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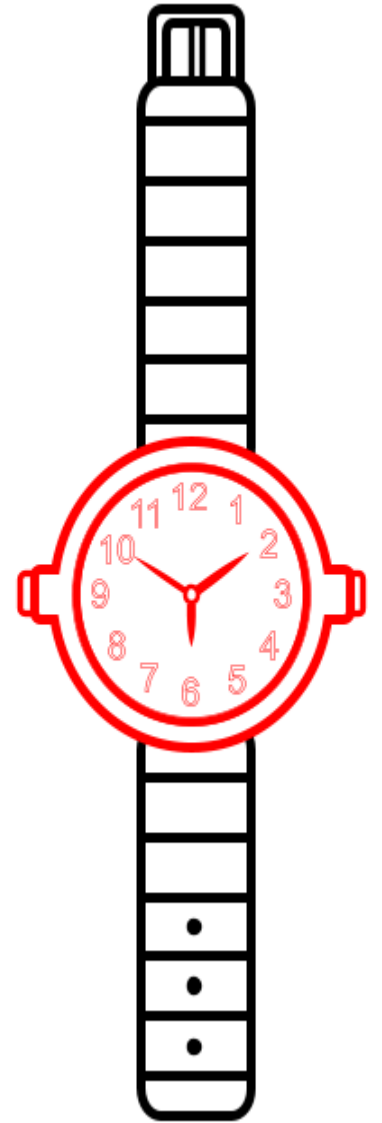
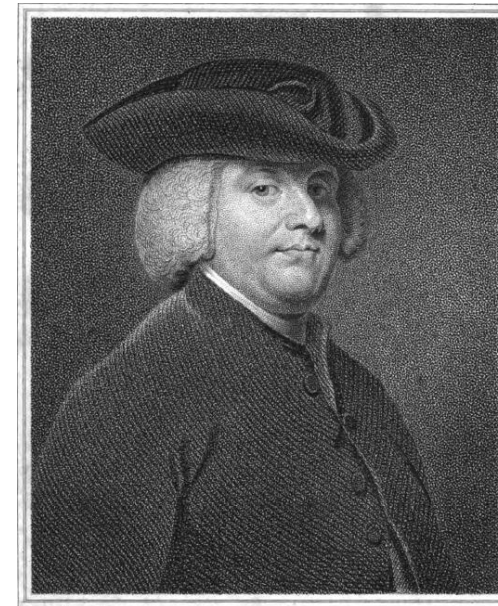


*For example:*

- *Most Christians believe they should act as stewards to the world*



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Some believers argue that the world is so beautiful & well ordered, that this is evidence of a divine mind behind creation

William Paley used the watch analogy to show that the universe is even more complex than a watch. So therefore, it also must have an intelligent designer who had to be God, like the watch had an intelligent watchmaker.

Michael Behe used the example of a mousetrap – the function of the trap depends on 5 parts – it wouldn't work if one part wasn't there. He argues the same is true for life – the individual parts cant have come together by chance – they must have been designed.

Paley also argued the human eye has been created through God's design – it could not have come about through gradual change and progression.

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### **CHRISTIANITY**

**Catholic**: When someone is close to death, if possible, a priest is called to say the last rites. Prayers are said for the dying person, to ask for forgiveness of sins. The Priest might also give holy communion – helps ease dying person into the afterlife to die at peace.

Funeral normally held at the Church

Coffin often carried to front of Church & service is held in dead person's honour

Flowers are displayed, prayer said & candles lit – candles represent Jesus as the light of the world, as he guides them to heaven

Jesus words read 'I am the resurrection & the life' – reminds them they will be resurrected during the Parousia to spend eternity with God

Psalm 23 'The Lord is my Shepherd' is often read to remind them they are not forgotten by God

After burial – words 'ashes to ashes, dust to dust' is stated.

Some Christians today will be cremated, but traditionally the dead had to be buried, so they were intact for bodily resurrection on day of judgment.

