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Homosexuality is a sinful action , forbidden in the eyes of God

Must you unlike [other] people, lust after males and abandon the wives God has created for you? You are exceeding all bounds. ***Qur'an 26:165-166***

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Sexual Relationships before Marriage

Abstinence is… *The decision not to have sex (or other sexual activities) before marriage.*

Celibacy is… *The decision never to engage in sexual activity. This is a vow made by members of the clergy in the Catholic Church.*

Cohabitation is… *A couple living together and having a sexual relationship before marriage.*

Every sexual act must be within the framework of marriage. **Pope Pius XI in 1930**

This shows that…
Sex should only take place within a marriage. Sex before or outside marriage is wrong.

Flee from sexual immorality… whoever sins sexually sins against their own body. Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit who is in you… You are not your own **1 Corinthians 6:18**

This shows that…
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Sexual Relationships outside Marriage

Adultery is… *Sexual intercourse between a married person and someone who they are not married to, cheating, an affair.*

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You shall not commit adultery. ***Exodus 20:14***

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This shows that…
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Contraception and Family Planning

There are many reasons people use contraception. Some of these are…

- *not ready to have children,*
- *don't want children*
- *risk of STIs*
- *family planning, i.e. controlling when and how many children they have*

Natural contraception: *Calendar rhythm method, basal body temperature method, Ovulations testing kits, withdrawal, abstinence.*

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- *Love*
- *Companionship*
- *Money (financial stability)*
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A man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they will become one flesh **Genesis 2:24**

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Marriage should take place between a man and a woman – this is God's plan for humanity.

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A divorce is… *The legal ending of a marriage- allowed after one year if the marriage cannot be saved.*

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- *Couple are related*
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The Nature and Purpose of Families

A nuclear family is… *Mum, Dad and Child(ren). It is considered the ideal family unit by religious believers.*

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Polygamy is practiced in some Muslim countries, however it is illegal in the UK. Polygamy is…. *where a man has several wives, and often having children with each.*

Anyone who does not provide for their relatives, and especially their own household, has denied their faith and is worse than an unbeliever. ***1 Timothy 5:8***

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Children obey your parents in everything for this pleases the Lord . ***Colossians 3:20***

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Conflict is…. A serious disagreement or argument.

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This shows that…
Those who work to create peace will find favour with God.

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Pacifism
Absolute Pacifism is… The belief that it is absolutely never acceptable to take part in any form of war or violence, even in self-defence or to protect others from harm.
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Flag burning
Assassination of a public figure

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Sit-ins
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There are many reasons countries engage in war. Some of these are…
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- *Protecting civilians*
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- *National Pride*
- *Gain resources (greed)*
- *Fight injustice*
- *Settle differences*
- *Create peace*

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This shows that…
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These are weapons which kill large numbers of people indiscriminately and/or cause damage to the natural environment.
Nuclear deterrence *is…* The ownership of nuclear weapons in order to prevents war as it makes people think twice before attacking out of fear of what might happen .

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Safe in the right hands,
Cannot uninvent them,
Brings a swift end to conflict (i.e. WW2),
Getting rid leaves countries vulnerable

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His rules are:
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- *War must be declared by a lawful authority*

Know that the evil of war is swift and its taste bitter ***Hadith***

Jihad is an Arabic term which means to 'struggle'.
Lesser Jihad is… *The struggle within the religion of Islam to build a good Islamic society and protect the faith. This can allow for the use of force to defend Islam (Holy War).*

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Rules for Lesser Jihad:
- *Only act in retaliation*
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- *No damaging property*
- *Treat POWs with respect*
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Holy War
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Crime is… *An action which breaks the laws. An illegal act.*

Punishment is…. *A consequence or penalty which is given when someone commits an offence*

Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. ***Romans 13:1***

This shows that…

We should follow the law as all leaders (good or bad) have been placed there by God (part of His plan). Do not fall into lawlessness.

Causes of crime

There are many theories o explain why people commit crime. These include:

- *Upbringing*
- *Poverty*
- *Lack of education*
- *Unemployment*
- *Greed*
- *Addiction*
- *Pressure from others*
- *Mental health problems*
- *Free choice of the individual*

Types of crime

There are many different types of law-breaking activity.

