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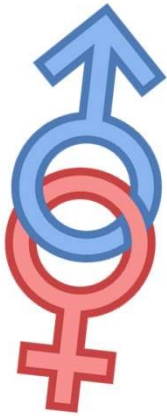


Paper 2 Themes

The Study of Religion: Paper 2

1. Relationships and Family

Human Sexuality



Christian views to Human sexuality

- Part of **God's plan** for humans to have sex.
- Man and women **should 'increase in number'**
- Some Christians believe that they should **do the most loving thing** therefore their teachings should adapt into a changing world. (Homosexuality/ sex before marriage)

Key Terms

Definitions

Human Sexuality

How people express themselves as sexual beings

Heterosexual

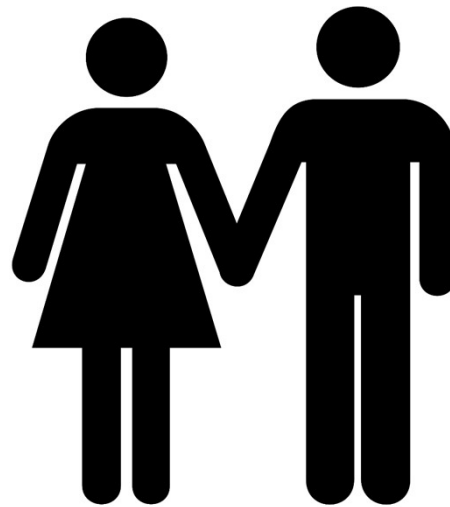
To be sexually attracted to members of the opposite sex.

Homosexual

To be sexually attracted to members of the same sex

Muslim views to Human sexuality

- It is a way for humans to **express themselves**.
- It is **natural**.
- Forming heterosexual relationships should **lead to having children**.
- It is part of **being human**.
- Sex is **for pleasure** not just reproduction.
- Humans have **natural sexual instincts**.
- Human body is created by God and all **parts have a purpose**.
- Being **celibate is wrong**.
- Sex between husband and wife is a **blessing from God**.



Contemporary British Attitudes:

- Today sex before marriage, multiple sexual partners, children outside of marriage, adultery or homosexual relationships are more **accepted**.
- Today the age of **consent is 16 years old**.
- It **protects** anyone under the age from **exploitation and abuse**.
- Islamic teachings **don't specify an age of consent**.
- **Sex should only take place within a marriage** and dating is not encouraged.

Homosexuality

Christian views against homosexuality	Christian views accepting homosexuality
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Against God's command to increase in number- can't reproduce. Sexual relationships between men are forbidden in the Bible. Not allowed to get married within a Church. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No detail on homosexual relationships between women as there is no penetrative sex. Homosexual relationship aren't sinful (as long as sex is not involved) Church of England allows homosexuality as long as they are faithful and committed to one another. Some believe Bible teachings need to be updates to this modern society- therefore making it acceptable.
<p>" Do not have sexual relations with a man as one does with a women; that is detestable."</p>	

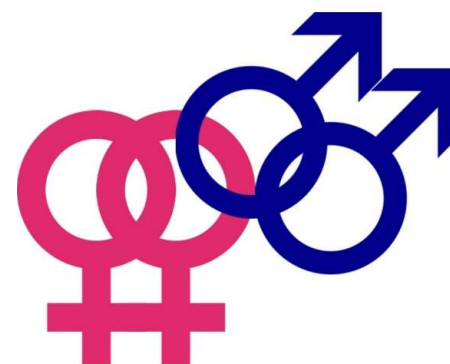
Muslim views on Homosexuality

- Homosexuality is forbidden.
- In most Muslim countries it is against the law.
- Human sexuality is a choice but choosing to be drawn to the same sex is not right.
- It is against the natural law of God.
- It is against God's will.
- Homosexuals should control their actions and not break God's laws.
- Some believe homosexuals will have to answer to God on judgement day,

" Must you, unlike other people, lust after males and abandon the wives that God has created for you? You are exceeding all bounds."

Contemporary British Attitudes:

- Today homosexual relationships are more accepted.
- It is now legal to be in a homosexual relationship and couples can now marry or convert civil partnership into marriage if they wish,
- Some Muslims believe that homosexuality should not be accepted in Islam.



Sex before marriage

Christian views on sex before marriage

Acceptable

- Some accept as it is a valid expression for their love for one another.

Unacceptable

- Sex expresses a deep, loving lifelong union **after marriage**,
- Should be **sexually pure** before marriage.
- Sex should not be for temporary pleasure.
- It is wrong to use people for sex, and it is irresponsible to spread STI's or risk pregnancy

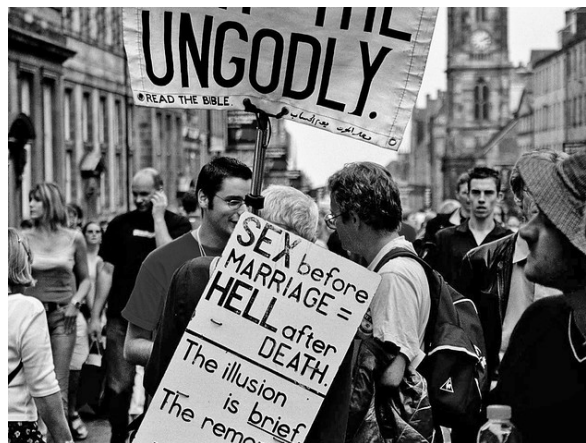
"Every sexual act must be within the framework of marriage,"

Muslim views on sex before marriage

- Sex is a **gift from God** and therefore must be used **responsibly**.
- Muslims believe that casual sex is wrong and **detracts from the dignity of those involved**.
- Sex should not **cause harm**-Children could be born out of wedlock.
- Casual sex could **lead to promiscuity and other evils such as rape and deception**.
- The **Qur'an forbids sex before marriage**.
- It is considered the **same as adultery and rape and is a serious sin**.

Contemporary British Attitudes:

- Sex before marriage is commonly accepted.
- Films, TV programmes, books and magazines reflect the belief that it is usual for couples who are dating to have sex.
- Sometimes young people can deal pressure to have sex before marriage.
- People want to make sure they are sexually compatible before they marry,
- Young British Muslims can sometimes feel caught in-between values of their religion and values from the culture they live in.



