

KEY TERMS

- **Heterosexual** = attracted to the opposite sex
- **Homosexual** = attracted to the same sex.
- **sexuality** = sexual feelings or relationships

KEY TERMS

- **Divorce** = legal ending of a marriage
- **Annulment** = the cancelling of a marriage, saying it never existed
- **Remarriage** = people who have been married before marry other people.

R.C. against divorce, marriage is a sacrament sealed by God.

Others divorce ok God forgives.

KEY TERMS

- **Gender equality** = giving people the same rights and responsibilities regardless of gender.
- **Gender prejudice** = unfairly judging someone based on their gender.
- **Sexual stereotype** = having a fixed idea about how men and women should behave.

Many Christians only approve of **monogamous** heterosexual relationships

Many Christians are homophobic because it goes against the teachings in the Bible - book of Genesis.

Many Christians are OK with homosexuality because they believe God loves us equally

R.C. belief

Both offer help and support

SOME CHRISTIANS believe men and women are equal, but based on the Adam + Eve story in Genesis should have different roles

OTHER CHRISTIANS have the modern view that men + women were created equally by God.

- PURPOSE**
- Procreation
 - Union
 - Rearing children
 - Pattern for society
 - One flesh
 - Sacred
 - Endless

For Christians the purpose of marriage is:

- KEY TERMS**
- **Marriage** = legal joining of 2 people.
 - **Procreation** = having children.
 - **Cohabitation** = living together but not married.

- KEY TERMS**
- **Sacrament** - sacred or holy ceremony
 - **Premarital sex** - sex before marriage.
 - **Extramarital sex/adultery** - having an affair

- **Contraception** = methods to stop someone becoming pregnant

- **Family planning** = controlling how many children you have.

KEY TERMS

- **Nuclear family** = a couple and children
- **Step family** = reformed family after remarriage.
- **Extended family** = includes several generations.
- **Same sex family** = same sex parents caring for children



O.C. = Roman Catholic Christians

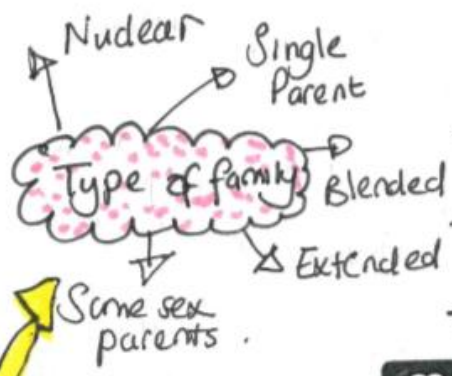
Sexual Relationships

KEY WORDS:

- **Contraception** = methods to stop someone becoming pregnant. 2 types - natural + artificial!
- **Procreation** = making/having children.
- **Polygamy** = having more than one wife at the same time.
- **Abstinence** = Not having sex.
- **Chastity** = abstaining from marriage and sex.



Families



- + 'You shall not commit adultery'
- + 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth'
- + 'You shall not murder'

CHRISTIAN ATTITUDES TOWARDS PRE-MARITAL SEX

- Many Christians still believe the purpose of sex is to have children. sex should only be in a stable marriage (C of E)
- Other Christians now accept sex before marriage and cohabitation as sensible options (C of E)
- "The Silver Ring Thing" = An American Christian group. Believe sex is sacred and should be saved for marriage.

CONTRACEPTION

- RC - Against
- Gods natural law.
- Purpose of sex is to have children.
- Allow natural contraception.
- Protestants = allow
- contraception for control and size of family.
- All against
- M.A. Pill + Coil = life is sacred.



Safety and security for the sick, elderly and disabled.

Relationships & families

C of E = Church of England.

R.C = Roman Catholic

Men and Women

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Divorce

- R.C. does **not** allow divorce. Marriage is a **sacrament** for life.

↳ **Against** (pointing to a broken heart icon)

↳ **Is for** (pointing to a broken heart icon)

↳ **Do allow for annulments** (pointing to a broken heart icon)

↳ **Most non Catholics will allow divorce in some circumstances** (pointing to a broken heart icon)

↳ **ie violence of adultery.** (pointing to a broken heart icon)

↳ **Based on belief God is forgiving + wants the best for us.** (pointing to a broken heart icon)

↳ **Remarriage is up to the vicar.** (pointing to a broken heart icon)

CHRISTIAN ATTITUDES TO THE ROLE OF MEN + WOMEN IN THE FAMILY

△ Women are **helpers** to men. Belief based on Adam + Eve story / **Genesis**

△ ⇒ Many women take on the **traditional** role of **home keepers**

△ Many believe these **traditional** roles are **old fashioned**.

