

Psalm 139
You knit me together in my mother's womb

When does life begin?
 • From conception?
 • From birth?
 • Week 25?

Euthanasia - A good death - mercy killing
 - Illegal in the UK
 - Different from suicide

You shall not murder
Exodus 20.13

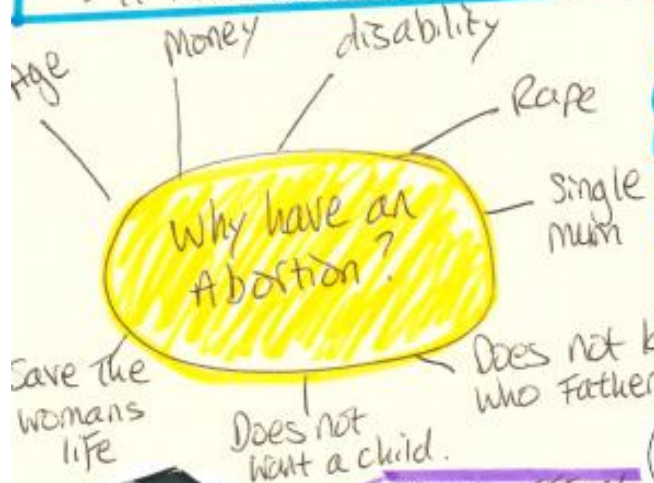
Abortion is deliberately ending a pregnancy.
 it can only happen if
 • woman's life is at risk
 • Disability of foetus
 • other family will be affected.
 • under 24 weeks
 • it must be done medically



Sanctity of life
 a belief that life is sacred and should be looked after.



Abortion + Euthanasia



Christian views on Abortion.
 - catholic - NO it is always wrong.
 - other views "lesser of two evils"
 - Love your neighbour

Islamic views
 • okay if life of mother at risk
 • Does the baby have a soul before 4 months.

For Euthanasia	Against Euthanasia
- Die with dignity	- sanctity of life
- quality of life	- murder
- Right to die	- slippery slope
- People should be able to die pain free	- you might get better?
- kind/compassionate	- suffering is part of life
	- Trust God's Plan

Double Effect
 An action has more than one consequence
 save life of mother - foetus dies



The Environment

KEY WORDS

- **Environment** - The natural world.
- **non renewable resources** - things the earth provides that will run out ie oil
- **Renewable energy** - energy from a source that won't run out ie solar/sun.
- **stewardship** - taking responsibility for the natural world, including animals.
- **Animal experimentation** - using animals to test for chemicals or medicine.



Both Muslims + Christians believe **God** created the world and it is **valuable**. Both believe we have a **duty** to care for it. We are **stewards** or **khalifah** in Islam.

A few Christians believe that we have the **power** to do what we like with world.

How can Christians help the environment?

Treatment of animals

ANIMAL EXPERIMENTATION



CHRISTIAN RESPONSE	TEACHINGS	MUSLIM RESPONSE
Some Christians - acceptable. Human life more important. Other Christians - NOT acceptable. Believe it is unfair + inhuman .	'Go God created human kind in his image. Treat others as you wish to be treated'. 'Whoever kills... a sparrow... without a just cause, God will hold him accountable on the Day of Judgement'.	Some Muslims - may approve if it improves human lives. But should cause least suffering. Other Muslims - not acceptable . Quran tells Muslims not to abuse animals. Muhammad was said to be kind to animals.

Most Christians eat meat. Bible not against it. 'Eat anything that moves' Genesis 9.

But animals should not be **created** **cruelly** - against **factory farming**.



Muslims have **strict laws**. **HALAL** = acceptable ie chicken. **HARAM** - forbidden ie pork. Muslims are allowed to eat what is **good, pure, clean, wholesome** and **nourishing**.

Religion & Life

Origins of the universe Origins of Humankind

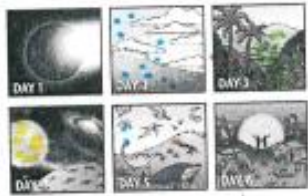
KEY WORDS:

- **Fundamentalist Christians** - Believe the Bible is literally true.
- **Liberals** - Believe authors of the Bible were guided by God and so not everything is literally true.

Universe is 13.8 billion years old. From a singular dense, hot point to expanding universe

THE BIG BANG

THE CHRISTIAN VIEW



GENESIS 1.

THE MUSLIM VIEW

Also believe in 6 days of creation. BUT 6 days = 6 periods of time. Also God did not rest on day 7, but continues to create.

Evidence = Doppler effect. Red shift

Some Christians believe the Bible account to be literally true. Do NOT believe in evolution. Other liberal Christians believe God created the universe, but the Genesis story can be interpreted - ie 6 days = 6 periods of time.

Charles Darwin 'On Origin of Species' 1859

Simple celled life forms → Complex many celled things

Life gradually developed → Eventually human

Survival of the fittest → Natural Selection

THE THEORY OF EVOLUTION

RELIGIOUS VIEWS

FUNDAMENTALIST CHRISTIANS	LIBERALS	MUSLIM BELIEFS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> God made humans on days. They were put in charge. They are superior. Do not believe in evolution. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> God created humans → could have been evolution 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> God created Adam from clay. Breathed life into him. Created Eve (HAWWA)

THE THEORY OF INTELLIGENT DESIGN - God designed world, not accident

Watch matter theory

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