

Key beliefs

Stewardship- this is a key belief for Christians Muslims and Hindus as they believe God (Allah/Brahma) is the creator of universe and human beings are responsible for caring for this gift.

This belief affects religious peoples views on :

- The use of animals- Many medicines are tested on animals. This is controversial because many people think that it cruel and unnecessary. However others believe that animal experimentation is necessary to make breakthroughs in science and to manufacture effective cures.
- Eating meat- Christians and Muslims are allowed to eat meat in their diets, although Muslims do not eat pork and some Christians fast during Lent.



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Theist: believes in the existence of God

Atheist: doesn't believe in the existence of God

Agnostic: unsure about the existence of God



Muslim: follower of Islam

Christian: follower of Christianity

Hindu: follower of Hinduism

Sanctity of life- Many religions believe that life is sacred because God created it, including Islam and Christianity. Christians believe that all life is sacred, and precious. Some Christians do not believe that anyone should take their own life or the life of someone else. This may raise questions for Christians about whether genetic engineering/ transplant surgery playing God or not. Christians believe taking life is a sin and breaks God's command "Do not kill" but Christians do believe they should help save life as Jesus was a healer.



Sources of Wisdom and Authority



• "Love your neighbour as **you** love yourself." Jesus' key teaching Golden Rule

• "Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness." Genesis

• "God saw all that he had made, and it was very good." Genesis

• "Rule over the birds of the sky, the fish of the sea..."

• "You will be rewarded by Allah for acts of kindness towards living creatures" Muhammad

• "Whoever saves the life of one person, it is as if they he has saved the whole of humankind" Qur'an



Creation



Science tells us that our universe is approx. 14bn years old, and our planet is approx. 4bn years old.

An explosion (The Big Bang) led to the creation of all space, time and matter. Humans have evolved over time, through a process of **natural selection**. This is called '**evolution**'.

Genesis 1 &2 says that God created the world in 6 days, and on the 7th He rested. Some Christians take this **LITERALLY** and read this story as **fact (fundamentalist)**.

Others see the Genesis story as a **symbolic** story (**Liberal**).

Key Terms



Dominion: the belief that God gave humans the right to decide what happens to the world

Natural Evil- suffering caused by nature.

Moral Evil- Suffering caused by humans

Free Will- Human beings are free to make their own choices.

Awe- feeling of wonder and amazement.

Animal welfare- showing respect in the way we treat animals

Animal rights- the rights of animals to live free from human exploitation and abuse

Reincarnation- belief that after death you are reborn as another living thing.

Ahimsa- Hindu teaching of kindness and non-violence towards all living things

Karma- the law of karma is a belief that rebirth is determined by how we live our lives.

Halal- allowed (Muslims eat halal meat)

Qur'an- The Holy Book of Islam

Creation- the act of creating the universe

Vegetarianism- someone who believes eating meat is wrong.

Pollution- any contamination of air, water and environment e.g. air pollution from the burning of fossil fuels