devotion to a particular thing (secular or divine), belief in and worship of a supernatural being or controlling power
- The distinction between religion and spirituality