



Justice and Poverty: Can religions help to build a fair world and make poverty history?

Word	Definition
fairness	Fair treatment or behaviour without discrimination or favouritism
relative poverty	What a particular society believes to be poor
absolute poverty	When someone does not have access to basic human needs
injustice	Lack of fairness or justice
wealth	An abundance of valuable possessions or money
power	The ability or capacity to do something
equality	The state of being equal in status, rights or opportunities
tithe	One tenth of earnings
Hadith	The book that Muslims believe record the words of the Prophet Muhammad
five pillars	Basic acts in Islam that form the foundation of Muslim life
Zakat	Islamic charitable payment
Guru Nanak	The founder of Sikhism

Key Knowledge and Concepts

Relative poverty relates to what a particular society considers to be poor, e.g. someone in the UK might be considered to be relatively poor if they live on less than the average UK income.

Absolute poverty is when someone does not have access to basic human needs such as water, clothing, education and shelter. According to UNICEF, 22,000 children die each day due to poverty.

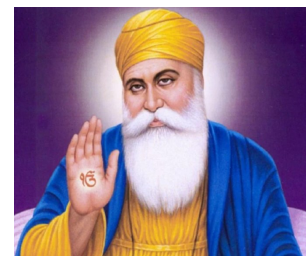
The Christian parables of the Widows Coins and The Rich Fool teach about values and justice. Many Christians believe that people should use their wealth to help those who have less.



Some Christians pay 10% of their earnings (a tithe) to support a good cause

Muslims seek guidance from the Hadith; writings about the life of the Prophet Muhammad

As one of the pillars of Islam, zakat is a form of obligatory charity (usually 2.5% of earnings)



Guru Nanak believed - it's better to earn a little money with honesty than to amass a huge wealth by devious and crooked means

Leicester's One Roof charity are fighting to end homelessness in Leicester

Bono has been a leader in the fight against poverty, making donations to charity, he has received three nominations for the Nobel Peace Prize, and was knighted by the Queen of England in 2007

