

SYMBOLS

Symbols are signs that represent something in the universe, they represent ideas, belief, culture, norms and people's way of life. Almost everything that exists has signs or symbols that help people to ^{remember} ~~remember~~ them.

The same thing is applicable in religion. Every religion has symbols that represent it and its beliefs.

RELIGIOUS SYMBOLS.

Religious symbols are defined as an iconic representation of what people believe in. They are those religious signs, artifacts and articles of faith that represent an individual's or a group of individuals' belief system.

Religious symbols represent what an individual holds sacred and their belief in the Supreme Being. There are many religious symbols, corresponding to various religions. Some of them include.

Christianity - Cross

2. Buddhism - Dharma Wheel
3. Islam - Star/Crescent/Half moon
4. Judaism - Star of David.
5. Hinduism - Aum.

The importance of religious symbols cannot be over-emphasized as it has far-reaching positive effects both on the adherents of the religion and the religion as a whole,

IMPORTANCE OF RELIGIOUS SYMBOLS.

1. Religious symbols are used for identification of an individual or a group in a belief system.
2. Religious symbols are means of expression of faith in a belief system.
3. Religious symbols ~~are~~ give meaning in a object manner to a belief system. That is they are physical representations of what we tend to believe in.
4. Religious symbols are expressions of human order.

standing of what the supreme being means to individual or group within a belief system.

5. Religious ^{symbols} are more importantly used for reference and transfer of faith to younger generations. Thus, they are artifacts and articles of faith.

6. Religious symbols when focused on can lead to mysticism.

7. Religious symbols serve as protection to its bearers and also guide them from harm.

8. Religious ^{symbols} are means through which we can express our cultural and historical identity.

9. They are expressions of human understanding of what the supreme being means to individual/group within a belief system.

10. Symbols are way of communication, they convey message without saying any word.

CONCLUSION.