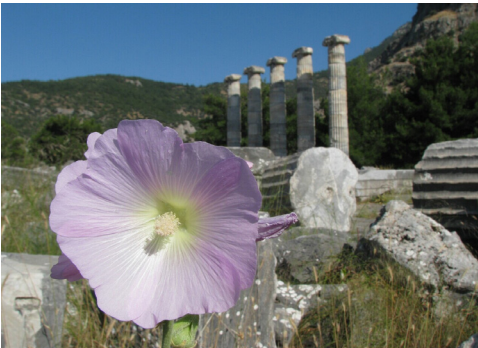


9 World Religions

Ethics is the study of what is right and wrong. Children may learn ethics from parents, schools, and **religion**. Religions try to comfort, inspire, and teach people an ethical way to live. Religions also propose places like heaven for good people and hell for people who are not good. In the 21st century, some people have turned away from religion. **Atheists** believe there is no God. They use human **reason** to find the best way to live an ethical life. Some ethical rules, such as “Do not harm others,” are simple and everyone can agree. Other issues are more difficult. Should we clone animals or people? Is war ever **just**? Should same-sex marriages be legal? There are many difficult ethical questions in the 21st century. Some ethical systems are explained below.

Check the above bold words and read the paragraph. Challenge words are in red.



philosophy
ethics
values
Hinduism
humble
guru



Buddhism
Buddha
suffering
Christianity
Jesus Christ
cross



Islam
faith
pilgrimage
philosopher
Epicurus
atheist

