

Introduction to Christianity

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Pluralist - A society where a number of religions are followed alongside each other.

Secular - A society where religious beliefs and practices are increasingly less important to a growing number of people.

→ First major split 1054
"The great Schism"
Eastern become Orthodox church
Western become Roman Catholic
They each were led by a pope

→ Lutherans led by Martin Luther disagreed with things Roman Catholics did like pardoning sins. 1517

33ce

1054

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Today

→ Jesus was Jewish
Christianity grew out of
Judaism about 33ce

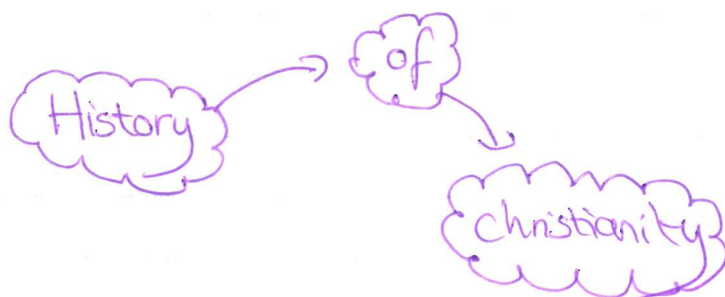
1500

1534

Henry VIII wanted a divorce but was denied by the church so
→ created the Church of England and declared himself head of it.
1534

→ Second major split 1500
A protest for the church to change called Reformation led to Catholic church splitting and Protestant church is formed.

Today Many different denominations. with different teaching etc.



Many more denominations were formed - Cof E Methodist.

Christianity Key Concepts (Beliefs)

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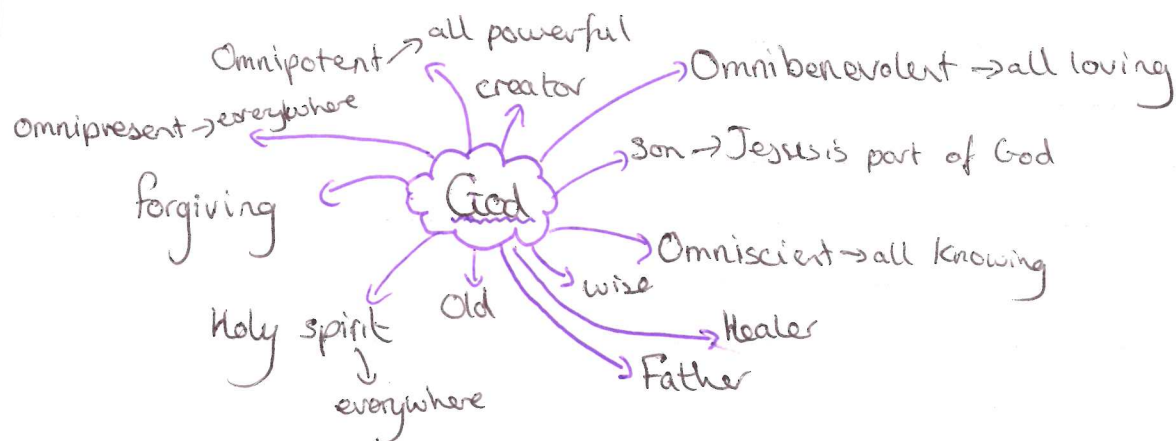
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 OMNIBENEVOLENT
 RESURRECTION
 SECULAR
 TRINITY

CREATION
 DISCIPLES
 GRACE
 JOB
 OMNIPOTENT
 SACRAMENTS
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The Nature of God

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Christians believe that God is.... Link up the correct term to the definition and write them down

OMNIPOTENT	Everywhere
OMNISCIENT	All knowing
OMNIBENEVOLENT	Outside of this world
OMNIPRESENT	Operating within the world
TRANSCENDENT	All powerful
IMMANENT	All loving

(a) State two Christian beliefs about God (2)

Christians believe that God is omnibenevolent, this ~~mean~~ means he is all loving. It is shown in the bible by "But you, Lord are a compassionate and Gracious God." They also believe he is omniscient, All knowing.

2 marks, keywords and explanation

I understand it very well 😊

I agree 😊

VERSE — where is it and what does it say?	WHAT DOES IT MEAN?	CHALLENGE: WHAT KEYWORDS APPLY?
Genesis 1:1: In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.	God is the creator of all things	Omnipotent (all powerful)
Exodus 14:21 "Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the Lord drove the sea back with strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The water was divided"	God is in control of all of nature.	Omnipotent.
Psalms 85: 15 "But you, Lord are a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness."	Shows he is caring and loving.	Omnibenevolent.
John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."	He sacrifices to show spread his word and feel the same as the people.	Omnibenevolent
Psalms 139: 4 "Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O Lord"	He controls everyone and all their thoughts. All knowing and powerful	Omniscient. Omnipotent.

Why is there Evil and Suffering?

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Why do people get away with causing evil?
Does God punish evil?

If God is omnibenevolent why is there suffering
If God is omnipotent why does evil exist?

Why did God punish everyone for Adam and Eve's mistakes?
If God is perfection why isn't humanity.