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**ISLAM:**

Close to death they try to repeat Muhammad's words *'God help me through the hardship & agony of death'*. Those around state, *'To God we belong, & return'*

The Shahadah is whispered into their ear, emphasising the belief that we are returning to our creator – Allah  
Takes place within 24 hours, ready for bodily resurrection

Dead body is washed (ghusl), & wrapped in a white shroud representing purity & equality before Allah

In UK – body put in coffin, but in Islamic countries often without one

Cremation is not approved & bodies are buried, facing Mecca – so they can be resurrected on judgement day

At graveside, they recite the *'Al-Fatihah'* – *In the name of God, most gracious & merciful'*

When body is lowered into the grave they state *'From the earth we created you, and into it we shall cause you to return & from it we shall bring you forth'* – these verses emphasise his greatness & belief in the resurrection

Muslims don't have headstone, so everyone is equal in death



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ON LIFE AFTER DEATH PART D QUESTIONS, YOU  
MUST MUST REFER TO A HUMANIST  
BELIEF?NON-RELIGIOUS VIEW IN YOUR PART D.  
YOU WONT GET FULL MARKS, UNLESS YOU DO  
THIS 😊

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## AGREE

All life is sacred (sanctity of life) – taking life is wrong

Those who assist are involved in murder, which is against 10 commandments – 'Thou shall not kill'

Life is a gift from God, so is precious

Suffering can have a purpose & should be endured – God will not give us more than we can cope with

Hospices offer an alternative where care & support is given to the patient, allowing them to die in dignity

Only Allah has authority to decide when someone dies

Suffering is part of Allah's plan (Al-Qadr) for you

If you are showing compassion to the suffering, there is no need for euthanasia

The soul is still perfect during suffering – this is what is important to Allah

Could lead to a slippery slope

Could make it easier for doctors to abuse their authority & commit crime e.g Harold Shipman

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### DISAGREE

Liberal Christians – acceptable if there is medical evidence the person is brain dead, as the machine is just performing bodily functions. The person is already dead.

Follow in Jesus' example of acting in the most loving/compassionate way – 'love thy neighbour' & 'treat others as you wish to be treated'.

Could be the lesser of 2 evils

Free will is given by God

Muslim lawyers have recently argued it is acceptable for a person who is in a coma who has no hope of recovery, as life has already ended & the machine is of no real use

Humanists have supported to legalise assisted dying, assisted suicide & voluntary euthanasia across the UK. They uphold the right to life, but don't believe it should be prolonged in the face of pointless suffering

Dying in dignity is a fundamental human right

Stephen Hawking 'We don't let animals suffer, so why humans?'

## a) Explain what is meant by Sanctity of Life

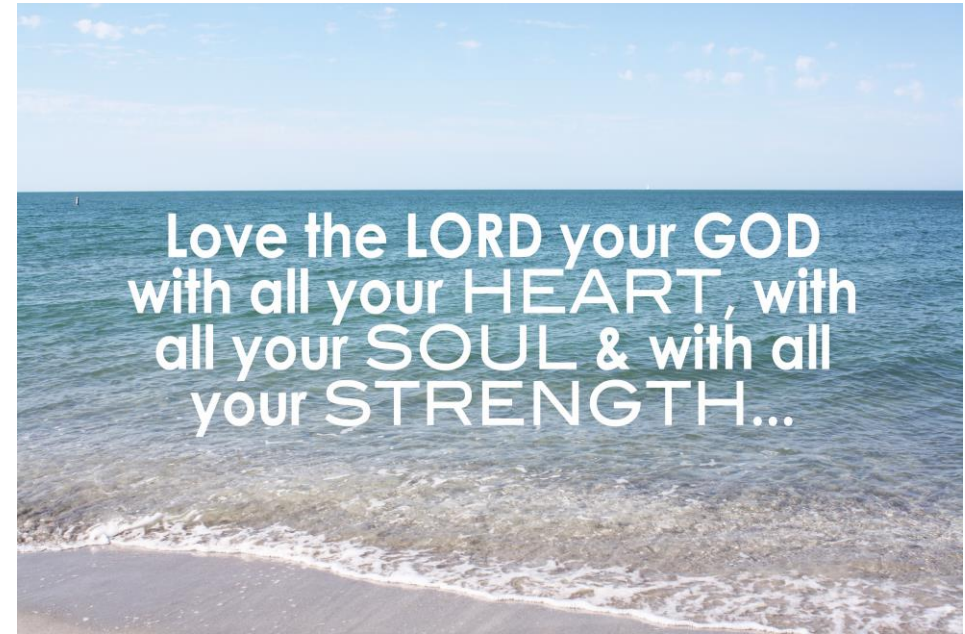
- The belief that life is precious or sacred

EXAMPLES?





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Most Christians are dualists. They believe that the soul is the true inner part of us that lives on after we die.

It is through the soul that we can connect to God. “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.”

