

# [Beliefs and believers (6)](https://assignbuster.com/beliefs-and-believers-6/)

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Beliefs and believers (6) \* Beliefs about salvation and staying in tune with whatever it is at the centre of their belief system. \* Beliefs in gods (or one single god), spirits (forces beyond nature), angels, demons, ancestors etc. \* Beliefs in the creation of the universe (its origin and destiny) \* Beliefs about the way in which the universe is structured. \* Beliefs in sacred or important people from the past of the religious tradition. \* Beliefs in morality and the correct moral code which should be attached to it. Sacred texts and writings (3) \* Sacred texts may be believed to be the direct words of God, or they may be written by people inspired by God. \* They often contain moral codes and practices which people must follow Ethics (4) \* All religions have some code of approved moral conduct. \* Every religion has a different code, and neither is all values held in all religions. \* Some religions allow certain actions while others don’t \* Some religions may approve of having more than one wife; others absolutely forbid such a practice. Rituals (8) \* All rituals use definite structures and sacred symbols to make them work. \* A ritual is a prescribed pattern of religious behaviour. \* Behind every ritual lies a wealth of beliefs. \* Rites of passage are rituals which move people from one state to another (e. g. from single to married \* Rites of demarcation are rituals which establish a space, animal, object or person as sacred. \* Rites of cleansing are rituals which bring a person back to an original state of innocence. \* Rites of \* Rites of