

Year 7 Term 6: *Creation: What lessons can we learn from Hinduism about our environment?*

Philosophy = this is about *'thinking'*. It is about finding out how and whether things make sense. It deals with questions of morality & ethics. It takes seriously the nature of reality, knowledge & existence.

Key vocabulary



Stewardship = the human responsibility to care for and work the natural world, using God given intelligence

Dominion = to have authority or power over something

Duty = an obligation or responsibility

Community = a group of people living in the same place or sharing certain attitudes and beliefs

Environment = our surroundings and habitat within which we live

Pollution = the presence of a substance which has harmful or poisonous effects

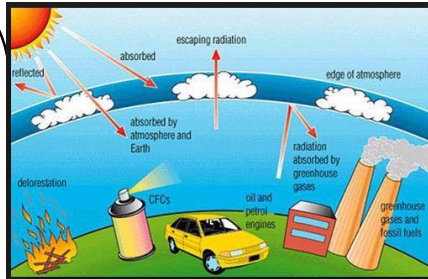
Dharma = the duties a Hindu should follow in their life

Atman = immortal soul; existence

Moksha = the release from the cycle of reincarnation and the end of all suffering

Karma = all actions have consequences

Reincarnation = existence is a cycle of birth, death & rebirth



Global warming

Deforestation

Pollution

Littering

Poaching

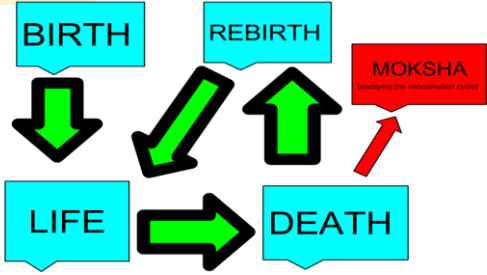


Ahimsa = principle of non-violence

"Ahimsa is impossible to achieve for Hindus living in the modern world"



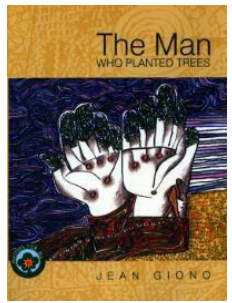
Creates > Sustains > Destroys
Brahma > Vishnu > Shiva



"It is good"



"The earth is our mother and we are all her children"



"When I reflect that one man, armed with only his own physical and moral resources, was able to cause this land of Canaan to spring from this wasteland, I am convinced that in spite of everything, humanity is admirable"

'In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth'
~ Genesis 1:1

'In the image of God he created them'
~ Genesis 1:27

'Be fruitful and multiply'
~ Genesis 1:28

'Love your neighbour'
~ Mark 12:31

'Care for God's creation is central to our Christian faith'
~ Bishop Viv