"The only way to protect all within society is to maintain a society where only a man and his wife share the act of sex."

Sex outside of marriage

Muslim views

- Adultery is a **serious sin**.
- Muslims should **avoid situations that could lead to sexual sins**.
- Adultery often **destroys marriage because of betrayal of trust**.
- It goes **against the promises** made at the **wedding**.
- In some Muslim countries under Shari'ah law, the punishment for adultery is **death by stoning**.

"A man should not stay with a women in seclusion unless he is a relative."

"And do not go anywhere near adultery, it is an outrage and an evil path."

Key Terms

Sex outside of marriage

Definitions

Sex between two people where at least one of them is married to someone else; adultery, having an affair.

Christian views

- It is wrong because it involves **secrecy, lies and a betrayal of trust**.
- It can **effect children** and **cause pain to all concerned**.
- Adultery **breaks the promises** made before God during the wedding.
- It **threatens the relationship between parents** and therefore **children can suffer**.
- **Jesus taught that lust**, could lead to adultery which is wrong.
- **Marriage is unbreakable** that demands total faithfulness.
- **Jesus forgave a woman** who was caught in adultery, but ordered her to 'leave her life of sin.'

"You have heard that it was said 'you shall not commit adultery' but I tell you that anyone who looks at a women lustfully had already committed adultery with her in his heart"

"You shall not commit adultery"

Contemporary British Attitudes:

- Many non-religious people would agree that sex outside of marriage is wrong.

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Contraception and Family Planning

What is contraception?

- A way of preventing pregnancy when a couple have sex.

Methods of contraception

- The pill
- Injection
- Condoms
- Spermicidal jellies or creams
- The coil
- Sterilisation

Natural methods

- Having sex at certain times of the month to reduce chances of pregnancy
- The rhythm method

Christian views	Muslim views	Contemporary British attitudes
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Acceptable to use</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic, environmental, physical and physiological reasons are acceptable reasons for not bring children into the world. • Catholic church is not against family planning, but they should use the rhythm method to space out their children. • Natural methods are not reliable and medical methods should be used as long as they do not cause an abortion. • Help against STI's • Unfair to bring unwanted babies into the world or children that you cannot take care of. • Allowed if it effects the mothers health. 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Acceptable to use</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allowed within the context of a marriage. • A couple should be able to decide when to start a family and also how many children to have. • Acceptable for the mother's health, to help space out pregnancies or to avoid serious financial difficulties. • No teachings in the Qur'an. • Muhammad knew about birth control and accepted it. 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Acceptable to use</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is responsible to address unwanted pregnancies in a society that is having sex, casual sex and sex before and outside of marriage. • Controls population growth. • Stops the spread of STI's
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Unacceptable to use</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It should not be used to limit their families. • Contraception goes against natural law. • God's purpose for marriage is to have a family. • Prevents God's plan. • Sex is for making new life- therefore the two purposes should not be separated. • It encourages selfishness and infidelity. 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Unacceptable to use</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If it is to prevent children. • Interferes with God's plan • God gave people the strength to cope with children. 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Unacceptable to use</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If they can cause abortions they are unacceptable.

Marriage

Marriage:

A legal union between a man or woman (or in some countries, including the UK, two people of the same sex) as partners in a relationship



Same Sex Marriage

- In 2004, same sex couples were allowed to register and get a **civil partnership** that gave them the same legal rights as married couples.
- **Same sex marriage** became legal in England in 2014.
- Christians were against this because it was changing the nature of marriage.
- Churches are not forced (by law) to conduct same sex marriages against their beliefs.
- Islam forbids homosexuality

Marriage for Muslims:

- Marriage is the foundation for family life.
- When a man marries half of his religious responsibilities are complete.
- Marriage was intended by God for the sharing of love and companionship.
- Husband and wife are equal in partnership the God.
- Adults are expected to marry as it is a normal part of life.
- Poverty should not stop marriage.
- Marriage prevents sinning.
- Marriage adds value to worship.

Marriage for Christians:

- God's gift at creation.
- It is natural for a man and women to leave their parents and bring new life into the world.
- Marriage is a sacrament, a lifelong union blessed by God.
- Reflects the love of Jesus and the agreement with God when a couple makes promises before God.
- A married couple share companionship through good and bad times and try to bring up children the way God would want.
- Marriage is a spiritual bond.
- The purpose of marriage is to provide a stable, secure environment for family life.
- Only place to enjoy sex.

Cohabitation

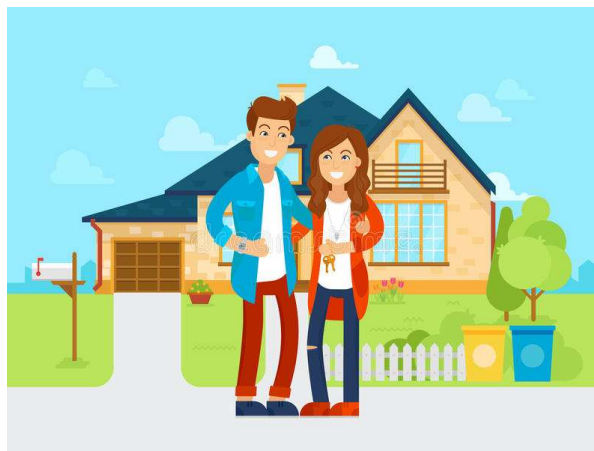
Key Terms

Cohabitation

Definitions

A couple living together and having a sexual relationship without being married to one another.

- Some people decide to live together before they get married .
- Some want to see if their relationship will work before deciding to marry and having a family.
- Some will never marry, but live and raise their children together in a loving partnership



Christian

- Christians who are **opposed to sex before marriage** believe that cohabitation is **sinful**.
- **Anglican** and **Protestant** Churches accept although marriage is the best.

Muslim

- Muslims are against cohabitation because they believe a sexual relationship should only occur within a marriage.

Divorce

Divorce in Britain

- Divorce is allowed after one year of marriage if the marriage cannot be saved.

Why can marriages fail?

- Growing apart
- Immaturity
- Addiction
- Domestic violence
- Inability to have children
- Work and money pressures
- Disappointed in sex
- Illness
- Disabilities
- Adultery
- No communication



Christian views on divorce

Unacceptable

- Vows are made before God and should not be broken.
- For Catholics, marriage is a sacrament that is permanent and lifelong.