The idea of the soul first appears in genesis when God ‘breathed life’ into Adam.

St Thomas Aquinas believed that the soul first enters the body as the foetus is developing in the womb.

Some Christians are non-dualists who believe that the soul and the body cannot be separated. Although they are temporarily apart after death they are reunited for judgement.

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The soul 'ruh' is the non-physical part of a being that makes them a real person.

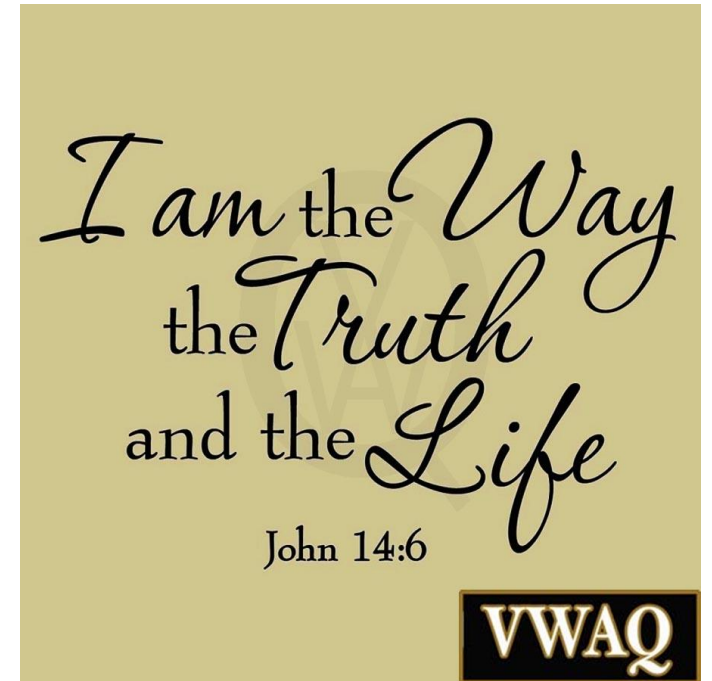
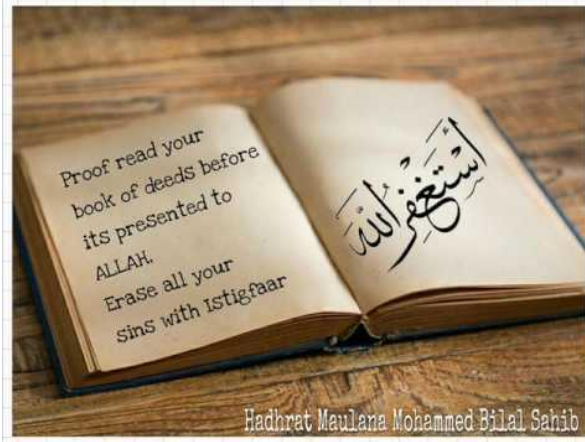
The soul is an invisible part of existence which is 'pure' at birth.

In the Hadith there is a passage that suggest ensoulment happens at 120 days.

They believe that the soul is born with FITRAH, a natural belief in God.

Therefore the nature of our soul is to grow up as a Muslim *“Every new born child is born in a state of Fitrah”* (purity).

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Some believe that this earthly life is temporary and a test for the eternal afterlife.

Some believe that we will be judged according to our actions on earth (Parable of Sheep and Goats)

Others believe that we will be judged on whether we had faith in Jesus “No-one comes to the father except through me” (Jesus)

Dualists believe that at death, the body separates from the soul and that it is the soul that lives on with Christ.

Others, such as non-dualists believe that on judgement day the body will be resurrected and reunited with the soul.

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Muslims believe that our earthly life is simply preparation for the life to come (Akhirah)

