



SUBJECT: Religious Education

UNIT: YEAR 11 – Religion and Life Part 1

How do scientific views compare to religious views?

Scientific truth comes from making a hypothesis, then testing it to see if it's true. Seeing something happen again and again is important, this is called repeated observation. Think about how you do experiments in science. You write what you are trying to do and what you think will happen. Then you do a lot of testing to check. Therefore, your tests confirm or disprove your idea.

Religious truth comes from religions and holy books. We read it, or we are taught it, or some people think they are told by God. Many religions, or versions of a religion, are based on a person's experience of God.

Religion tries to explain things like why we are here, who God is, how we should behave, and what will happen after we die. In other words, it gives us answers to ultimate questions; the questions no one else has an answer for, and which are really important to humans.

Science



Religion



Is the world important?

Stewards are – people who believe they have a responsibility to protect the environment and world we live in.

The Environment is – The surroundings in which a person or animal lives in.

Non-renewable resources are – resources that cannot be replaced e.g. oil, coal, gas.

Religious people are encouraged to protect the environment because- they believe they have been given the duty by God e.g. in the Bible or Qur'an.



Do animals have rights?

Scientists test new products, such as medicines, cosmetics (make-up) and additives used in food, on animals to check if they are safe for humans to use. Normally if it safe to use with chimpanzees, dogs or rabbits, it is likely to be safe for humans. Testing cosmetics was banned in the UK in 1998.

"A righteous man cares for the needs of his animal" Proverbs 12:10

What is the Origin of Human life?

One religious view on the creation of the Universe is that God made the Earth in seven days. For example, many Christians and Muslims believe that God is the creator of the world and he did this within seven days, on each day he created something different, ultimately creating mankind at the end. Muslims believe that the earth and universe are proof of Allah's existence.



However, one non-religious view about the creation of the Universe is that it was created through a process called the Big Bang. For example, many scientists and theorists believe that there was a lot of concentrated energy which culminated in a massive explosion and rapid expansion of the universe as we know it today. This is what created the stars and the earth and everything in it. This shows that, earth was only created as a consequence of reactions.

What do different religions do to combat climate change?

The Bible states "Every human act of irresponsibility towards creatures is a disgrace" - Pope Francis aims to help climate change by using his religious influence and power to encourage the world to recycle and look after the environment. He does this through urging the media, schools and churches to care more about the world.

The Qur'an states "The world is green and beautiful, Allah has appointed you his stewards" - The Ummah from Earth Society are a widespread online organisations who meet up in various groups and conference on a global scale to discuss issues with climate change and arrange ways and different charities to help make a difference and spread the importance of caring for the environment.

What is the value of human life?

Sanctity of life: This is the idea that all life is special. Many religions believe that life is sacred because God created it. Some religions believe life is special because of the way we achieve enlightenment (Buddhism, Hinduism).

Status of human life: religious believers think that humans are the highest form of creation, or that they are within the highest levels of spiritual development. **Quality of life:** This is the description of how good someone's life is.