Acceptable

- There are times where it might be more compassionate and loving for a divorce.
- Catholics accept **annulments** under certain circumstances to make it as though it was never a true marriage.
- Divorce might be the lesser of two evils.
- Methodist and United Reformed Church accept civil divorce.
- The Eastern Orthodox Church grants divorce but not more than twice.

What does the Church do to help divorces or prevent them?

- They are compassionate to anyone going through a divorce.
- Christian clergy offer support to couples who are having problems in their marriage, through counselling, prayer and sacraments.
- They might refer a couple to an outside agency.
- Christians should try to forgive and reconcile to make a marriage work.

Muslim teachings on divorce:

- Muslims **allow** divorce as a **last resort**.
- Divorce is **hateful to God**.
- **For a man to divorce:** he must declare to his wife verbally or in writing. **The couple must wait 3 months** without having sex but living together.
- If a woman is **pregnant** they must wait until the baby is born **before the divorce can be issued**.
- A wife can go to court to **force her husband** to issue the divorce.
- The **Husband must continue** his responsibility for his children.
- The **Qur'an** encourages Muslims to try and **reconcile their marriage** and family members should try to help.
- A man must support his wife until she is remarried.

Remarriage

Remarriage for Christians:

- Jesus said that anyone who divorced and remarried were committing adultery.
- The Catholic Church do not accept remarriage.
- However they allow remarriage if their first marriage was **annulled**.
- Divorced Anglicans can marry someone else in church with the Bishop's permission.
- Protestant and Methodist Christians allow remarriage in church as long as the couple take their vows seriously.
- The Church should reflect the forgiveness of God and allow people who have made mistakes the opportunity to find happiness in a second marriage,

"Anyone who divorces his wife and married another woman commits adultery against her. And if she divorces her husband and married another man, she commits adultery."



Muslim views to remarriage

- Remarriage is acceptable- Muhammad married a divorced women,
- Men should support their 'ex' wives until they remarry.

"Divorced women shall also have maintenance as is considered fair; this is a duty for those who are mindful of God."

The nature of family

Key Terms	Definitions
Family	A group of people who are related by blood, marriage or adoption.
Nuclear Family	A couple and their children regarded as a basic social unit.
Stepfamily	A family that is formed on the remarriage of a divorced or widowed person and that includes a child or children.
Extended family	A family that extends beyond just parents and their children by including grandparents and other relatives as well.
Polygamy	Having more than one wife at a time
Bigamy	The offence of marrying someone while already married to another person.

Christian views on the nature of families

- Christians place a high value on family life because it is in a family that a child learns to love.
- In Biblical times people lived in extended families- so both young and old could be looked after. They also then continued religious traditions and values within the family.
- Some people practised polygamy.
- Christians believe that the ideal marriage is between one man and woman.
- Bigamy is illegal in the UK.
- Some Christians disapprove of same sex parents because they feel the ideal is for children to grow up with a male and female role model.
- Some say as long as children are loved it does not matter.

Muslim beliefs about the nature of family

- Muslims believe that extended families are a part of God's plan.
- Families shape the moral values and character of children.
- Muslims should care for the elderly with kindness and respect (because they cared for you when you were young).
- Islam allows men to have more than one wife.
- Prophet Muhammad had several wives.

Role of parents and children- Muslim

- Men are expected to work, provide and take responsibility for major decisions.
- Women look after the home, raise children and make decisions about the home.
- A mother commands great respect and obedience from her children.
- Muslims parents are expected to love and care for their children and bring them up in the faith of Islam.
- Sometimes they will help them to find suitable marriage partners.
- Some send children to mosque school.
- Muslims do not accept same sex parenting because they should have male or female role models.

Role of Parents- Christians

- Good parents love, care for and raise their children to know right from wrong.
- Religious parents are expected to raise their children within their faith.
- Christian parents want to raise their children with Christian values.

"Here one learns endurance and the joy of work... love, generous, and even repeated, forgiveness and above all divine worship in prayer and the offering of one's life."

The purpose of family

Christian views on the purpose of family

- The idea of family is deeply ingrained in Christian beliefs about God.
- God is the Father and Jesus his son and humankind his children.
- Christians should educate their children about the faith.
- Parents should be good role models.
- Some parents will make worship part of their lives, send children to faith schools or take them to church.

The purpose of family

- Family is the main building block of any society.
- It is where **procreation** takes place and the **needs of children are met**.
- Happy families **create stability** for members of the family.
- Protection of children is important for family life.
- **Parents teach** their child right from wrong and how to get along with others and fit into society,

Muslim views on the purpose of family

- The Qur'an addresses married people are guarded and protected.
- Family prevents sin, loneliness and outside danger.
- This is extended to all members of the family.

Children

- The Christian church teaches that children have responsibilities to their parents.
- 'Honour one's father and mother'- respect the elderly member of the family.
- Children must love and respect their parents for all they have for to help them grow.

Parents

- The Christian Church teaches that parents have responsibilities to their children.
- Children are gifts from God, they must respect their human dignity.

The elderly

- Old age is an important time in life when people can focus on their faith.
- Older people have a great deal of wisdom and experience to offer younger people.
- Islam honours the elderly.
- Muslims should take care of their parents when they become ill or frail.
- Some will not put parents in a care home but take care of them themselves.
- It is an honour to repay them for their childhood.

Children

- Children are a blessing from God and the family should be a stable environment for their upbringing.
- Parents have a duty to raise their children to be good Muslims.
- Children also have a duty to be respectful to their parents and elders.
- Being unkind or disrespectful to one's parents is a great sin.

Gender Equality

<u>Gender equality</u>	<u>Christian views</u>	<u>Muslim views</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most people agree with the idea of gender equality. • Gender prejudice is often based on sexual stereotyping. • Sexual stereotyping can lead to gender discrimination. • In the past, men have had roles of power and had more rights than women. • Just because roles are different does not mean they are not equal. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All people have been created as equals in the image of God. • 'Love thy neighbour' shows that discrimination is wrong. • Jesus treated women with respect, • Jesus had female disciples who were more capable of things other than just domestic tasks, • Some traditional Christians believe that men are the head of the family and that women should mainly stay at home and care for children. • Some see marriage as an equal partnership where the different gifts of each person, male and female, strengthen family life. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Muslims believe that God created everyone equal. • The Qur'an teaches that men and women were created from a single soul and have the same spiritual human nature. • Men and women have the same religious and moral responsibilities. • Muhammad taught that anyone, man or woman, who does a good deed for God's sake will be rewarded. • Mothers are of high value within Islam. They bring up the children. • Modern Muslims in the UK share financial and raising the children as both their responsibilities. • Some non-Muslims believe that Muslim women suffer prejudice because of wearing the hijab or veil- but this is not always the case.



