

The Moral Maze



War & Peace

War is wrong!

Christian View	Muslim View	Non-Religious View
<p><u>AGAINST WAR</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some Christians believe that war is so wrong They are called <u>pacifists</u>. They believe this because: Jesus taught his followers to love their enemies and to 'turn the other cheek' when attacked. The fifth commandment says 'Do not Kill' Jesus would not let Peter fight back when he was being arrested. Horrible things happen to innocent civilians in modern wars (Think of Hiroshima) Jesus loved those who want peace, He said: Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Many Christians believe that peace can only come when people refuse to fight. <p><u>FOR WAR: Just War</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The war must be fought for a just cause A war must be declared by a lawful authority A war must only be fought to bring about good War must be a last resort: There must be a reasonable chance of success Only necessary force must be used: Only military targets should be attacked The Pope has said countries have the right to defend themselves! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Muslims are not pacifists, their holy book the Quran teaches that sometimes war is necessary to conquer evil, once the evil has been defeated, fighting must stop and peace be restored (you will notice that this is almost identical to the Christian Just War Theory). <p><u>The Theory of Holy War</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> War must be a last resort A war can only be started by a religious leader War must have a just cause The aim of the war must be to bring about good Innocent civilians must not be killed: Once the aim has been achieved fighting must stop <p><u>The Quran:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Muslim holy book the Quran has many passages about when a Muslim can fight and how a Muslim can fight. The Quran says that: Muslim soldiers treat enemy soldiers who are captured with respect The enemies wives and children and land must not be harmed or destroyed If the enemy wishes to make peace then they MUST make it with them The Quran also teaches the Muslims are obliged to fight, if there is a Holy War then Muslims MUST fight; they can not be pacifist! Muhammad taught that any Muslim killed in a Holy War will go directly to paradise (the Muslim word for Heaven). 	<p><u>AGAINST WAR</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wars cost Billions of \$ - money that could be spent on feeding the millions of starving on the planet! Modern Wars kill millions of innocent civilians! <p><u>FOR WAR</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Countries should be able to defend themselves from attack! Evil leaders must be stopped at all cost – including war!

Truly religious
people will
always forgive!

Christian View	Muslim View	Gee Walker CASE STUDY
<p>Christians believe that forgiveness and reconciliation are important because:</p> <p>When asked by Peter how many times we should forgive a person, Jesus said 77 times!</p> <p>Jesus said that if Christians do not forgive others, they will not forgive themselves.</p> <p>Jesus forgave those who killed him – He said on the Cross – Forgive them father for they know not what they do! So if Jesus can forgive those who killed him, we should be willing to forgive those who have hurt us.</p> <p>St. Paul Said that we should live in peace with each other and this involves forgiving those who have hurt us.</p> <p>Jesus said that we must love our enemies and this means forgiving them.</p>	<p>Muslims believe that conflicts should be resolved and that they should forgive a person if they are truly sorry for something that they have done.</p> <p><u>What does the Quran Say?</u></p> <p>The Quran teaches that if Muslims forgive each other then Allah (God) will forgive them</p> <p><u>What Did Muhammad Say?</u></p> <p>Muhammad was a man of great wisdom who forgave his enemies. Muhammad said: <i>“Control your anger and forgive your brothers. Do you not wish to be forgiven?”</i></p> <p>Allah <i>Muslims believe that when they die they will have to face Allah (God), who will judge them on how they have lived their life. If a person as been a forgiving person them they believe that Allah will show mercy on them.</i></p>	<p>THE mother of Anthony Walker drew deeply on her Christian faith yesterday to find forgiveness for the racist killers of her s who</p> <p>face up to 30 years in jail</p> <p>Mrs. Walker, matriarch to the only black family in Tarbock, Huyton, in Merseyside, spoke eloquently about how her evangelical Christian faith demanded that she forgive them. But she faltered and the tears fell as she recalled having to say goodbye to her son as he lay in intensive care with a 3ft ice axe protruding from his head.</p>