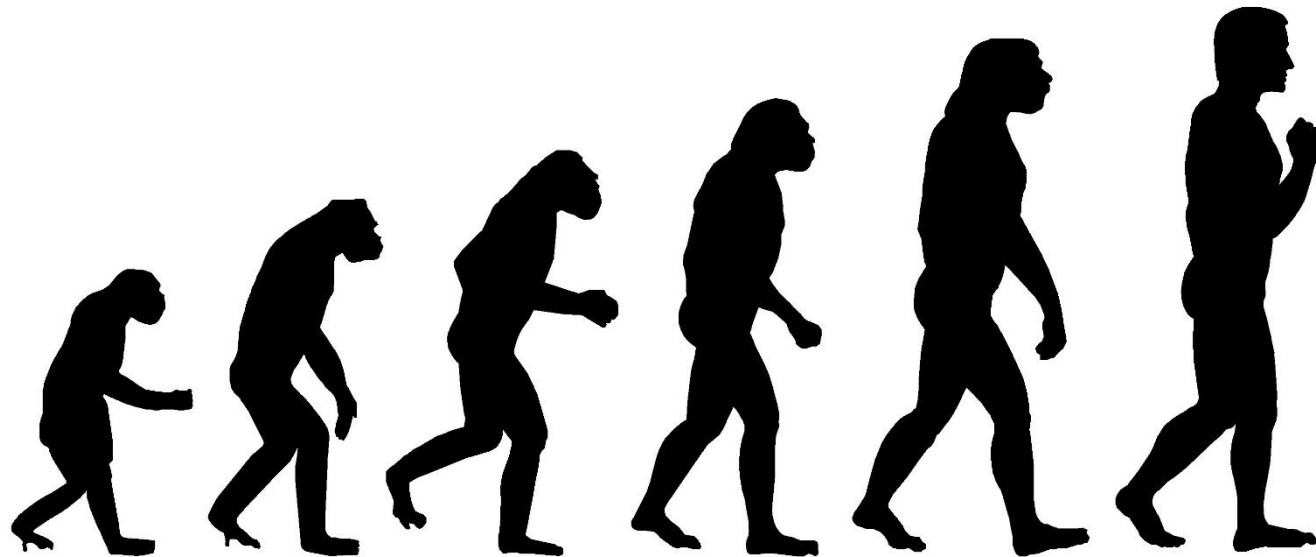
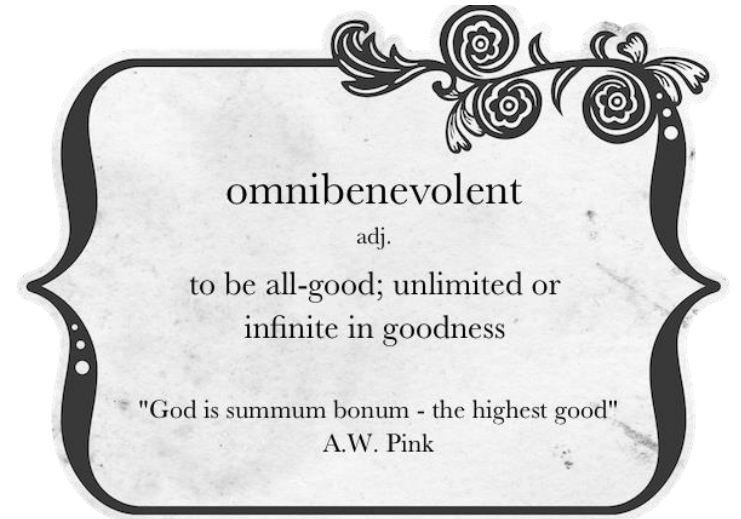
They believe that at the end of the world there will be a day of judgement that only God knows about.

When a Muslim dies the archangel Azrail takes the soul to Barzakh to await the day of judgement.

On that day the dead are raised from their graves and stand before God to be judged using their book of deeds recording by Raqib and Atid. "Fear God and know that he sees what you do" (Qur'an)

Shia's and Sunnis believe that on the day of judgement the Mahdi will return but Shia's believe he will reveal himself as the 12<sup>th</sup> Imam.

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AGREE:

Are incompatible with Science – Big Bang clashes with the God of Genesis 1 who speaks things into existence.

Hawking- Creation is a cycle of Big bangs and big crunches. “What need therefore for a creator?”

Are incompatible with Science – Evolution seems at odds with the seven days of creation.

Are incompatible with Science – therefore those who interpret it in a literal sense ie. New Earth Creationists should be able to see they have no meaning.

Many Christians simply accept them as myths which makes religious texts fallible (imperfect) so they lose their meaning.

They conflict with each other ie Genesis 1 and 2.



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DISAGREE:

Are myths with meanings ie. shows God’s omnipotence and omnibenevolence

Can be compatible with Science when read non-literally ie. Old Earth Creationism

Gives meaning and purpose ie. ‘to rule over creation’ (to be stewards or Khalifahs) or to ‘be fruitful and multiply’

Peacock “Science tells us how but religion tells us why”

Shows the importance of humanity as ‘made in the image of God’ which reflects sanctity of life and helps make ethical decisions ie. abortion.