



3. What is an example of an account of religious experience? **Research a case study** of a religious experience. This could be from a holy book, a famous example or a modern example (e.g. Bernadette of Lourdes, Teresa of Avila, Guru Nanak, St. Paul's conversion). **Write a summary of the experience in your own words.**

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4. Why it can be difficult to believe that Religious Experiences are real experiences of connecting with God? **Give at least 5 reasons.**

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**Task B:** watch this online lesson about Religious Experience.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PVu3lj1DaWU&t=12s>

You can start the video from 2 minutes in if you don't want to listen to the introduction. If you do watch it from the beginning please note this video was made for a different school where it is usual to pray at the beginning of their lessons – we don't do that at Ripley.

Complete these tasks on paper.

- As you watch the online lesson, complete the mind map task (described between 6 minutes 25 seconds and 9 minutes into the video).
- Add the information shared from 10 minutes into the video up to 18 minutes into the video to your mind map
- Skip the textbook task described at 22 minutes in as we will cover that in lessons when we are in school.
- Use the information from 23 minutes into the video to 30 minutes to help you **answer the question "Are religious experiences all in the mind?"** This is asking whether religious experiences are real or are they just something that a person believes has happen or interprets religiously. **Your answer should include at least 3 reasons for your opinion AND 3 reasons why someone might disagree with your opinion.**

- **Optional challenge task – to help you with your answer to the big question research Sigmund Freud's theory of religion and religious experiences as wish fulfilment (suggested resources below).**

Resources for the optional challenge task:

[http://hettingern.people.cofc.edu/Philosophy\\_of\\_Religion/Freud\\_Future\\_of\\_an\\_Illusion.htm](http://hettingern.people.cofc.edu/Philosophy_of_Religion/Freud_Future_of_an_Illusion.htm)

<https://jamesbishopblog.com/2019/07/21/sigmund-freud-religious-belief-belief-as-wish-fulfillment-and-illusion/>