

3.2.1.2 Theme B: Religion and life

Students should study religious teachings, and religious, philosophical and ethical arguments, relating to the issues that follow, and their impact and influence in the modern world. They should be aware of contrasting perspectives in contemporary British society on all of these issues.

They must be able to explain contrasting beliefs on the following three issues with reference to the main religious tradition in Britain (Christianity) and one or more other religious traditions:

- Abortion.
- Euthanasia.
- Animal experimentation.

The origins and value of the universe

- The origins of the universe, including:
 - religious teachings about the origins of the universe, and different interpretations of these
 - the relationship between scientific views, such as the Big Bang theory, and religious views.
- The value of the world and the duty of human beings to protect it, including religious teaching about stewardship, dominion, responsibility, awe and wonder.
- The use and abuse of the environment, including the use of natural resources, pollution.
- The use and abuse of animals, including:
 - animal experimentation
 - the use of animals for food.

The origins and value of human life

- The origins of life, including:
 - religious teachings about the origins of human life, and different interpretations of these
 - the relationship between scientific views, such as evolution, and religious views.
- The concepts of sanctity of life and the quality of life.
- Abortion, including situations when the mother's life is at risk.
- Ethical arguments related to abortion, including those based on the sanctity of life and quality of life.
- Euthanasia.
- Beliefs about death and an afterlife, and their impact on beliefs about the value of human life.

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'Animals are less important than humans so there is no problem experimenting on them' 12

Give **two** reasons why some religious people do not eat meat.

Explain **two** contrasting religious beliefs about euthanasia.

In your answer, you must refer to one or more religious traditions.

Explain **two** religious beliefs about how peoples' actions in this life affect what happens to them in the afterlife.

Refer to sacred writings or another source of religious belief and teaching in your answer.

[5 marks]

Explain two contrasting religious beliefs about animal experimentation. (4 marks)

Explain two similar religious beliefs about stewardship. (4 marks)

Explain two contrasting views about using animals for food.
(4 marks)

The Bible tells Christians all they need to know about God's creation'. Evaluate this statement. (12 marks)

Explain two contrasting religious beliefs about the value of the world. (4 marks)

God's earth is a wonderful and valuable place'. Evaluate this statement. (12 marks)

Explain two religious responses to the theory of evolution. (4 marks)

Explain two types of pollution and give a cause for each one. (4 marks)

Explain two religious beliefs about what happens when a person dies. Refer to scripture in your answer. (5 marks)

Explain two contrasting beliefs in contemporary British society about abortion. (4 marks)

Explain two religious beliefs about the duty of human beings to protect the earth. Refer to scripture in your answer. (5 marks)

Explain two Christian beliefs about creation. Refer to scripture in your answer. (5 marks)

“Only God has the right to take away life.” (12 marks)