**Bullying is
Wrong!**

Christian View	Muslim View	Non-Religious Views on Bullying
<p>All Christians believe that bullying is wrong! Why?</p> <p>Jesus taught that we must love each other and treat each other with respect.</p> <p>Jesus treated everyone with respect and parables such as the 'Sheep & Goats' and the 'Good Samaritan' shows Christians what how they are to treat people.</p> <p>Jesus gave us the GOLDEN RULE: Do unto others what you would have them do to you . . . Put simply treat other people the way you would like to be treated!</p> <p>Christians believe that everyone is made in the image of God and as such should be treated with respect. When a person is bullied they are not being treated with the respect and dignity that they deserve.</p>	<p>Islam totally condemns all forms of bullying.</p> <p>Islam is a religion of peace and bullying goes against everything that Islam stands for.</p> <p>The Quran teaches that Allah created all human beings as equals. When a person is bullied they are not being treated with the respect and dignity that they deserve.</p> <p>Muslims are taught to show compassion to the weak.</p> <p>Islam teaches that all Muslims are brothers – this called amah – so it is wrong to bully another Muslim.</p> <p>Muslims believe that they will be judged by Allah when they die, and bullying is something that Allah will punish them for!</p>	<p><u>Bullying:</u> intimidating/frightening people weaker than yourself</p> <p>Bullying is deliberately hurtful behaviour repeated often over a period of time. it can be any occasion where someone deliberately intimidates or harasses another.</p> <p><u>Bullying can take many forms such as:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> being called names being teased being hit, pushed, pulled, pinched or kicked having possessions taken receiving abusive text messages or emails (cyber bullying) being forced to hand over money being forced to do things they don't want to do being ignored or left out being attacked because of religion, gender, sexuality, disability, appearance or ethnic origin.

Capital Punishment
is the best way to
deal with evil
people!

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<p>The majority of Christian support for capital punishment comes from ‘Evangelical’ Christians who take a literal approach to the Bible (they believe every word is true).</p> <p>What does the Old Testament say in support of capital punishment?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Genesis: If anyone takes a human life he will be punished . . . So whoever murder will be killed! 2. Exodus: He who strikes a man so that he dies shall surely be put to death. 3. Leviticus: Anyone who attacks another shall suffer the same injury in return: fracture for fracture, eye for eye, tooth for tooth; <p>What Does the New Testament say in support of capital punishment ?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. St. Paul teaches that Christian should OBEY the laws of the government . . . And if they supports capital punishment so should Christians. <p>What Did Jesus say in support of capital punishment?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jesus does not say the death penalty is WRONG . . . Many Christians take this to mean that Jesus did support it as he never publicly condemned it! 	<p>Islam teachers that punishment should deter people for committing a crime.</p> <p><u>So punishments are:</u> Swift Severe Public</p> <p><u>Punishments include:</u> Flogging Stoning Decapitation – Cutting of hands, feet and heads Hanging LONG prison sentences</p> <p><u>Why?</u> Islam teaches that punishment should scare criminals so that they will not commit crime!</p> <p><u>Deterrence</u> The Quran teaches that punishments should deter and reform . . . If you have been wiped once it's unlikely that you will want a second bout!</p> <p><u>Deterrence</u> Punishments should make people properly pay for the crime they have committed! <u>Retribution</u></p> <p><u>What does the Quran say?</u> Cutting of Hands and Feet</p> <p><i>"As to the thief, Male or female, cut off his or her hands: a punishment by way of example, from Allah, for their crime: and Allah is exalted in power."</i></p>	<p><u>For:</u></p> <p>Capital punishment is the ultimate punishment for the ultimate crime . . .Take a life, loose a life!</p> <p>Gives justice to the victims families!</p> <p>Sends a clear message to evil people that if they kill they will pay with there life!, thus it acts as a deterrent!</p> <p><u>Against:</u></p> <p>There is no evidence that it acts as a deterrent! Look at the USA . . . Highest murder rate and it uses Capital Punishment.</p> <p>Innocent people are put to death – Derek Bentley!</p> <p>Civilised nations should sort criminals out in a civilised way without stooping to their level!</p> <p>Modern prison mean that evil people can be looked up without them being a danger to society!</p>

