

Key beliefs



Knowledge Organiser- Year 8: Term III



Key Vocabulary



This belief affects religious peoples views on the key beliefs :

Sanctity of Life

For religious people, human **life** is sacred and is a gift from God which is to be respected and protected. This teaching is called the **sanctity of life** .



Situation ethics/Doing the most loving thing

All decisions should be based on love. People should consider what the right thing to do depending on the situation.



The Golden rule

The principle of treating others as one's self would wish to be treated. It is a rule that is found in many religions and cultures.

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

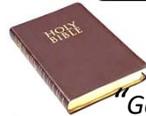
Christian: follower of Christianity

Hindu: follower of Hinduism

Genetic engineering and Transplant Surgery

Huge technological advances in medicine have meant that in many cases the **impossible** has become **possible**. Scientist can change people/animal/plant genes in order to cure diseases and produce crops/food in areas that might not normal be able to grow things, this helps feed an ever growing population. Despite the benefits there are ethical considerations. For example, some consider it an act against God (changing God's creation) and there are also concerns over the long term affects. **Organ transplantation** is a medical procedure in which an **organ** is removed from one body and placed in the body of a recipient, to replace a damaged or missing **organ**. **Organs** that have been successfully **transplanted** include the heart, kidneys, **liver**, lungs. **Most religions support organ** and tissue **donation** as an act of charity and goodwill.

Sources of Wisdom and Authority



"God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, In our likeness" **Bible Genesis**

"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you" **Bible-book of Matthew**

"Humans are the highest point of Allah's creation and as rulers on earth, they are permitted to use the created world for their needs". **Qur'an 40:79-80.**

'You will be rewarded by Allah for your acts of kindness towards living creatures.
Mohammed (PBUH)

"The human role is not separate from nature. All objects in the universe, beings and non-beings, are pervaded by the same spiritual power"

Hindu Declaration on Nature, Assisi 1986



Organ Transplant: is a medical procedure in which an **organ** is removed from one body and placed in the body of a recipient, to replace a damaged or missing **organ**

Situation Ethics: Choosing to do the most loving thing

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

Genetic Engineering: The process where the structure and characteristics of a gene are changed

Animal welfare- showing respect in the way we treat animals

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

Cloning: Making an exact genetic copy of a living thing

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

Halal- allowed (Muslims eat halal meat)

Vegetarianism- someone who believes eating meat is wrong.

Vegan: refrain from consuming animal products, not only meat but also eggs, dairy products.

Animal Rights



- 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
- Some people argue that animals can't have rights because they don't understand or know what it means to have rights. fast during Lent.