

# Religion and Life Basic Revision

The origins of the universe		
Christianity	Islam	Big Bang
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Designed and made by God, out of nothing.</li> <li>• Created heavens and earth in 6 days, resting on the 7<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• <b>Fundamental</b> believe every word of the story.</li> <li>• <b>Liberal</b> believe it is a story to help people understand</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Universe was created in six phases.</li> <li>• Before this, only God existed and he created the world with his word.</li> <li>• The way the world was created is not given.</li> <li>• Allah organised the universe and watches over</li> <li>• Creation continues with each new life.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Universe started with an incredibly small hot, dense something that expanded into the cosmos we know today.</li> <li>• As it expanded and cooled, it grouped in galaxies</li> <li>• This is understood from theory.</li> </ul>

Stewardship	
Christianity	Islam Khalifah
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Man has been given the privilege of living on the planet, so must take care of it.</li> <li>• Appointed to respect and manage the world.</li> <li>• Must use the world in a sustainable way.</li> <li>• Christians will be held responsible for how they have looked after the planet.</li> <li>• Caretakers for God</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Responsibility to look after the world</li> <li>• Duty to be trustees and to look after the world God created.</li> <li>• Maintain the balance for future generations.</li> <li>• Allah's creation should not be altered.</li> <li>• Humans are the most important but should live in harmony with nature.</li> <li>• Nature is amazing as it reflects the glory of God.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Psalm 8-3</b> 'The work of your finger tips' 'Human beings that you care for them'</p>	<p><i>'It is He who has made you successors on the Earth'</i> <b>Quran 6:165</b></p>
<p>'In the beginning God made heavens and earth' <b>Genesis 1:1</b></p>	<p><i>'Every single Muslim that plants anything that can be eaten counts as charity'</i> <b>Hadith</b></p>

Christianity- Dominion	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Humans were given the power and authority to rule over the world.</li> <li>• Some interpret this to mean they can do as they like.</li> <li>• Others believe you cannot do what benefits them but damages God's creation.</li> </ul>	<p><i>'Fill the earth and subdue it'</i> <b>Genesis 1:28</b></p>

Resources	Case studies	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deforestation</li> <li>• Land, air, water pollution</li> <li>• Population growth impact on natural resources</li> <li>• Use of renewable energy sources</li> <li>• Reduce, reuse, recycling</li> <li>• Walk rather than drive</li> </ul>	<p><b>Christianity</b> <i>'The earth is the LORD's and everything in it'</i> <b>Psalm 24:1</b></p>	<p><b>Assisi and Ohito meetings:</b> Leaders from five faiths met to discuss how their faiths could reduce the impact on the environment. Christians argued that according to Leviticus 25:23, humans are tenants and exploitation should not happen.</p> <p><b>Pope Francis</b> wrote a letter to encourage people to care for the planet.</p> <p><b>HOPE:</b> Christian charity that helps to improve their</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plant new trees</li> </ul>		local areas such as cleaning and litter picking.
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Islam</b> <i>'Do not seek more than what you need' Hadith</i></p>	<p><b>The IFEEs:</b> A charity using Islamic teachings for environmental protection. See <a href="http://www.ifee.org.uk">www.ifee.org.uk</a></p>

<b>Animals</b>	
Christianity	Islam
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Made by God for humans to care for.</li> <li>Man is arguably more important as was made in the image of God.</li> <li>Noah was commanded to take the animals on the ark to keep them safe.</li> <li>Most Christians support the ban on animal testing for cosmetics.</li> <li>Can be used for human medicine, whereas Hinduism would be against.</li> <li>The Bible does not give clear guidance on whether or not to eat meat. The contradictions mean a believer has to choose for themselves</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All part of creation.</li> <li>Created to help humans but not to be abused.</li> <li>Captivity goes against Islamic teachings, must support conservation projects.</li> <li>Meat must be halal, killed in the name of God</li> <li>Cannot eat pork or meat that has died in the wild.</li> <li>Animal experiments are only allowed if there is no unnecessary suffering.</li> <li>Can be used for medicine for humans but must be treated as well as possible</li> </ul>
<p><i>'Everything that moves is food for you' Genesis 9:3</i> <i>'The righteous care for the needs of their animals' Proverbs 12:10</i></p>	<p><i>'There is not a single thing that does not celebrate His praise' Hadith</i> Muhammad cut his cloak rather than wake a sleeping cat.</p>