**Taking alcohol &
drugs is a sin!**

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<p><u>Catholic View</u> Alcohol is central to the main Catholic sacrament – Mass – where wine is used. Jesus drank wine! The Catholic Church teaches that when enjoyed responsibly alcohol it is fine. The Church is against abuse of alcohol which leads to many problems in society such as child abuse, domestic violence and premature death.</p> <p>Likewise the Church believes that CLASS C prescription drugs are acceptable if used to treat illness. Yet it teaches that those who sell and use illegal drugs are sinful as they cause many problems in society.</p> <p><u>Liberal View</u></p> <p>Share the same views as Catholics on Alcohol and Drugs.</p> <p><u>Evangelical View</u></p> <p>Many Evangelical Christians such as the Salvation Army forbid Alcohol, as they began at a time when alcoholism was rife and caused many problems. Such Christians substitute wine with fruit juice during their communion services. Evangelicals hold the same views as Catholics and Liberals on Drugs.</p>	<p>Islam teaches that Drugs and Alcohol are 'haram', something which is totally forbidden by Islam.</p> <p>Islam believes that Alcohol and Drugs are wrong as they can destroy the body which was created by Allah and Allah owns our bodies.</p> <p><u>The Quran</u></p> <p>The Quran says: “Do not approach prayers when you are drunk.” “Satan stirs up hatred amongst you by means of wine . . . Will you not abstain from them?”</p> <p><u>Muhammad</u></p> <p>Muhammad said: “Intoxicants (alcohol and drugs) are the mother of all evils.”</p>	<p><u>Alcohol Abuse the FACTS</u></p> <p>25% of ALL hospital admissions are alcohol related 40% of domestic violence involves alcohol 33,000 people die each year from alcohol-related causes Alcohol abuse costs British industry £2 billion a year through lost work days 11 people are killed every week in alcohol related car accidents &</p> <p>33% of child abuse cases involve alcohol</p> <p><u>The Effects of Alcohol and Drug abuse on a Person & Society:</u></p> <p>Addiction – being dependent on drink & drugs</p> <p>Crime – addiction leads to crime to pay for the habit, houses and cars are stolen! 50% of all crime in the UK is drink/drug related</p> <p>Damages a person's health – Drink and drugs can destroy the body and lead to the NHS being put under a lot of strain, meaning that those who are addicts and have self-inflicted their illness can be treated before those who are not!</p> <p>Destroys relationships – Addiction can tear families apart</p>

The planet was created by
God so it should be
looked after and not
destroyed by humans!

<h1 style="text-align: center;">Non-Religious View</h1>	<h1 style="text-align: center;">Christian View</h1>	<h1 style="text-align: center;">Muslim View</h1>
<p><u>The Threat of Pollution</u></p> <p>We live on an amazingly beautiful planet. Yet our home is in great danger, the ecosystem is being damaged beyond repair, the biggest threat to our future survival comes from 'Pollution' and the damage it is doing to our very delicate ecosystem.</p> <p><u>Global Warning & The Green House Effect</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The planet is getting hotter 2. Carbon Dioxide is being produced by the use of fossil fuels (gas, coal, wood, oil). 3. This CO₂ is released into the atmosphere and acts like a Green House not allowing heat to escape – in turn this is melting polar ice caps, reducing land mass needed to grow food and live on., and causing extreme weather conditions. <p><u>What can be done about the Green House Effect?</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Invest in renewable energy sources: Wind Solar, Wave 2. Invest in the greater use of electric cars, drive/fly less. 	<p><u>Creation</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Christianity teaches that God created the universe and everything in it. Genesis 1 & 2 2. Christianity teaches that when God created the universe everything was perfect. i.e., no pollution or damage to the environment. 3. Christianity teaches that because God made the universe and everything in it, then the universe and the planet earth belong to God. <p><u>How do these beliefs effect Christian attitudes to the environment?</u></p> <p>Christians believe:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The environment must be respected by humans because it has been made by God and is a gift from God. Humans should act as stewards to the environment both look after it and preserve it for future generations to enjoy. 2. Since God made the environment to work perfectly human beings have a responsibility to preserve and look after it. 3. Damaging the environment is a SIN. 	<p><u>Creation:</u></p> <p>Islam teaches that the universe and everything in it was created by God (Allah)</p> <p>When Allah created the universe it was perfect</p> <p>The universe and everything in it are gifts from God</p> <p>The Quran teaches that everything in the universe depends on each other for its existence, so the universe is one huge 'ecosystem'</p> <p><u>The Environment</u></p> <p>The whole environment must be respected because it is a gift to humans from Allah</p> <p>Muslims have a duty to preserve the environment and maintain the balance in the ecosystem</p> <p><u>Stewardship</u></p> <p>Islam teaches that God created Adam as his Khalifah (A person who looks after something i.e., a steward)</p> <p>All Muslims are called to be Khalifah's</p> <p>Islam teaches that people will be judged by God for the way they look after the earth</p> <p>Islam teaches that life is a test by God and part of the test is how each person looks after the environment, those who fail the test will be punished</p> <p>Each Muslim must try to reduce pollution</p>

Religion should
stay out of the
debate on
infertility!

Non-Religious View

Christian View

Muslim View

Infertility

- 'Infertile' means not being able to have children.
- 1 in 10 UK couples are infertile.
- There are a wide range of infertility treatments available.