"There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male or female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus."

"People, We created you all from a single man and a single woman, and made you into races and tribes that you should recognise one another."

The Study of Religion: Paper 2

2. Religion and Life

Origins of the universe

Christian beliefs on Creation

- God designed and created the universe.
- God created all things 'out of nothing' *ex nihilo*
- Genesis 1 gives a Christians a detailed story about how the Earth was created.

Muslim beliefs on creation

- God created the world in 6 days (phases) This could be periods of time.
- Before time existed, God existed and he created the universe on his divine word.
- The Qur'an does not specify what happened on each day.
- The Qur'an does not mention a day of rest but instead says that God put the whole universe under his command.
- Muslims believe that God's work and creation never ends as it continues with every new birth and every new seed that grows.

The Big Bang Theory

- The scientific explanation for how the universe began.
- 13.8 billions years ago all matter was compressed into a small, hot and dense collection of mass.
- A massive expansion of space took place and matter was flung in all different directions.
- The universe expanded and cooled.
- The starts grouped together and formed galaxies.

Days	What happened?
Day 1	God said 'Let their be light'. He created day and night.
Day 2	God made the sky.
Day 3	God formed the seas and the land, covering the land with vegetation and plants.
Day 4	God created lights in the sky- sun, moon and stars,
Day 5	God made fish and other animals of the seas, and the birds in the air.
Day 6	God finished by creating all the animals on land, made humans. He made humans in his own image.
Day 7	God rested on the 7 th day and made it holy. He was very pleased with his creation because it was good.

Christian views

- **Fundamental Christians** believe that every word in the Bible has been inspired by God and therefore 200% true.
- **Liberal Christians** believe that the Bible is more like a parable/ symbol and the main message is that God brought the universe into being but we should use to science to try and understand it.
- The Big Bang could have been God's way of forming the universe.

Muslim views

- Islam encourages the search for clear understanding and scientific explanations that may enable a greater understanding of God.
- The Qur'an encourages scientific exploration about the origins of the universe.
- Muslims believe that the Qur'an links well to the Big Bang Theory.
- The Qur'an explains why the universe came into being but science should explain how.
- As long as they understand that it is created by God.
- It was not an accident but was designed, and God's creation was perfect and good.

Value of the world

Value of the world:

- Humans are the most intelligent species on earth.
- Humans should live in harmony.
- Muslims and Christians believe they should respect nature and care for the environment,
- Living on God's earth is a privilege.
- Islam stresses that we must live in harmony with all creature of God.



Dominion:

- In order to manage the earth Christians were given power and authority to rule.
- Some believe that this means they can do what they like with the earth.
- Some say they cannot do what they like if it damages something God has made.

Awe and Wonder:

When people see beautiful landscapes, starts etc... many people are awestruck and filled with wonder. The beauty and complexity of the world proves to come that God must exist.

God's creation inspires awe and wonder.

Nature is amazing because it represents the glory of God

Stewardship

Christians:

- God has given humans the privilege of living in the world therefore they should take responsibility and look after it.
- One planet that cannot be replaced.
- Adam was the first steward when he was told to take care of the Garden of Eden.

Muslims:

- God has given humans responsibility to take care of the planet.
- Called khalifah
- We need to look after the world for future generations.
- Looking after the environment brings balance.
- Humans will be judged on the day of judgement about their treatment of the planet.
- "It is he who has made you successor on the earth."
- God is the creator therefore we should not damage is creation.
- "God created everything and the earth belongs."

Use and abuse of the environment

Pressures on the environment

- The world's population is growing therefore it has implications on the environment.
- Large populations create most waste and there is a real danger that the planet is getting seriously damaged.

Key Word	Definition
Natural resources	Material found in nature- such as oil and trees- that can be used by people.
Sustainable development	Building and progress that tried to reduce the impact on the natural world for future generations
Abuse	Misuse of the world and environment
Non-renewable energy	Things the earth provides that will eventually run out, for example, oil, coal
Deforestation	The cutting down of large amount of forest
Recycling	Reusing old products to make new ones.



Looking after the environment

- Recycling
- Reusing items such as plastic bags or donating items not needed.
- Reducing the number of vehicle journeys by walking, cycling or public transport.
- Being careful to turn lights off and use water responsibly.
- Planting trees.

Muslim views to abuse of the environment

- The Hadith advises Muslims to take only what is needed from the world.
- "Do not seek from it more than what you need."
- "Eat and drink but do not be extravagant: God does not like extravagant people."
- The IFEEES Project

Christian views to abuse of the environment




- Being in charge does not give people the right to abuse, spoil, waste or destroy what God has made.
- Humans are only tenants of God's world.
- Thoughtless exploitation should be opposed.
- The Assisi and Ohito meetings

Pollution

Pollution:

Making something dirty and contaminated, especially the environment.

Types of Pollution:

<u>Water</u>	<u>Air</u>	<u>Land</u>
		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Caused by dumping waste into the sea. Have a bad effect on marine life. Example- The deep water horizon oil spills killing thousands of birds and marine animals. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Caused by fumes from factories and vehicles. Long-term exposure can lead to asthma, lung cancer and other diseases. It also causes global warming, climate change and acid rain. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Caused by the ineffective disposal of waste. When chemicals enter the earth this can poison wildlife, making farming less efficient and result in contaminated food.

- Pollution puts the health of humans, animals and plants at risk.
- Pollution is a problem as technology advances and the world's population grows.

"The earth is the LORD'S and everything in it."

"Every human act of irresponsibility towards creatures is an abomination,"

Christian views on Pollution

- Christian believe that the world is on loan to humans, who have been given responsibility by God to look after it.
- Parable of the talents.
- Polluting the planet is not good stewardship.
- Pollution harms other therefore goes against 'love thy neighbour'.