<b>Origins of human life</b>		
Christianity	Islam	Science
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>God took soil and created Adam then used his rib to create Eve.</li> <li>Meant to have a close relationship with God and a spiritual nature to understand God, not physically alike.</li> <li>Eve ate from the forbidden tree, releasing suffering and evil into the world.</li> <li>Some believe this is literally true whereas others believe it is a story to help people understand.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>God created the universe and everything that is in it.</li> <li>Adam and Eve (Hawwa) lived with freewill in paradise.</li> <li>Evil Iblis tricked her into eating the forbidden fruit.</li> <li>Muslims believe Allah is merciful and created everything they need to live.</li> <li>Everybody is descended from Adam and Eve</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Charles Darwin 'The origin of the species by means of natural selection'</li> <li>Suggested all life evolved from a single celled creature.</li> <li>Genes are passed on from their ancestors 'survival of the fittest'</li> </ul>
<p><i>'So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them' Genesis 1:27</i></p>	<p><i>'He gave you life' Quran 2:28</i></p>	

<b>Abortion</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Removal of the foetus from the womb</li> <li>Legal in the UK, if the mother's life is in danger, risk of physical or mental health, baby could be born with severe difficulties or could create problems for existing children</li> <li>Pro-life – against- adoption could be used.</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pro-choice- mother should decide</li> </ul>	
Christianity	Islam
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Idea of sanctity of life, life is sacred and precious, a God given blessing.</li> <li>Man is created in God's image with a purpose</li> <li>Roman Catholics are always against.</li> <li>Some Christians will allow in some circumstances.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contradicts belief that all life is sacred and sanctity of life.</li> <li>Quality of life is also important however suffering is a test from Allah.</li> <li>Muslims should value life</li> <li>Mother's life takes priority until 120 days after conception, when ensoulment happens.</li> </ul>
<p>'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you' <b>Jeremiah 1:5</b></p>	<p><i>'Do not kill your children for fear of poverty-we shall provide for them – killing them is a great sin'</i> <b>Quran 17:31</b></p>

Euthanasia- a good death	
Christianity	Islam
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Taking a life interferes with God's plans</li> <li>Legalisation could cause misuse</li> <li>Against the idea of sanctity of life.</li> <li>Hospice care can be used to help those die with dignity.</li> <li>Suffering can bring you closer to Jesus.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not included in the reasons for killing in Islam.</li> <li>Sanctity of Life</li> <li>Man cannot understand God's plan and suffering can be part of this.</li> <li>Helping to look after someone can allow reward in paradise.</li> </ul>
<p>'Blessed are the merciful' <b>Matthew 5:7</b> 'all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be' <b>Psalms 139:16</b></p>	<p>'Do not take a life, which Allah has made sacred, except by right' <b>Quran 17:33</b></p>

Death and afterlife		
Atheists tend to believe that there is nothing after death		
	Christianity	Islam
Death	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Death is not seen as the end,</li> <li>God will judge actions and decide where the soul will spend eternity.</li> <li>Catholics believe in purgatory where the soul is cleansed before going to heaven</li> <li>Some believe you immediately go to heaven; others believe you wait for the day of Judgement or for Jesus to return.</li> <li>Some believe you are reunited with your body in heaven, others believe it is your soul.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Death is a certainty.</li> <li>It is not final; Muslims go to Barzakh a place of waiting.</li> <li>The soul continues in a new physical existence going to either Paradise or Hell.</li> <li>Man is given freewill in life, but what they decide has eternal consequences.</li> </ul>
Day of judgement		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Angel Israfil will blow a trumpet announcing the last day.</li> <li>Resurrection into new bodies will take place and each person will be taken in front of God and judged.</li> <li>Good and bad deeds will be weighed</li> <li>God will decide their fate.</li> <li>Those who have rejected Allah will go to Hell, those who accepted and good days will be rewarded by spending eternity in paradise, with God</li> </ul>
Heaven Paradise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A wonderful place where God resides</li> <li>Without pain</li> <li>Price of salvation was paid by Jesus,</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Muslims aim to reach paradise</li> <li>Those who have been given the book in their right hand will make it over</li> </ul>

	<p>so those who believe in him will gain a place.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Others believe you can gain entrance by being a good person and avoiding sin.</li> </ul>	<p>the Sirat bridge and enter paradise</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is described a beautiful place with physical and spiritual pleasures</li> <li>• Rivers flow and there is plenty food and drink.</li> </ul>
Hell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Originally designed for Satan and his demons.</li> <li>• Cursed with fire</li> <li>• A place for punishment for the unrighteous.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Quran describes using vivid images of fire and punishment.</li> <li>• There is physical and spiritual pain.</li> <li>• Inflicted with burns and wear heavy chains.</li> <li>• All food and drink is too hot.</li> <li>• Eventually the punishment is over and they can enter paradise</li> </ul>
	<p>'I believe in the resurrection of the body'  <b>John 11:25</b>          'The smoke of their torment will rise forever' <b>Revelation 14:11</b></p>	<p>'Those whose good deeds weigh heavy will be successful, but those whose balance is light will have lost their souls for ever and will stay in Hell.' <b>Quran 23:102-103</b></p>