△ They believe men + women are **created equally** by God.

△ ⇒ They should have **equal opportunities** at work + home.

Wives be **submissive** to your husband

There is neither male nor female for you are all one in Jesus Christ

In the **C of E** women have been allowed to be **priests** since **1993** and **Bishops** since **2014**

Quakers have allowed women to **speak at meetings** since the **1600s**



WOMEN VICARS + BISHOPS

R.C. and **Evangelical** Protestants **do not** allow female **leaders**

The belief **Jesus + the disciples were male.** Therefore **leaders should be male**

Relationships & families

Human Sexuality


KEY WORDS:
Agape - Greek word for selfless love
Heterosexual - to be sexually attracted to members of the opposite sex
Homosexuality - to be sexually attracted to members of the same sex.
Sexual orientation - which gender/sex someone is attracted to.
Marriage - a legal joining of 2 people

CHRISTIAN ATTITUDES TO HOMOSEXUALITY.

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- Some Christians believe the Bible is dated and so sections about homosexuality is mis understood.
- Many Christians believe God created us all differently including our sexuality. We are therefore all equal and loved by God.
- Quakers fully accept homosexual couples at their meetings

AGAINST.


 = Children should have both a male and female role model.

- Roman Catholic Christians are taught the purpose of sex is to have children. This is not possible for a homosexual couple.
- Some Christians believe God created us male and female to have relationships with each other.

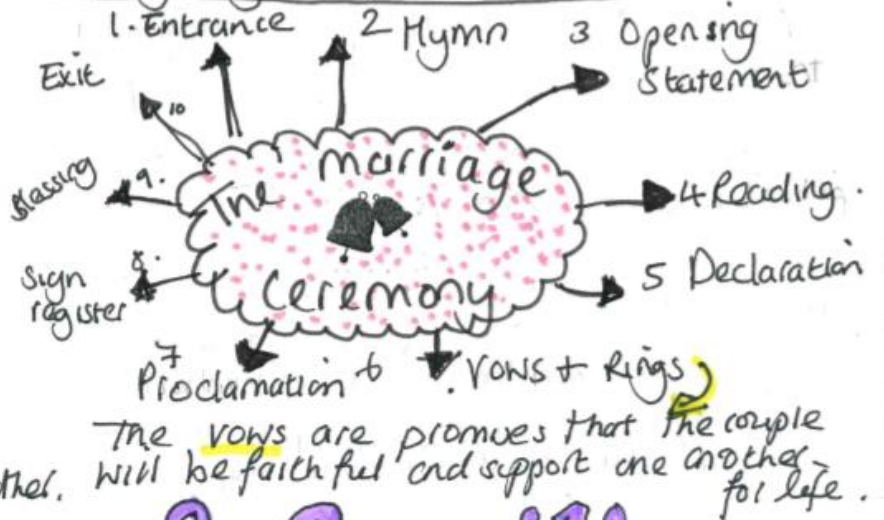
Marriage

THE PURPOSE OF MARRIAGE:
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Marriage is a **SACRAMENT** (an act of worship that shows a spiritual change) Therefore marriage is very important to many Christians



Which is why many Christians are against **Cohabitation** (living together but not married)



Relationships & families

Muslim Responses

Muslims cannot refuse peace if it is offered. If the other side surrenders,

HOW MUSLIMS PROMOTE PEACE

Inner peace - being fully obedient to Allah and being a good Muslim is most important.

Islam is a peaceful religion but not pacifist. They allow violence in self-defence.

Muslim peace fellowship works to promote peace within Islam.

Compare with

"Do not contribute to your destruction with your own hands. Good for God loves those who do good."

God created all life on Earth. We must protect the environment.

MUSLIM RESPONSE TO VIOLENCE

It is acceptable to fight in self-defence or for a just cause.

"Do not kill each other, for God is merciful to you."

