

Religion and Life part 1

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.

See quotes sheet for Christian

+ cheeky extras

Young earth creationists believe the world is 6,000 years old

Religion AND science is known as theistic evolution – key person=Alistair McGrath

Animals – vivisection, halal

Environment – Trump anti-climate change and Greta Thunberg

• + Buddhist

Dalai Lama believes in evolution

Dependent arising – poisoned arrow

Ahimsa, right intention, karuna

Religion and Life part 2

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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Sanctity of life is key

Parable of sheep and goats

Abortion law uk

Catholics anti-abortion and Euthanasia

Afterlife – judgement, sins, heaven/hell
(different interpretations and quotes),
forgiveness

• + Buddhist

Metta

Sanctity AND quality of life

Afterlife = enlightenment, karmic
energy, rebirth, pure land

Euthanasia - dukkha

- 2 markers
- Give two ways religious believers might help to reduce pollution. (2019)
- Give two reasons why some religious people do not eat meat. (2018)
- Give two examples of what religious believers might do to help to carry out the duty of stewardship. (sample 1)
- Give two religious beliefs about pollution. (sample 2)

- 4 markers
- Explain two contrasting religious beliefs about animal experimentation. (2019)
- Explain two contrasting religious beliefs about euthanasia. (2018)
- Explain two contrasting beliefs in contemporary British society about abortion. (sample 1)
- Explain two similar religious beliefs about the use of animals for food. (sample 2)

4 markers

Will only be on the following:-

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.

- 5 markers
- Explain two religious beliefs about how human life began on earth. (2019)
- Explain two religious beliefs about how peoples' actions in this life affect what happens to them in the afterlife. (2018)
- Explain two religious beliefs about animal experimentation. (sample 1)
- Explain two religious beliefs about the afterlife. (sample 2)

- 12 markers
- ‘Abortion should be allowed only when the mother’s life is at risk.’ (2019)
- ‘Abuse of the environment is impossible to stop.’ (2018)
- ‘It is not reasonable to believe in life after death.’ (sample 1)
- ‘Evolution proves that religious beliefs about the origins of life are wrong.’ (sample 2)

- *Major topics yet to come up (5 and 12 markers) – sanctity/quality of life, Euthanasia, stewardship/dominion, animals for food*
- *Common themes – animal experimentation, beginning of human life, afterlife.*

What now???

Use Buddhist sheet + Christian quote sheet (Wakelet) to practice questions.

Also, mindmap of **notes, quotes and folks** around both parts of the spec.