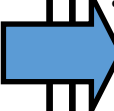


# Knowledge Organiser: Codes of Conduct

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**Shahadah (Faith):** This is their declaration of faith: 'there is no God except Allah; Muhammad is the messenger of Allah'. **Salah (Prayer):** Praying 5 times a day facing Mecca. Before praying they wash their hands and feet. **Sawm (fasting):** Muslims must not have food or drink during Ramadan at daylight hours. **Zakah (Almsgiving):** Giving money (about 2.5% of their savings) to charity or the poor. **Hajj (Pilgrimage):** Every Muslim who is able bodied and can afford to, should make the journey to Mecca at least once in their lifetime and perform Hajj as a pilgrimage.

Muslims believe that these Pillars are the foundation of their religion and are important rules.

## Christian Codes of Conduct

Christians follow the **Ten Commandments**, believed to have been given to Moses by God after the Israelites had been freed from Egyptian slavery. They are written in the Bible, in the book of Exodus which is part of the Old Testament. The commandments formed a covenant (special agreement and bond) between God and the Israelites.



In the New Testament, Jesus' teaching forms the main moral teaching. Jesus taught using parables (story with deeper meanings and a moral message). In the **Parable of the Good Samaritan**, Jesus taught that you should 'love your neighbour'. This means showing everyone unconditional love, even those who may be considered your enemies. He also taught the **Parable of the Lost Son**. In this, Jesus taught that everyone will be shown forgiveness by God, just as the father in the story forgave his son who had left the family home and spent all of his inheritance before his father had even died!

## Buddhist Codes of Conduct

Buddhists have guideline that they follow which they believe will bring them close to enlightenment. The Buddha have his followers **Five Precepts** to follow:

1. Do not harm any living creature (Ahimsa), including animals as all life is sacred
2. Do not take what is not freely given to you (refrain from stealing from others)
3. Avoid sexual misconduct: any sexual activity which causes harm such as adultery
4. Avoid lying and gossip (incorrect speech) as this can cause harm to others
5. Avoid intoxicants such as drugs and alcohol as these cloud the mind and affect judgement.

They also follow the **Noble Eightfold Path** which is the 4th of their **Four Noble Truths**. This Path guides them towards skilful actions which are rooted in compassion and generosity and away from unskilful actions rooted in hatred and greed. This creates good **karma** and brings them closer to **enlightenment**.

