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Whilst a society is a complex organisation of people, every individual holds their own beliefs whether that be a religion such as Christianity, an ideology for example fairies or aliens or just a set of values they live by.

In having this knowledge, it is easy to understand why and how ideology and belief play a major role in society. In order for an ideology to progress into a fully formed Belief System; such as "aliens" to "Scientology", it must include a set of laws, an origin and a purpose, but most importantly, followers.

These followers are the inhabitants of every society around the world that ~~have~~<sup>share</sup> this particular belief. Therefore, ideology and belief plays a role of relating individual persons to each other.

The role of belief and ideology in society is also to give reason to those unanswered questions like "what happens when we die?".

In order to stay relevant to society however, a belief / ideology must be able to adapt to social change including the event that those questions may be answered to some degree by science or a different ideology.

An example of this is the 'Bible' that contains its own perspective on those types

of questions and serves as a form of 'life guidebook' for followers of the Christian belief.

Possibly the most significant role of ideology and belief in a society is to provide purpose.

Humans are inquisitive beings so in relating individuals to each other and serving as a way to live one's life, we examine those questions our belief has answered such as "How did our world begin?" and we see varying answers; "Big Bang Theory", "we were always here", "there is a superior being" and we want to know why?

Beliefs and ideologies have the role of giving us a purpose of existing, whether it be to reach "Nirvana" as we see in Buddhism or to gain forgiveness and work our way to heaven/eternal life/our 72 virgins, as can be viewed in other faiths.

In examining the feature of belief and ideology in society we can see that it is a prominent part of most individuals in the societies lives (as even not believing in anything is a belief) and makes the basis of most cultures, leading to beliefs and ideology having a very important and significant role in society.

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