

# RE – Humanism



## Vocabulary

- **Humanist:** Someone who believes in the Humanism worldview.
- **Secular:** Not connected with religious or spiritual matters.
- **Atheist:** Someone with no belief in God or gods.
- **Worldview:** Your ideas about life or the world.
- **Ethical:** Someone who is honest and follows good moral practice.

The Humanist symbol is called the Happy Human. It was designed by Dennis Barrington who won a competition in 1965.



Humanists actively seek to live good lives without following a religion. Their moral values are based on human nature and life experiences.

### Main Beliefs of Humanism:

Most Humanists are atheists. They rely on science and have found no evidence that a god exists or ever existed.

Humanists give their lives meaning by living good lives. They make good choices and take an interest in the world around them.

Scientific investigations gather evidence to find the truth. Humanists also use evidence to see what is true.

They believe that the universe was created by chance, so there is no purpose to the universe.

Humanists believe decisions should not be made on emotions, but on reason, rationality and logic.

To live good lives, decisions must be weighed up for their positive and negative consequences for all. Humanists believe there are no perfect decisions.