Crime against a person: *Offences which cause direct harm to an individual.*

Crime against property: *Offences which damage or deprive people of their possessions and property.*

Crime against the state: *Offences which potentially endanger everyone and affects the smooth running of society.*

Hate crime: *A crime motivated by prejudice (judging someone without knowing them).*

List some examples of:

- *Crime against a person:* *murder, manslaughter, rape, assault, wounding with intent, domestic violence, poisoning*
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Good and Evil

Good is… *something which is morally right or correct. Something which brings benefits and is desirable.*

Evil is… *something which is immoral, wrong or bad. Something which causes suffering or pain.*

Where does evil come from?

There are many theories on where evil originates. Some of these are…

- *Abuse of free will (personal choice)*
- *Opposite to good*
- *The devil*
- *God*
- *Human weakness*
- *Selfishness*
- *Chaos*

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Everyone is capable of evil but we must resist temptation. Evil can be overcome by following Christ's example of being good.

Do not take revenge my friends but leave room for God's wrath ***Romans 12:19***

TOP TIP: most religious people believe that people who commit evil acts are still redeemable. Religions believe in evil actions rather than evil people.

Suffering as a Result of Crime

Suffering refers to feelings of pain, distress or hardship. This can be either physical or emotional.

How might the following people suffer as a result of crime?

Criminal: *will face a punishment for their crimes (retribution), victim may seek revenge, may feel guilt or shame over their actions.*

Victim: *may experience physical harm or death, loss of possessions, emotional distress, lasting trauma, i.e. PTSD.*

Victim's family: *emotional distress caused by watching a loved one suffer, possible bereavement, possible financial burdens due to legal proceedings, PTSD*

We glory on our sufferings because we know that suffering produces perseverance, character and hope ***Romans 5:3-5***

This shows that…

There is hope to be found in suffering. Going through suffering is character building and makes us stronger.

You are sure to be tested through your possessions and persons; you are sure to hear much that is hurtful… if you are steadfast and mindful of God, that is the best course ***Qur'an 3:186***

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This life is a test and we will all endure hard times. However, those that remain faithful and do what is right will be rewarded.

Supporting victim of crime:

- *Emotional support/counselling*
- *Security measures, i.e. alarms*
- *Property repairs*
- *Fundraising*
- *Legal advice*
- *Witness protection programs*
- *Practical support, i.e. food shop*

Aims of Punishment

Deterrence is… *an attempt to discourage people from committing crimes.*

Protection is… *a security measure to keep the public safe and keep order within society.*

Reformation is… *an attempt to change the criminal's behaviour in a positive way so they can be rehabilitated.*

Retribution is… *making the criminal pay for what they have done. Payback or revenge.*

If there is injury, you are to take la life for a life, an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth' ***Exodus 21:23***

This shows that…

Punishment should reflect the crime and be inflicted in a like for like manner – retribution.

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Community service is … *unpaid work in the community as punishment for a crime.*

Corporal Punishment is… *the use of physical pain as punishment for a crime – illegal in the UK.*

Prison is… *a building where criminals are held as punishment in the interests of public safety.*

Restorative justice is… *sessions where criminal reflect on why their crime was wrong and its effects on others.*

Cut off the hands of thieves, whether they are man or woman; a punishment by way od example from Allah for what they have done. ***Qur'an 5:38***

This shows that…

Corporal punishment can be used against those that commit crimes – this is the will of Allah. Corporal punishment is still used in some Muslim countries.

God commands justice…and prohibits wrongdoings ***. Qur'an 16:90***

Capital Punishment

Capital Punishment is… the legally authorised killing of a person as punishment for a crime. The death penalty.

Do not take a human life which Allah has made sacred, except by legal right. This is what He commands you to do; so that you may use your reason ***. Qur'an 6:151***

For Capital Punishment:

- 'An eye for an eye'
- Prisons aren't harsh enough
- Justice – closure for family
- Ultimate deterrence
- Keeps society safe
- When someone takes a life, they lose their right to life

Against Capital Punishment:

- Miscarriages of justice
- Too easy
- Inhumane
- All life is sacred
- Abolished in many countries
- Circular – makes us as bad as the criminal

Whoever sheds the blood of a man, by man shall their blood be shed. ***Genesis 9:6***

This shows that…

Anyone who murders another must be punished. This suggests that those who kill another should face capital punishment.

Amnesty International the world's largest human rights organization founded in 1961 completely disagrees with the death penalty, seeing it as cruel, inhumane and degrading.

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Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother who sins against me?... Jesus answered: 'I tell you, not seven times, but seventy- seven times'. ***Matthew 18:21-22***

This shows that…

Forgiveness is not a one time act, but rather is a process of letting go of hurt, anger and bitterness..

