

The role of religion

Regulate behavior:

How are people supposed to act?

What is right and what is wrong?

What are the consequences of bad behavior? What are the rewards of good behavior?

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Maintain order:

Who is in charge? Who or what are people supposed to follow or listen to? Why should people follow or listen to this thing or person?

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Provide meaning:

What is the purpose of life?

How did we get here? What are we supposed to do now?

What should people live for?

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Provide comfort:

Where do people turn in times of distress and tragedy? What happens when a person dies? How do people deal with pain and suffering?