Pope Francis challenge the world to help reduce pollution:

- The Pope called for the world to act to protect the environment.
- He called the letter 'To care for our one common home.'
- He states that we need to reduce waste, pollution and change poverty.
- He says the world looks like an immense pile of filth.
- He says we should recycle.



Animals

Animals for experiments

- Scientists test new products, such as medicines, cosmetics and additives that are added to food.
- To test to make sure it is safe for humans.
- Testing cosmetics on animals was banned in the UK in 1998.
- Most animal testing now is on rats or mice that are bred for that purpose.

Value of Animals

- God created all living things and they all worship God in their own way.
- Each animal is valuable to God and should be treated with kindness and compassion.
- There are over 200 verses in the Qur'an about animals.
- Christians believe God created animals for humans to use and care for.
- Humans are more important because they were created in the image of God.
- The story of Noah's ark teaches Christians to protect animals but that it is also acceptable to use them for our benefit.

Animals for food

- Those who decide to be vegetarian or vegan usually do so because they are against killing animals.
- Some object to the ways animals are treated rather than actually eating animals.
- Some simply do not like the taste.

Christian views on animals testing

- Christians support limited animal testing, providing there is no other safe way to develop medicines.
- Acceptable as long as it is in a caring way.
- Christians believe that humans life is more important.

Muslim views on animals testing

- Harming an animals is not allowed.
- Causing them to do a job beyond their power is not acceptable.
- An acceptance can be made if it is to protect/ save human life.
- Suffering must be kept to a minimum.
- Humans will be judged on judgement day based on their actions towards animals.

"All creature that crawl on the earth and those that fully with their wings are communities like yourselves."

"Take with you seven of every kind of animal, a male and its mate."

"Everything that lives and moved about will be food for you."

Christian views on eating animals

- Christians have the choice to be meat eaters.
- But they should also be sensitive to others.
- Against killing animals.
- We are more dominant so can do what we like.

Muslim views on eating animals

- Muslims are allowed to eat meat that has been killed according to Shari'ah law.
- Food must be halal and slaughtered correctly.
- Animals must be killed in the name of God.
- Forbidden to eat pig meat.

Origins of human life

Christian beliefs about the origins of human life:

- In Genesis, God created male and female humans on the final day of creation; Adam and Eve.
- In Genesis 2, Adam was formed by God from the soil and God breathed life into him.
- He was told to look after the garden of Eden and not to eat from the Tree of knowledge of good and evil.
- While Adam was sleeping, God took one of his ribs and formed Eve, the first woman.
- Some Christians believe the story is literally true and the whole human race are descendants.
- Others say it is just a story to say that God created humans to be close to him.

Muslim beliefs about the origins of human life:

- When God has finished creating the universe, he created the first human being.
- Some believe he named him Adam, he taught him the names of all things and created from his soul a wife, Eve-who is referred to as the 'Mother of humankind'.
- God allowed them to dwell in the garden of paradise with free will but commanded them to not eat from a certain tree.
- Iblis tricked/ tempted Adam and Eve into eating from the Tree,
- Adam and Eve began naked and tried to cover themselves and felt shame and regret.
- God sent them down to earth to start the human world.
- The whole human race is descended from Adam and Eve.



Evolution

- Suggests that all living things in the world have developed over time from simple forms.
- Charles Darwin, studied the variation in plants and animals and recognised the differences around the world.
- He wrote the book *on the origin of species*, in which he put forward the idea of natural selection.
- Darwin argues that the creatures with characteristics most suited to the environment are more likely to survive, reproduce and pass on their genes of their offspring.
- They will adapt to survive in their natural habitats and therefore will create new species,
- The fittest survive and some have to go extinct.

Christian attitudes to evolution

- Christians believe that they do not need to worry about what the theory implies about God's role in creation.
- Some believe Darwin is wrong as life started the way the Bible states,
- Some except adaption but do not believe there is enough evidence to rely on that.
- Some say God is the creator but the Bible is saying why whereas science can explain how.

Muslim attitudes to evolution

- Some Muslims reject evolution and are creationists; they believe that all God formed all the different species.
- Some believe that it is not compatible with the Qur'an.
- Some support human evolution as a key principle of modern biology.
- Some argue that evolution is acceptable but does not apply to humans, as God created man for a certain reason.

Abortion

What is abortion?

- It is the removal of the foetus from the womb to end a pregnancy before the child is born.
- It is usually deliberate.

The Legal position

- Before 1967 abortion was illegal in the UK
- You can now have an abortion up to the 24th week of pregnancy.
- There is no limit if the mother's life is in danger or if the foetus is severely deformed.



PRO-LIFE



Christian views for abortion	Christian views against abortion	Muslim views for abortion	Muslim views against abortion	Non religious views for abortion	Non religious views against abortion
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If it saves the mother's life. • Acceptable if the mother was raped or the child would be disabled. • Can be the lesser of two evils. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Against the sanctity of life. • Life is a gift from God and a blessing. • Life begins at conception <p>"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart."</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allowed in certain circumstances- mother's life is in danger, result of rape. • Lesser of two evils. • Baby born with severe physical or mental disabilities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Muslims should value life. • Haram. • Not acceptable if it due to finances. • It must happen before ensoulment (40 or 120 days) • Taking a life- murder. <p>"Do not kill your children for fear of poverty- we shall provide for them and for you- killing is a great sin."</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pro-choice groups, agree with abortion because a woman's life comes first. • Women have the right to choose as they carry the baby, • If the mother will be harmed mentally or physically she should be allowed an abortion. • It is also cruel to bring a severely physical or mentally disabled child into the world. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pro-life argue that life begins at conception. • Abortion is murder. • Unborn children need to be protected. • Disabled people can have a good life therefore why should they be terminated. • Unwanted children should be adopted. • A lot of people who have abortions will suffer from depression and guilt

Euthanasia

Euthanasia in Greek means good death. It is the intention to end the life of someone who is in pain or has poor quality of life due to a serious illness.

Active Euthanasia:
When active steps are taken to end someone's life, for example by giving them a lethal injection

Passive Euthanasia:
When doctors stop providing treatment or do something that is intended to quicken the natural process of dying, for example not resuscitating.

