

Glossary

Humanism is...	A structured non-religious worldview which focuses on the one life Humanists believe we have, on being happy and making others happy, and on the freedom to choose how to live as long as it doesn't hurt others.
The Golden Rule...	A universally recognised statement: 'Treat others as you would wish to be treated'.
A worldview is...	The way that someone views the world.
A celebrant is...	Someone who conducts a Humanist ceremony.
The Happy Human is...	The symbol of Humanism.

Features of a humanist naming ceremony:



Readings/poems



Music



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Key beliefs:

- A humanist considers themselves to be **non-religious**
- Do not believe in a deity (or god)
- Humanists believe in the freedom to work out for yourself who you are, what you believe and how best to lead your life as long as your decisions don't harm others.

Why are humanists called humanists?

Humanism comes from the Latin *humanitas*, which means "**education that befits a civilized man.**" This belief system or cultural movement bubbled up during the Renaissance, promoting classical Greek and Roman values like **reason, justice and ethics** instead of supernatural religious ideas.

Humanists believe the world is a natural place and science gives us the best way to understand it (humanists don't believe in a god).

Humanists believe we should be free to make the most of the one life we have, seeking happiness and supporting others to do the same.

Humanists believe we should use empathy and consider the impact of our actions on other people and animals.

Friends and family of the new baby will attend a humanist naming ceremony.

This symbol is the Happy Human. It is the international symbol of Humanism.