You will 'suffer fine' if you fight out of hostility and injustice.

When is war acceptable?



GREED: God does not like arrogant, boastful people. War to gain something is unacceptable.

RETALIATION: Can be acceptable but never too harsh. Allah understands the need for justice but forgiveness is the best option.



SELF-DEFENCE: Acceptable if you are protecting the weak and innocent.

JIHAD



GREATER: A Muslim's internal struggle to be the best.



Muslim possible. This may include following the 5 pillars correctly.

LESSER: The struggle to defend Islam from threat. It cannot be used against innocent people so would not allow terrorism.



Helping the victims of war

War can leave innocent people without a home or the basics. These Muslim agencies help:



Help people escaping from Syria. Find them food, water + shelter.

Muslim Aid have set up the Beity orphanage in Turkey to look after



Orphaned children from Syria



Peace and Conflict





Christian Responses



Quakers are a group of Christians

who believe in no violence at all. They will not allow violence in self-defence. Quakers believe you can fight for what is right in different ways without using violence.

Jesus said "blessed are the peace makers!"

ARGUMENTS FOR PACIFISM

Christianity has always been a religion of peace. Some pacifists have been accused of cowardice. Men refusing to fight were handed white feathers.



The Bible says that money is the root of all evil. It would not be ok to fight for gain, only self-defence.

ARGUMENTS ALLOWING VIOLENCE

The NT says not to be afraid of war because they will take place.

"Turn the other cheek" used to settle individual disputes but doesn't work in war which involves lots of people.



St Paul says to live in peace with everyone "if possible"

"A time for love and a time for war." suggests sometimes it is time for war.

Protest, Terrorism + WMD:

Some things are worth fighting for but you can fight without violence. MLK is a great example of this.



- Nuclear weapons cannot be used but can act as a good deterrent.
- "Live at peace with everyone" means no terrorism. It harms innocent people.
- Some Christians may justify violence against atrocities i.e. to stop Hitler.

Helping the Victims of war:



- Caritas** Catholic Aid Agency who help all over world.
- Working during the Syrian Civil war to help rehome refugees.
- They work to give out food, hygiene, medical care, clothes.
- The Pope said Christians should do this because "The greatest gift we can offer one another is love."

Just War Theory - History:

Man with his back and Church: St Thomas Aquinas!



- 1: Early Christians = Pacifist but Romans needed their army.
2. Key philosophers Augustine and Aquinas came up with a theory to allow Christians to be peaceful but still fight.
3. They said leaders are chosen by God so if a leader says war is ok, then it is supported by God.

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Peace and Conflict



KEY WORDS:

- War** → Fighting between nations to resolve issues.
- Peace** → An absence of conflict and fighting.
- Justice** → Bringing about what is right and fair.
- Holy War** → A war fought in the name of religion.
- Weapons of Mass Destruction** → WMD - weapons that kill large numbers indiscriminately.

Nuclear Weapons:  **Just War Theory:**

Debate: Should countries have weapons capable of such destruction?



Do they act as a good deterrent?



Should we take into account the destruction of the environment?

At the moment, there is a civil war in Syria. Many countries in the world are involved. Some chemical weapons have been used.

Issues Surrounding War

Theory used internationally to figure out if a potential war is justified. It gives conditions such as:

- Is the war declared by the right authority?
- Is there a good reason for the war? Not greed or revenge.
- Is there a good chance of success?

Many have argued that WW2 was justified as it was important to remove the threat of Hitler and the Nazis.



KEY WORDS:

- Protest** → An expression of disapproval.
- Terrorism** → The use of violence against innocent people to incite fear for a particular cause.
- Radicalisation** → the process of causing someone to adopt radical positions on political + social issues
- Extremism** → Holding extreme political or religious views.

Terrorism:

A very extreme form of protest. Use of violence to spread fear. Not supported by any religions. Causes widespread devastation and destruction.



Radicalisation:

Extreme religious or political groups attempt to convert others to their cause. They may do this online and persuade others to join them.

Protest:

→ A right to protest in the UK - but not violently. → peaceful protest can turn violent if people feel threatened. → A riot is an out of control protest.



What is worth fighting for?



Examples:

- MLK - peaceful protest to increase black rights.
- Bonhoeffer - allow violence to remove bigger issues - Hitler.