Treatment of Criminals

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Crime & Punishment

Crime and Punishment
Crime is…

Punishment is….

Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. ***Romans 13:1***

This shows that…

Causes of crime
There are many theories o explain why people commit crime. These include:
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Types of crime
There are many different types of law-breaking activity.
Crime against a person:

Crime against property:

Crime against the state:

Hate crime:

Good and Evil
Good is…

Evil is…

Where does evil come from?
There are many theories on where evil originates. Some of these are…
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Do not let evil defeat you, instead overcome evil with good. ***Romans 12:21***

This shows that…

Do not take revenge my friends but leave room for God's wrath ***Romans 12:19***

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- *Crime against a person:*
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Suffering as a Result of Crime
Suffering refers to feelings of pain, distress or hardship. This can be either physical or emotional.
How might the following people suffer as a result of crime?
Criminal:

Victim:

Victim's family:

We glory on our sufferings because we know that suffering produces perseverance, character and hope ***Romans 5:3-5***

This shows that…

You are sure to be tested through your possessions and persons; you are sure to hear much that is hurtful… if you are steadfast and mindful of God, that is the best course ***Qur'an 3:186***

This shows that…

Supporting victim of crime:
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Aims of Punishment
Deterrence is…

Protection is…

Reformation is…

Retribution is…

If there is injury, you are to take la life for a life, an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth' ***Exodus 21:23***

This shows that…

Types of Punishment
Community service is …

Corporal Punishment is…

Prison is…

Restorative justice is…

Cut off the hands of thieves, whether they are man or woman; a punishment by way od example from Allah for what they have done. ***Qur'an 5:38***

This shows that…

God commands justice…and prohibits wrongdoings ***. Qur'an 16:90***

Capital Punishment
Capital Punishment is…

Do not take a human life which Allah has made sacred, except by legal right. This is what He commands you to do; so that you may use your reason ***. Qur'an 6:151***

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Whoever sheds the blood of a man, by man shall their blood be shed. ***Genesis 9:6***

This shows that…

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Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother who sins against me?... Jesus answered: 'I tell you, not seven times, but seventy- seven times'. ***Matthew 18:21-22***

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1. *God said 'let there be light' and separated light from darkness*
2. *God separated the waters above from the waters below – skies and seas*
3. *God created dry land and added trees, plants and flowers.*
4. *God placed the sun, moon and stars.*
5. *God created sea creatures (fish) and birds.*
6. *God created land animals and finally people (in His image)*
7. *God rested; and made this day a holy day.*

Creation

Literalists believe…

God literally created the world in 6 days. Reject scientific explanations.

Because… *The Bible is the word of God and this is what Genesis teaches.*

Non-literalists believe…

The Bible is a metaphor to tell us about our relationship with God. God created the Big Bang, science explains everything else.

Because… *The Bible is just a story.*

In the beginning, God created the Heavens and the earth. **Genesis 1:1**

This shows…

God is responsible for creation. Everything I the universe was designed and created by God.

Your Lord is God, who creates the heavens and the earth in six days, then established himself on the throne, overseeing the running of the entire universe. ***Qur'an 7:54***

This shows…

Allah created the world and rules over it. He is the creator and sustainer of the Universe.

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The Value of the World

Stewardship is… God given duty and responsibility to look after the world.

Dominion is… the God given right to rule over nature and decide what happens to the world.

Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground. **Genesis 1:26**

This shows…

God gave humans dominion over nature. They have the right to decide what happens to all the species on earth.

Environmental Issues:

- *Deforestation*
- *Pollution*
- *Global warming*
- *Climate change*
- *Urbanisation/ Over population*
- *Land fill sites*
- *Increased carbon footprint*

Responses to Environmental Issues:

- *Planting trees*
- *Conservation efforts*
- *Sustainable energy sources*
- *Walk or share lifts*
- *Only buying what you need*
- *Recycling*
- *Raising awareness*

It is to God that everything in the heavens and earth belongs. God is fully aware of all things. ***Qur'an 4:126***

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For Animal Testing:

- Dominion
- Animals are inferior to humans
- Ensures products are safe for humans
- Medical advancements
- Millions of animals are killed for food.

Against Animal Testing:

- Stewardship
- All life is sacred
- Results aren't guaranteed
- Pain and suffering of animals
- Animals cant give consent
- Alternatives

Whoever kills a sparrow or anything bigger than that without a just cause, Allah will hold him accountable on the Day of Judgment ***Hadith***

This shows…

Anyone who harms or kills an animal .without good reason will have to answer for their sins of the Day of Judgement.

