



What makes a good religious leader?

Genuine and honest

A desire to help people



Sharing knowledge

Patient
Trustworthy
Kind



Have faith in trusting God and their religion



Ability to inspire others

Would a good religious leader share our Stowlawn Six?

INDEPENDENT

KIND

AMBITIOUS

creative

HONEST

RESILIENT

Key Vocabulary

Sikhism	A faith or religion shown through the teachings of Guru Nanak and one God.
Belief	A firm thought that something is true
Faith	A feeling of trust and confidence in something or someone
Religion	The belief in and worship of a special power, usually relating to a God.
Hinduism	A faith or religion where followers believe in a one Supreme Being.
God	A perfect and all-powerful spirit or being that is worshipped by a religion.
Follower	A person who supports and admires a person or set of ideas
Leader	The person who leads or commands a group
Influence	To have an effect on someone's behaviour, belief or character
Inspiring	Giving someone a positive feeling or change



Hinduism

Hinduism is the oldest of the world's religions. It is now practised all over the world. It is a mixture of different beliefs, cultures and traditions dating back over 4000 years.



Hindus recognise one God, **Brahman**. The gods of Hinduism are different aspects of Brahman: Vishnu, Brahma and Shiva.

Learning	Dharma	Reincarnation	Moksha
Hindus are encouraged to learn as truth is eternal.	Dharma means do the right thing with good behaviour.	Hindus believe a soul cannot be destroyed, so when a Hindu dies, their soul enters a new living being.	Moksha is the ultimate goal. It happens when a soul stops being reincarnated and is reunited with Brahman.

A popular Hindu leader and influencer was **Mahatma Gandhi**. Mahatma helped end British rule in India with non-violence protests. **He had many Christian and Muslim friends as well as taking an active role as a Hindu leader.** He showed that non-violence was an expression of Hinduism.



Sikhism



Sikhism is one of the world's main religions. Sikhs believe there is only one God who is neither male nor female. They created the world and images of God are forbidden.

Guru Nanak is the founder of Sikhism. He is one of the ten Gurus who spread God's message. These are contained in the **Guru Granth Sahib**.

Worship		Names
Sikhs worship together in a gurdwara. Gurdwara means 'door to the guru.'	Dharma means do the right thing with good behaviour.	God is known by many names including Waheguru (Wonderful Teacher), Sath Nam (Eternal Reality) and Akal Purakh (Eternal One). God is both <i>sargun</i> (is everywhere and in everything) and <i>nirgun</i> (is above and beyond everything).



The most famous teachings attributed to **Guru Nanak** are that there is only one God, and that all human beings can have direct access to God with no need of rituals or priests. His most major teachings **criticised the caste system and taught that everyone is equal, regardless of caste or gender.**