Infertility Treatments

IVF- this is where a mother's sperm is taken out of the womb and fertilised in a test tube and implanted in the womb.

AIH-When the husband's sperm is placed in the womb by medical means.

AID- When an unknown mans perm is put into the wife's womb by medical means.

Egg Donation- Where an unknown women's egg is fertilised by IVF and placed in the mother's womb.

Embryo donation- When an unknown sperm and ovum are fertilised and implemented into a mother's womb.

Surrogacy- When a women carries a baby for an infertile couple, either using the husbands sperm wife's eggs, or by using donated eggs and sperms.

The Catholic View of Infertility

1. In 1990, the Pope stated: 'Life is God's gift and we do not have the right to children.'
2. Catholics firmly believe that just because science makes something possible it doesn't mean that it is right.
3. Catholics cannot allow for any fertility treatment where spare embryos are created. Embryos, Catholics believe, are not disposable commodities.
4. Catholics believe that Artificial Insemination and IVF are acceptable if there are no spare embryos created and no donor used. .
5. Surrogacy is never acceptable to a Roman Catholic.

The Church of England View of Infertility

1. Surrogacy is never acceptable.
2. The Anglican Church believes that using donations of sperm and eggs is acceptable
3. The Anglican Church teaches that it is fine to create spare embryos which are later destroyed or not needed. They also believe that it is acceptable to carry out research on embryos for up to fourteen days.
4. IVF, AID and AIH are all acceptable methods of creating new life.

Islam & Infertility Treatments:

Islam allows IVF and AIH because:

1. They only involve the husbands sperm and wife's and Allah has given them the ability to create life in this way.
2. Embryos that are destroyed during IVF are 14 days old so they are not classed as 'human' – Islam teaches that the soul does not enter the foetus until 120 days.

Islam does not allow any other form or fertility treatment because:

1. They cause problems concerning the identity of the parents and Islam teaches that every child has the right to know its parents identity.
2. Placing a donated sperm in a women's body is considered adultery in Islam.

Truly religious people
would be organ donors
and support transplant
surgery!

Christian View	Muslim View	Non-Religious View
<p><u>FOR:</u> Most Catholics and Liberals Christians have no moral problem with Transplant surgery & organ donation there reason are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It is an effective way of curing life-threatening illness 2. It uses organ which would other wise be burnt or buried 3. It allows people to help others after their death 4. Leaving organs is a way of 'Loving your Neighbour' which is what Jesus taught us to do <p>Against: Some Christians, mainly from he Evangelical tradition do have problems with O.D & T.S:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Organ donation is playing God which is banned in the Bible 2. Transplant surgery interferes with God's plan for us, if God wants us to die then we should die! 	<p><u>For:</u> Most Muslims are <u>AGAINST</u> it . . . <u>BUT:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Some Muslims do accept it for close relatives 2. Muslims in the UK are allowed to carry donor cards <p><u>Against:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Shari'ah (Muslim law) teaches that nothing should be removed from the body after death 2. Its playing God 3. The Quran teaches that only God has the right to give and take life 	<p><u>Transplant Surgery</u> Transplant surgery is using healthy organs from a living donor or a dead donor to replace dying organs in a patient.</p> <p><u>Non-religious arguments for transplant surgery:</u></p> <p>Transplant surgery is an effective method of curing diseases, it uses healthy organs which would otherwise be buried or burnt, and it allows people to help others after they are dead.</p> <p><u>Non-religious arguments against transplant surgery:</u></p> <p>It is very expensive and use a lot of medical skill and money on very few people, it encourages people from poor countries to sell organs to people in richer countries, it raise problems about when a person is 'brain dead' should they be kept alive until there organs can be used</p>

The Bible is the best
place to look for
answers to moral
problems!

Catholic View: Not always!

1. Catholics will look in the bible for advice and help, Catholics believe that the bible has 'authority' because it is God's word. Yet if the bible does not give an answer or the answer is not one that they can follow – such as to kill homosexuals – then Catholics will look to the Pope for advice.
2. In the Catholic Church the **Pope** has final authority in moral issues. This is because he is believed to have special 'powers' in interpreting the Bible. If the Pope says a particular thing is 'immoral – wrong', Catholics have a duty to believe him and not do it.
3. Many Catholics will also look to there **conscience**, which they believe to be the voice of God. For example, if the Pope says that a war is a 'just war' and that it is 'ok' for Catholics to fight in it, then some Catholics will still refuse to fight as killing is against their conscience.

