

Abortion – termination of a pregnancy
Big bang theory – event that took place roughly 13.8 billion years ago that was the first event in the formation of the universe
Conception – moment at which the egg fertilises the sperm
Creationist (young earth) – fundamentalist Christian that believe the world was literally created in 6 days and is around 6,000 years old
Day of Judgement – religious belief when all souls will be judged before God. Christianity says it's the day Jesus will return (Rapture/Second Coming)
Dependent arising – All things are linked and caused by something else. The universe is cyclical and has no fixed beginning
Dominion – Christian belief that Earth is for mankind to rule over
Enlightenment – state achieved when one is longer suffering. Will not be reborn into the cycle of birth, death, rebirth
Euthanasia – Helping someone else to end their life, usually when they are terminally ill or there is no hope of recovery. Four types; active, passive, voluntary, involuntary
Evolution (Darwinian) – complex forms of life have developed and mutated from less complex ones. Survival of the fittest genes
Foetus – development of an embryo in the womb during pregnancy

Genealogies – combination of the ages of the key people in the Bible from Adam and Eve to Jesus Genesis – first book of the Bible, containing creation story
Heaven/Hell – either symbolic state or literal place after death. Christian beliefs about the detail varies depending on denomination
Nibbana – state of a soul being free from suffering after Enlightenment
Origin of Species – Charles Darwin's book (1859) detailing theory of evolution
Poisoned arrow story – Buddhist parable suggesting it is pointless to focus on questions about the past as it does not aide with becoming enlightened now
Pro-choice – abortion should the decision of the mother
Pro-life – life is sacred and abortion should be banned or discouraged
Purgatory – Catholic place where one goes after death to pay for sins before entering heaven
Quality of Life – the belief that someone's enjoyment and standard of living is important
Samsara – birth, death and rebirth
Sanctity of Life – all life is sacred (and belongs to God)
Stewardship – Christian belief that the we must care for and look after God's world and everything in it
Vegan – no consumption of animals or animal related products e.g. eggs
Vegetarian – no consumption of animals
Vivisection – experimentation on animals for medical purposes