The Right to Die

- Some argue that euthanasia gives a dignified and peaceful death.
- Others argue that we should offer 'care not killing'.
- Some believe that we need to protect the depressed, disabled, elderly and sick.
- In some countries where it is legal, doctors will not be persecuted and the patient must request it themselves and their suffering must be unbearable.

Christian views for euthanasia

- Some Christians do support euthanasia and believe that the drugs that are used to end a suffering person's life are God-given.
- It is the most loving thing to do.
- God has given people free will so they should be able to choose when to end their lives.
"Blessed are the merciful."

Christian views against euthanasia

- Taking life interferes with God's plan
- It is open to abuse life murder and people might feel pressured into having it.
- Against the Sanctity of Life
- Only God has the right to take life.
"You shall not murder"
- Modern drugs and hospice care provide the dying with a chance to end their lives with dignity and without pain.
- Going through pain and suffering brings you closer to God as you understand the suffering of Jesus.

Muslims views against euthanasia

- Not included in the reasons allowed for killing.
- Against the sanctity of life.
- All life is a gift from God and should be looked after.
- Only God will decide when life ends.

"Do not take life, which God has made sacred except by right."

- Suffering is for a reason. God is testing the faith.
- Euthanasia is haram and a sin against God.

Death and the afterlife

The value of human life

- God has given humans free will to choose between right and wrong.
- Each person has one life and it is their choice how they live it.
- Christians and Muslims believe that what they do in life will effect the eternally.
- This encourages them to follow the instructions of God.

Is death the end?

Christian

- Death is not the end and God judges whether a person will spend eternity heaven or hell.
- Catholics believe in purgatory, where souls undergo purification in order to achieve holiness to be with God and enter heaven.
- Some believe that the afterlife/ judgement begins the moment you die, where others believe you must wait until judgement day.
- Some Christians believe that heaven is bodily and others believe it is spiritual.

Muslim

- Muslims believe that death is not final, but a new beginning of a new stage.
- Muslims believe they will be waiting until the day of judgement called **barzakh**, which means barrier.
- The soul does not die but continues in the afterlife, heaven or hell.
- The afterlife is known as **Akrah**.
- Current life is a test or trial before the next realm of existence.

Christian views on heaven

- Heaven is wonderful and where God resides.
- It is place where everyone worships God.
- There is no death, mourning or pain in heaven.
- Heaven is more important than any other ambition.
- We go to heaven because of Jesus' death on the cross.
- Christians should try to avoid sinning.

Christian views on hell

- The Bible says that hell was originally designed for Satan and his demons.
- A place for punishment.
- Hell is a place of torment and there is no rest.
- Some believe that it is just punishment to be without God.
- Hell is something that should be avoided.

Muslim views on heaven

- Called paradise or Jannah
- Muslims aim to reach paradise.
- After judgement everyone will have to cross the Sirat Bridge over hell.
- If given the book of life in the right hand you will enter heaven.
- Eternal beautiful garden of physical and spiritual pleasures and delights.
- No suffering.

Muslim views on hell

- Also called Jahannam.
- The Qur'an describes hell using the vivid imagery of blazing fire and terrible punishment.
- Both physical and spiritual torture.
- Muslims who do not do enough good deeds might find themselves in hell.
- It will eventually end and they will enter heaven.
- Non-believers will stay their forever.

Muslim views on judgement

- Everyone is accountable for their actions.
- The angel Israfil will blow a trumpet announcing the last day and the dead will be resurrected.
- Good will look at their book of life and decide the fate of the individual.

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4. Crime and Punishment



Crime and Punishment

Crime and Punishment

- A crime is any action which is against the law.
- Offenders found guilty by a court face a legal punishment.
- Most serious offences include murder and rape which carry a life sentence (25 years)
- Under no circumstances can the UK impose a sentence intended to cause physical harm (corporal punishment) or the death penalty.
- In some parts of the world the death penalty is permitted.

Good and evil actions and intentions

- Some actions are good but are not specified in the law- E.G. generosity, charity and love.
- Many Christians and Muslims argue that although some actions such as adultery are legal, they are still wrong.
- Evil actions cause suffering, injury or possible death.
- Some actions are considered evil even know they are not against the law.
- Evil is linked to Satan but sometimes it can link with being immoral rather than being linked to the devil.
- Intentions can determine how sever the punishment should be. Some argue that intention is not as important as the impact of the crime.

Civil law- Disputes between individuals or groups. E.G. Divorce, disputes between landlords and tenants and disputed wills. Usually dealt with in small claim courts and some more serious cases will go to Crown Court.

Christian Views

- Christians believe there is no such thing as an evil person.
- Humans are not perfect and make mistakes.
- Original sin means that all humans have a tendency to commit evil.



Muslim Views

- Muslims believe there is no such thing as an evil person.
- It can be linked to Iblis tempting Adam and Eve to sin against God.
- Evil and wicked things in life are a result of someone giving into Iblis' temptations.
- Humans are not perfect and do make mistakes
- Under Shari'ah law the severity of a punishment is related to the seriousness of the religious value that had been breached by the crime.
- Shari'ah law puts great emphasis on the beliefs and intentions of a person, and even if you have thoughts of committing a crime, it is considered as serious as committing the crime itself.

Reasons for Crime

Reason for crime	Poverty	Upbringing	Mental Illness	Addiction	Greed	Hate	Opposition to an unjust law
How?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cannot afford the necessities of life. Stealing for essentials that they cannot afford to buy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Growing up in home where crime is a way of life. Parents might encourage them. Knowing right from wrong. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kleptomania is a mental conditions that makes people steal. Anger management may lead to violence Sentencing can give them the help they need. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addicts may resort to stealing to get what they need. Alcohol can make people loose control of their thoughts. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wealth and possessions can be seen as a sign of status. Greed can lead to crimes such as theft or fraud 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can lead to violence or aggression towards whoever or whatever the offender hates. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laws that are biased or prejudice or that breaches basic human rights is wrong and should be changed. Example, Martin Luther King, Rosa Parks, The Suffragettes.
Christian views	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christians condemn stealing. Should help one another so they do not need to steal. "If Christians don't dig deep and generously open up their wallets, they do not have genuine faith." - Pope Francis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> "Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority that which God has established." 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Should get help for their illness but also have the punishment they deserve. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alcohol is not forbidden but drunkenness is a sin and no denomination encourages excessive dinking. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 10 commandments says do not be jealous of what others have Envy is seen as one of the 7 deadly sins. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hatred is against Christian morality 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protests must be peaceful and not cause violence. Against discrimination.
Muslim views	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zakah is in place to help them. Muslims hope that community support will prevent Muslims turning to crime. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Muslims place emphasis on a strong extended family and that they should bring children up to follow the law. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Should get help for their illness but also have the punishment they deserve 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Muslims forbid the taking of illegal drugs and alcohol. They believe that they are temptations which will lead people to do wrong. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> "Competing for more distracts you until you go into your graves" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hatred is against Muslim morality 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shari'ah law is God's law and therefore cannot be unjust. Against discrimination.

