



Religion	Hindu
Denomination	N/A
Question answered:	In what ways do science, belief and religion interact and what difference might this make? (KS3 Q1)
Key concepts, questions, and outcomes:	Diverse interpretations of Scripture; God of the Gaps Religion and Science are interdisciplinary. How might beliefs shape concepts of truth, right, and wrong? To understand how Hindu beliefs and teachings influence Hindu responses to scientific understandings of the world and scientific advances. Evaluate how far concepts of truth, right and wrong generated by different belief systems are used to justify behaviour.
Key teaching points:	Science and religions can be considered opposites Science and religion can be seen as interdisciplinary
Prior knowledge:	Science originated from religion. Many scientific discoveries and education started with religion. Theory of evolution

Vocabulary		
Tradition	Exclusive	Aum/om
Scripture	Rishi	Smriti
Interdisciplinary	Dashavatara	Shruti

Summary of answers:
<p>Science is the basis of Hindu thinking. All ancient Scriptures were written by scientists (Rishis). They have tried all things in the Scriptures and proved them to be true. Science is used as a tool to experience spirituality, e.g. infinity – everything starts and returns to infinity, as in prayer. Hinduism shows that science and religion are mutually exclusive. Religion provides some of the answers for science. Science is discovering what already exists, e.g. truth and gravity. Consider the Big Bang theory and the Hindu account of Creation. The sound of 'Om' creates the sound waves that are similar to the Big Bang is therefore a positive sound that creates positive energy.</p> <p>The Hindu Scriptures explain the theory of evolution that was subsequently described and explained by Darwin in his 'Theory of Evolution'. This is also reflected in Hindu scriptures in the development of Vishnu aligned to the development of humankind.</p> <p>Hindu dharma is closely linked to science and nature through a belief in the five elements: water, fire, air, water, and space. Without science there is no point trying to understand religion. Each individual has to go through a process of self-analysis and self-discovery in order to make an interpretation their own. Hindu dharma is not just a faith. It has to be more, otherwise, the sages say it should be discarded as it had not been proven.</p>
Next Steps:
<p>Comparison of different scientific and religious views of the origins of the universe Explore different interpretations of Scripture and Science. Carry out further work on God of the Gaps. Investigate the reasons why some people think science and religion are considered opposing rather than uniting. Scripture gives an awareness of the theories that were around in the time that it was written, and that may still be relevant today. Analyse how thinking has changed over time.</p>