The use of animals by humans:

- *Food*
- *Companionship, i.e. pets*
- *Assistance animals*
- *Sport i.e. horse racing*
- *Work i.e. carrying good*
- *Fashion i.e. leather goods*
- *Entertainment i.e. zoos, circuses*

The righteous care for the needs of their animals. ***Proverbs 12:10***

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Sanctity of life… *the belief that all life is special or sacred as it is created by God.*

Quality of life… a description of how good someone's life is, including how they feel.

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Abortion

Abortion is … *the deliberate termination of a pregnancy before full term.*

Pro-Life: *A foetus has the right to life from the moment it is created.*

Pro-Choice: Women have the right to choose what happens with their bodies

For Abortion:

- Too young to have a child
- Child is unwanted
- Life has not begun
- Cannot survive outside the womb
- Rights of mother more important
- Freedom of choice

Against Abortion:

- Those who have sex must face the consequences
- Sanctity of life
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For Euthanasia:

- Most loving act
- Relieves suffering
- Freedom of choice
- Die with dignity
- Expensive to keep people alive
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No soul may die except by Allah's permission at a predestined time ***Qur'an 3:415***

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Social Justice

Social justice is…fair distribution of wealth, opportunities and privileges within a society.

Social justice can be achieved by…

- *Equal rights*
- *A fair legal system*
- *Ensuring fair wages for all*
- *Equal access to education*
- *Equal access to healthcare*
- *Housing and social welfare*
- *Campaigning against prejudice and discrimination.*

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A right is… a moral or legal entitlement to have or do something.

A responsibility is… something which is your job or duty to deal with, a position of authority over something.

Human Rights

The United Nations Declaration of Human Rights was formed in 1948 in part due to the atrocities committed during WW2.

Some examples of human rights are:

- *We are all born free and equal*
- *Right to food and water*
- *Right to healthcare*
- *Freedom of speech*
- *Right to vote*
- *Right to an education*
- *Right to work*
- *Right to rest*
- *Right to legal protection*
- *Right to marry*

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This shows…
People everywhere, no matter who they are or what religion they are born into, are all equal.

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Religious Freedom

Freedom of religious expression is… the right of any person to follow the religion of their choice (or no religion).
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There is neither Jew nor Gentile, slave nor free, male nor female for all are one in Christ Jesus . ***Galations 3:28***

This shows…
Every person regardless of their religion, social status, sex, or gender is equal before God.

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This shows…
Islam teaches an example of peace and tolerance. People should not be treated badly if they do not follow Islam.

Freedom of Religious Expression

There are many different ways someone can express their religious beliefs. Some of these include…

- *Attending a place of worship*
- *Wearing religious clothing*
- *Wearing religious symbols*
- *Religious tattoos*
- *Sharing their faith with others*
- *Sending their children to a faith school*

Jesus said to them, 'Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to all creation'. ***Mark 16:15***

This shows…
This is the Great Commission – a command by Jesus for Christians to share their faith with others (evangelise).

Prejudice and Discrimination

Prejudice is… prejudging someone without knowing them, an opinion not based on reason or experience.
Discrimination is… an action based on prejudice, unfair treatment of different categories of people.

Prejudice

There are many reasons people may develop prejudiced thoughts. Some of these include…

- *Bad experiences/past events*
- *Upbringing*
- *Media influence*
- *Ignorance/ fear of the unknown*
- *Scapegoating (blaming others)*

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Antony Walker

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Do not lie with a man as with a woman; that is detestable. **Leviticus 18:22**

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Homosexuality is a sinful action , forbidden in the eyes of God

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Wealth

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- *Highly educated*
- *Highly paid job*
- *Investments and savings*
- *Talent*
- *Win the lottery (luck)*
- *Gambling*
- *Crime*

The love of money is the root of all evil ***1 Timothy 6:10***

This shows…
Greed is the cause of all society's problems, and leads us away from God.

Causes of Poverty

There are many reasons why people live in poverty (without enough money for basic needs). Some of these include…

- *Family background/upbringing*
- *Lack of education*
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- *Debt*
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- *Natural disasters*
- *War*
- *Exploitation/ corruption*

It is not poverty which I fear for you, but that you might begin to desire the world as others before you desired it, and it might destroy you as it destroyed them ***Hadith***

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Helping those in poverty

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- *Charity work, i.e. Christian Aid, Islamic Aid, CAFOD*
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