Liberal View Not always!

1. Many Liberal Christians will also look to the bible for advice as like the Catholic community they see the bible as being the word of God and thus having authority; yet Liberal Christians will also look to Situation Ethics.

Situation Ethics:

Is the belief that what is right should always be based on what ***is the most loving thing To do*** . . . For example Situation Ethics says That in certain situations murder, lying might be the most loving thing to do so you can do them. This approach was developed by Joseph Fletcher and is very much a Liberal Christian idea.

Liberal Christians follow Jesus' most important commandment to: ALWAYS LOVE YOUR Neighbour . . . For this reasons some rules in the bible might need to be broken out of love!

Evangelical View YES!

Evangelical Christians believe that the bible has ULTIMATE AUTHORITY! For this reason they will always look to the bible for moral guidance . . . Thus is the bible say war is acceptable them Evangelical Christina's need no other advice!

Every human being has
'human rights' which
must not be taken
away!

What Are Human Rights?

Human Rights in the UK

Christianity and Human Rights

In the UNITED NATIONS Declaration of HUMAN RIGHTS there are 30 statements outlining the rights that all humans deserve the first states that:

1. All human beings are born free and are equal in dignity and rights.

Human rights are the BASIC rights and freedoms to which all human beings are entitled . . . In Europe all human beings have the right to:

- Life
- Food
- Free speech
- Racial/sexual/religious freedom
- Education
- Health care
- Privacy

In the UK today all of the rights opposite are protected by law and are covered by the 1998 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT . . . Anyone who feels that there human rights are being abused or neglected can take there case to the European Court of Human Rights . . . This is a court which sits in Strasbourg France.

The law on human rights has done a lot to help those involved in child prostitution and human trafficking as well as illegal immigration . . . It has also been used in the UK to stop corporal punishment in schools (caning & strapping) . . . As well as granting equality for homosexuals (lowering the age f consent and allowing civil partnerships).

One area that has been controversial in the UK as been Terrorism . . . Many people believe that terrors suspects and convicted terrorist should not have the same human rights of law abiding citizens, whilst other have argued that they should. The 'Terrorism Acts' of 2000 and 2006 state that terror suspects can be arrested and held without charge for long periods of time without charge or trial . . . Some people in the UK agree with this, whilst others see it a s a violation of the 1998 Human Rights Act

All Christians support the UN Declaration, and the European Human Rights Act . . . They support this because:

- Every human being is created by God, in God's image and all of God's creation should be treated with respect.
- God loves everyone equally so they should be treated equally.
- The teachings of the Bible are in line with most human rights.

Human Rights in the Bible

Many of the parables of Jesus outline the need to treat each and every person like they are made in the image of God with respect and dignity:

- The parable of the sheep and the goats
- The parable of the good Samaritan
- The 10 commandments

Christians believe that Governments should laws put human rights first and will often speak out when they are not . . . Some of the biggest opponents of the Death Penalty, Poverty and War have comment from Christianity

Voting is a waste of time!

Democracy in the UK

Why is it important to vote?

What is Democracy?

Democracy is a political system where each person gets a vote, this means that everyone can have a say in who leads their country. The UK is a democracy. In the UK each person who is eligible to vote (over 18 years of age), can vote for a political party.

The UK has a 'first past the post' voting system, this means that the political party with the most votes wins the election. In the case on no outright winner a number of parties can form a coalition to for a joint government.

Why is Democracy Important?

Democracy is import because it allows everyone to have their say and it allows a number of different political groups to sit in the Houses of Parliament to debate very important issues such as HEALTH, EDUCATION, WELFARE, DEFENCE.

The History of Voting in the UK?

In the not too distant past voting was restricted to men over the age of 21! This clearly excluded women from voting . . . Since this time many progressive changes have taken place meaning that all UK residents aged over 18 can vote . . . Many people had to struggle for this right so voting should be something that people do.

Voting also allows people to have a say on very important issue such as those mentioned opposite.

In the last General Election the number of people who voted was quite low! This means that these people will not have a say in the very important issues that will affect them.

Christians have a
moral responsibility
to the poor and
needy!