Attitudes to lawbreakers and different crimes

Religious views to lawbreakers

- Both are against people committing crimes.
- God has made it clear that Shari'ah law had to be obeyed and so should any just and fair laws in non-Shari'ah countries.
- All are presumed innocent until proved guilty.
- If they are found innocent they are able to resume their normal life without any punishment.
- Punishments under Shari'ah law are severe but they do not apply in the UK.
- Lawbreakers have rights that should be protected, even while they are being punished.
- Christians believe that the offended should be helped so they do not offend again. The parable of the sheep and goats shows that we should treat prisoners with compassion. "For I was in prison and you came to visit me."
- Christians believe that inhumane treatment of offenders is wrong.
- "God commands justice and prohibits wrongdoing, and injustice." - Qur'an

Attitudes to types of crime

Murder

- Condemned by Christians
- Jesus taught "Love thy neighbour"
- "Thou shalt not kill"

Hate Crime

- Hate crime makes a society without discrimination impossible to achieve.
- God created all humans equal
- Jesus taught "Love thy neighbour"
- "There is neither Jew nor Gentile, male nor female, you are all one in Christ Jesus."

Theft

- Christians are sympathetic towards people committing theft out of need rather than greed.
- The needy should be cared for by the community, so they have no reason for resorting to crime.
- "Treat others how you want to be treated."

Christian Views

Muslim Views

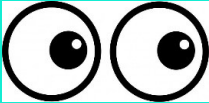


- Against God
- "Thou shall not kill"
- "To kill one is to kill all mankind."
- God created humans with equal value and none is inferior to others.
- Hate crime makes a society without discrimination impossible to achieve.
- Islam- means peace.
- Muslims are sympathetic towards people committing theft out of need rather than greed.
- The needy should be cared for by the community, so they have no reason for resorting to crime.



Shari'ah law classifies crimes into four types:

1. **Unforgivable crimes (Hadud)**- crimes such as adultery, theft, drinking alcohol or taking drugs, rebellion against the state- all of which are prohibited in the Qur'an.
2. **Forgivable crimes (Al-Jynayaat)**- Crimes against the right of the individual, such as bodily harm and murder, for which the victim or their family can gain credit by showing mercy.
3. **Community crimes (Al Ta'azir)**- Crimes that affect the community such as fraud and antisocial behavior.
4. **Crimes against the state law (Al-Mukhalafat)** -Crimes against a law of the state (rather than the Qur'an) such as parking offences and speeding.

Aims of Punishment

<u>Aim of Punishment</u>	<u>What does it mean?</u>	<u>Christian views</u>	<u>Muslim views</u>
Retribution - An aim of punishment to get your own back- Eye for an eye." 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Getting your own back on behalf of society and the victim. Criminals receive the same damage caused to their victim. Match the fate of the victim. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Least positive- teaches revenge and anger Old Testament- <i>Lex talionis</i>- Law of retaliation. "Take life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth." 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> "Eye for eye, wound for wound" An Al-Jinayat crime means if life is taken the victim can grant mercy or ask for the death penalty. Punishment for going against God's law. Given on God's behalf.
Reformation - An aim of punishment to change someone's behaviour for the better 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Helps offenders understand their behaviour. Hopes they will change and become law abiding citizens. May involve group therapy sessions, counselling, treatment and understanding the harm they have caused. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christians prefer. "Do not take revenge my dear friends, leave room for God's wrath. If your enemy is hungry, feed him. If he is thirsty, give him something to drink. Do not be overcome by evil but overcome evil with good." Not a replacement for punishment but to be done at the same time. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Necessary for offenders to seek God's forgiveness and to become purified. Education and financial advice may help the criminal reform.
Deterrence -An aim of punishment to put people off committing crimes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seeing others punished severely might put others off. It might deter them from reoffending. Punishments used to be in public to deter others. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Every human should be treated with respect regardless of what they have done therefore public shaming is not acceptable. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is a way of controlling others and their behaviour. Public punishments to put shame on the offender and to warn others. A way of learning from the punishment.

Suffering and causing suffering to others

Christian attitudes to suffering

- Suffering can be caused by **people** or it can be **natural-Illness**.
- Christians should **try help others** who are suffering.
- **Good can come out of suffering**. "Suffering produces perseverance; character and hope."
- Follow the **example of Jesus** who helped the suffering.
- "We are never really happy until we try to **brighten the lives of others**."
- **Free will causes suffering**.
- Christians should use their **free will wisely** and follow God's commands.

Muslim attitudes to suffering

- Suffering can be caused by **people** or it can be **natural-Illness**.
- God is aware of all types of suffering.
- **Suffering is a test** from God to see how faithful a person is.
- God would not allow **suffering greater than a person can endure**.
- Suffering is caused by giving into **Iblis' temptations**.
- "If you are steadfast and **mindful of God**, **this is the best course**."
- Hope and faith can endure suffering.
- Suffering is caused by **free will**.
- They should follow the teachings of the **Qur'an and the Prophets**.

Christian views on causing suffering

- Against causing suffering to others.
- Taught to 'Love thy neighbour'
- Jesus spoke out against violence- even in self-defence. Jesus' disciple cut off an ear of one of the guards defending Jesus- Jesus healed him.
- No human is perfect and if they cause suffering they need to be sorry for what they have done.

