



## Unit 5.4 How are religious and spiritual thoughts and beliefs expressed in arts and in charity and generosity?

### Links to Prior knowledge:

Unit 4.3. Christianity, music and worship: what can we learn?

### Key Knowledge

- Describe some ways religious art and architecture express spiritual ideas, giving examples of great buildings from different religions.
- Describe some ways charities express spiritual ideas, put values of justice and compassion into action and express their religion's ideals.
- Show understanding of the possible tension between building a beautiful 'house of God' and serving the needs of people in poverty.
- Express reasons why some religious people believe that worship make them more charitable.

### Key Skill

- Explain their own ideas about the relative value of worship and holy buildings and charity and compassion.



*'Whoever saved a life, it would be as if he saved all humanity' Qur'an 5.32  
'It is our duty to help others - that is why helping the poor and destitute is emphasised again and again in the Qur'an. The rewards for being charitable are enormous: charity purifies our wealth and Allah, Most High, has promised us a great reward for being charitable towards our fellow human beings' (Muslim Aid website)*



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### Key Vocabulary

beliefs	Trust, faith or confidence in (someone or something).
charity	An organisation that works to benefit others.
devotion	Loyalty and love and care for someone or something.
community	A group of people with a shared characteristic.
mosque	A Muslim place of worship.
church	A building for Christian worship.
sacred	Connected with God or a god and dedicated to a religious purpose.
architecture	Art and science of designing and building structures.

### Key Questions

- How does art and architecture express spiritual ideas?
- How do religious charities express spiritual ideas?
- Is it important to express spiritual ideas in both worship and action?
- Do we need religious buildings to hear God's word about poverty?