<h2 style="text-align: center;">Christian Duties & Responsibilities</h2>	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Biblical teachings on Christian Duties & Responsibilities</h2>
<p>Christians believe that God wants them to live their life and act in a certain way . . . They believe this because of the moral rules (commandments) which they see in the Bible. The Bible teaches Christians that they have do and not do certain things to live a good life . . . For example the Decalogue or 10 commandments says:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Honour your parents •Do not murder •Do not steal •Do not commit adultery •Do not lie •Do not covert other people’s belonging (jealousy) <p>Christians believe those who follow each of these commandments are being good or ‘moral’ people.</p> <p>Jesus was seen as a very moral person who lived a good life . . . In his parables Jesus teaches Christians the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To love their enemies • To give to the poor • The GOLDEN RULE – “do unto others what you would have them do to you” 	<p>The Sheep and the Goats</p> <p>31 “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. 33 He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. 34 “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. 35 For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, 36 I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’</p> <p>37 “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? 38 When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? 39 When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’</p> <p>40 “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’</p> <p>41 “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. 42 For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.’</p> <p>44 “They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?’</p> <p>45 “He will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’</p> <p>46 “Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”</p> <p>The Parable of the Good Samaritan</p> <p>25 On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” 26 “What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?”</p> <p>27 He answered, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’ a]; and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’[b]”</p> <p>28 “You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.”</p> <p>29 But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”</p> <p>30 In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. 31 A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. 32 So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. 34 He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. 35 The next day he took out two denarii[c] and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’</p> <p>36 “Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?”</p> <p>37 The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.”</p> <p>Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”</p>

Genetic
engineering is
wrong! No one has
the right to play
God.

What is Genetic Engineering?

Christian View

Muslim View

Genetic Engineering:

Genetic engineering is finding out which genes cause diseases, such as muscular dystrophy and cystic fibrosis, and working out how the genes can be changed so the diseases do not develop. Genetic screening in the UK is controlled by the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority.

Non-religious arguments for Genetic Engineering:

It could cure incurable diseases, its essential part of medical research; it is being carried out in many countries.

Non-religious arguments against Genetic Engineering:

We do not know the long-term effects of this type of treatment, if things go wrong can they be reversed, genetic tests could be used by insurance companies to test for health

conditions which might not develop.

Christian attitudes to Genetic Engineering:

There are three attitudes towards Genetic Engineering: -

1. Liberal Protestants

Support GE as long as it is done to cure diseases and not clone human beings, they believe this because: Jesus taught that we should always try to heal the sick, GE is the same as curing people with drugs, they also accept ALL the Non-religious arguments for GE.

2. Roman Catholics

Catholics and some other Christians agree with GE as long as it does not involve the use of embryos, they believe this because: Jesus taught that we should always try to heal the sick; GE is the same as curing people with drugs, embryos should not be used as these are human beings and created them to produce genes will mean that they will not be allowed to develop and this is the same as abortion.

3. Evangelical Christians:

Are against all forms of GE because, it is trying to play God which is a great sin, it is wrong to try and make the earth perfect as only Heaven is perfect, they accept all non-religious arguments against

GE.

Islam and Genetic Engineering:

Some Muslims are against all forms of GE because, only Allah has the right to alter a person's genetic make-up, it is like playing God which is a great sin, embryo research involves abortion. Some Muslims agree with GE because, the Quran teaches that Muslims should do all they can to cure disease, it is no different from finding drug cures, embryos are not living human beings until 14 days after conception.

EXAM PRACTICE: Peace & Conflict

- (a) What is a just war? (2)
- (a) Do you think wars are always bad? (4)
Give TWO reasons for your point of view.
- (c) Choose one religion other than Christianity and explain why its followers are against bullying. (8)
- (d) 'Religious people should always forgive.'
In your answer you should refer to at least one religion.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinions. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

EXAM PRACTICE: Crime and Punishment

(a) What is crime? (2)

(a) Do you think punishment is always right? (4)

Give two reasons for your point of view.

(c) Explain why some Christians agree with capital punishment. (8)

(d) 'It does no matter if religious people drink alcohol.'

In your answer you should refer to at least one religion.

(i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinions. (3)

(ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

EXAM PRACTICE: Environmental & Medical Issues

- (a) What is surrogacy? (2)
- (a) Do you think it is important to recycle? (4)
Give two reasons for your point of view.
- (a) Choose one religion other than Christianity and explain why some of its followers agree with transplant surgery and some do not. (8)
- (a) 'Religion is the best way to protect the environment.'
In your answer you should refer to at least one religion.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinions. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

EXAM PRACTICE: Rights & Responsibilities

- (a) What is the Decalogue? (2)
- (a) Do you think voting is important? (4)
Give two reasons for your point of view.
- (c) Explain why some Christians agree with genetic engineering and some do not. (8)
- (d) Christians should always follow their conscience.'
In your answer you should refer to at least one religion.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinions. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)