Muslim views on causing suffering

- Causing suffering is against Islamic teachings.
- The Ummah (brotherhood/sisterhood) is about caring for others.
- "Be compassionate towards the destitute."
- Humans aren't perfect and might cause suffering by accident.
- They should repair any damage caused.
- God will forgive those who are truly sorry (Forgave Adam and Eve)

Example: Charleston Church Shooting

A gunman killed 9 people while at a Bible study group. Dylan Roof, a 21 year old white man, was trying to start a race war. The murders caused suffering to friends and family. However they forgive Dylan for what he did.

Example: Chapel Hill Shooting

Three young Muslims were shot dead in their homes near university. The killer, Craig Hicks, handed himself into police. They claimed that it was a hate crime and he was against the religion and culture.

Treatment of Criminals

Punishment: In the UK, punishment can range from a long term prison sentence to a fine. The victim needs to be treated with dignity as it is their human right. Reformation is meant to be the most important part of deciding punishment because if the criminal changes it is a benefit to society.

Prison

Given to those who have committed serious crimes.

If they are a threat to society or themselves they are kept in a high security prison.

It is a loss of freedom. Having no choice to live like others do, locked in a cell for much of the day and fed at certain times.

Christian views

- Christians think that prisons are good as they protect the community,
- They think that prisons should support the reformation process and help give an education and training.

Muslim views

- Different under Shari'ah law as they have less of a role in reforming the criminal.
- Normally only used when the offender is awaiting their trial.
- Some believe it is a good punishment as the criminal will lose their freedom and the ability to see their family (important in Islam)

Corporal Punishment

Punishment by causing physical pain to the criminal.,

Many think it is a breach of human rights, Illegal in the UK but allowed in other parts of the world.

Used to be allowed in schools (cane) until 1987.

Christian views

- Christians believe causing pain to others is not acceptable.
- "He who spares the rod hates their children, but the one who loves their children is careful to discipline them" - agree with discipline.
- Jesus taught Christians to treat each other with respect.

Muslim views

- Accepted in many Muslim countries.
- Some argue that it is more humane than prison.
- Shari'ah law says that the hand of a thief can be amputated as punishment. "Cut off the hands of thieves, whether they are man or woman, as punishment for what they have done."
- Less crimes committed than in the UK in these countries.

Community Service

It is a way for the criminal to make up for what they have done. Might include picking up litter and cleaning graffiti.

It is a type of reformation

It is unpaid work and they wear high visibility jackets so people can see they are on community service.

Christian views

- It is a suitable punishment for minor offences.
- Might help with addiction and help those with drug and alcohol addiction by sending them to therapy.
- Goes with the aim of deterrence and reformation.

Muslim views

- Rarely used under Shari'ah law because it is not considered enough of a deterrent.
- In the case of Ta'azie (community) crimes- the criminal might be sent to a rehabilitation centre.

Forgiveness

Christian views	Muslim views
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Core belief in Christianity as Jesus emphasised it. Christians believe that they should forgive in order to be forgiven. "<i>Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.</i>" - The Lord's prayer. Forgiveness is not a replacement for punishment. Jesus taught that we should always forgive. "Lord how many times shall I forgive my brother? Jesus answered 'Not seven times but seventy-seven times.'" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is no limit to God's love and forgiveness therefore there should not be for ours. Even when Jesus was being crucified he forgave. "Father forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." Follow the examples of Jesus. Forgiveness is only accepted for those who are truly sorry for what they have done. Links to reformation being the primary aim of punishment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For Muslims, forgiveness serves no part in the punishment process. However, forgiveness is an important element in Islam. There are two categories of forgiveness: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Forgiveness from God- Only God can truly forgive and will only forgive those who are truly sorry and intend to follow the faith properly in the future. 2) Forgiveness from humans- this is goodness over evil and stops evil from growing. Humans should forgive those who ask for forgiveness. This will then allow them to receive forgiveness from God. They should be forgiven constantly, because there is no limit to God's forgiveness. "Let them pardon and forgive. Do you not wish that God should forgive you? God is most forgiving and merciful." "Pardon each other's faults and God will grant you honour."

Example: Maureen Greaves

On Christmas Eve, 68 year old Alan Greaves was on his way to church to play the organ for Midnight Mass.

Two local men, made an unprovoked and brutal attack and left him for dead. Three days later, Alan died in hospital from his head injuries.

His wife prayed for those who committed this crime and she wanted to forgive and stop the destructive anger she was feeling. She wanted justice but not revenge.

Example: Forgiving a violent criminal

In 2014 the mother of a murder victim showed forgiveness to her son's murderer that was due to be hanged.

Shari'ah law allowed the victim's mother to determine the fate of the criminal and she wanted him to be sentenced to death,

The day before the execution took place the mother dreamt of her son, who told her to forgive and spare the life of the killer. She took this as a sign of God and God's forgiveness. When approaching the killer with the intention to push away the chair (which he was stood on before his hanging), she stopped and slapped him across the face. She felt her rage had vanished and the noose was removed. Instead he was sent to prison.

Death Penalty

- Abolished in the UK in 1969.
- Many people have been pardoned since their execution in the 1950's.

	For	Against
Christian views	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Old Testament teaches-"Whoever sheds human blood, by humans shall their blood be shed." • "Life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth," • Justifiable retribution for serious crimes. • Deters people from committing the crimes. • The death penalty protects society by taking the criminal away for good, no chance of reoffending. • The principle of utility- if it promotes the maximum amount of happiness for the most amount of people it should be allowed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Too many innocent people have been executed and you can't bring them back. • Does not show forgiveness and mercy. • Murder rates in other countries with the death penalty are the same as those without. (Not a deterrent) People who commit murder don't think of the consequences. (usually in rage) • Only God has the right to take life- Sanctity of Life argument. • No chance for reformation. • Takes away human dignity
Muslim views	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is a deterrent- Carried out in public. • The principle of utility- if it promotes the maximum amount of happiness for the most amount of people it should be allowed. • Shari'ah law- God's law- allowed the death penalty for serious crimes. • "Do not take life that God has made sacred, except by right". • Acceptable if someone has gone against the faith. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does not show forgiveness and mercy. • "If the culprit is pardoned by his aggrieved brother, he shall pay what is due. It is an act of mercy." • Some believe the passages in the Qur'an have been misinterpreted. • Muslims should promote non-violence.

Example: Timothy Evans
Wrongly accused of murdering his wife and daughter. Sentenced to death by hanging in 1950. John Christie was later executed for the murders.