Moral evil → Evil caused by human's choices
like theft or murder

Natural evil → Evil caused by things out of human
control like hurricanes or natural disasters

Moral evil

Animal testing/abuse

Theft

Bullying
hate

Deforestation

Abuse

Disease - (from smoking...)

murder

Racism

Sexual assault

Mental health.

Natural evil

disease

Earthquake

Hurricanes

Tornado

Tsunami

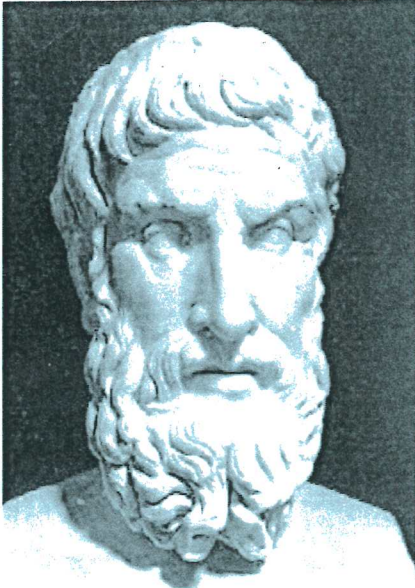
Flood

Miscarriage / still birth

Mental illness

I think evil and suffering exists in the world today because without it no one would be grateful for what they have. Another reason could be that it makes people work hard for what you have and to make a bad situation good.

What does Greek Philosopher Epicurus state about God and the idea of evil & suffering?



'Is God willing to prevent evil, but not able? Then he is not omnipotent.'

→ All Powerful

Is he able, but not willing? Then he is malevolent.

→ Being Evil

Is he both able and willing? Then whence cometh evil?

Is he neither able nor willing? Then why call him God?

Why does evil and suffering cause a problem for believing in God, according to Epicurus?

Because God is meant to have all the power to stop evil so it doesn't make sense that there is suffering and evil. It shows that God's flawed.

Challenge: Do you agree or disagree with him? Why?!

I agree with him because it proves God's power wrong. However suffering could be there for a reason like to teach gratitude.

How might some Christians respond to Epicurus?

✓
"Theodicies" are..... arguments for why evil and suffering are in the world

Some Christians might respond to Epicurus by offering the following arguments:

- Everyone has free choice so their decisions could cause the suffering
- God shares in our suffering.
- Suffering is a test
- The Devil controls evil.
- Suffering is a result of sin.
- Dealing with suffering gives the opportunity to become better people

Evil and Suffering in the book of Job

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Story of Job

Job is a wealthy man who worships God.

Satan approaches Job and asks him to prove that Job is really loyal to him and not just looking for rewards.

God gives Satan permission to punish Job.

Job is covered in sores, his wife encourages him to curse God but Job refuses.

Satan appears in heaven and God allows him to test Job a second time.

Job receives the news that his flocks, servants and 10 children have died.

Job's friends visit and tell Job that he is suffering because he has sinned. But Job pleads his innocence.

Job is calling out to God asking him why he should suffer while the wicked do not.

God visits Job and shows him how his ways are beyond human understanding. Job then ~~trusts~~ trusts God and understands he cannot know the mind of God but must have faith.

Teachings from the story:

- Suffering is a test
- God controls suffering.
- Be grateful.
- It's not a punishment.
- Trust God because he has a plan (omniscient)
- Stay faithful and you could be rewarded.
- God is wise → we should question him.
- God is Transcendent → we can't understand.
- God does not cause suffering but allows it

What do the religious texts say: The Book of Job and Suffering?

Job 1:8-12

⁸ Then the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil."

⁹ "Does Job fear God for nothing?" Satan replied. ¹⁰ "Have you not put a hedge around him and his household and everything he has? You have blessed the work of his hands, so that his flocks and herds are spread throughout the land. ¹¹ But now stretch out your hand and strike everything he has, and he will surely curse you to your face."

¹² The LORD said to Satan, "Very well, then, everything he has is in your power, but on the man himself do not lay a finger."

Then Satan went out from the presence of the LORD.

What does this show us about God?

God has trust in the man. (Omnipotent, Omniscient)

What does this show us about Job?

He has a perfect life and is an example for others.

What could this teach us about suffering?

You may not deserve it but you could have a stronger bond with God because of it.

Job 14:1-6

Then Job replied to the LORD:

² "I know that you can do all things;
no purpose of yours can be thwarted.

³ You asked, 'Who is this that obscures my plans without knowledge?'

Surely I spoke of things I did not understand,
things too wonderful for me to know.

⁴ "You said, 'Listen now, and I will speak;
I will question you,
and you shall answer me.'

⁵ My ears had heard of you
but now my eyes have seen you.

⁶ Therefore I despise myself
and repent in dust and ashes."

What does this show us about God?

He has ~~control~~ control over everything. (Omnipotent) He cares enough to explain to Job (Omniscient) Transcendent

What does this show us about Job?

It shows he trusts God and accepts his explanation.

What could this teach us about suffering?

There is a reason for suffering, some things in control of God are too hard to understand.

TRUE OR FALSE

According to Christian beliefs, God is ~~not~~ omnipotent as he allowed Satan to destroy Job's family and livelihood.

False

Job was a blameless and upright man, one who feared God and turned away from evil

True

Job's friends tell Job that he is being punished because of Original Sin

his sins false

Job was told he must have done something wrong to have all this suffering

True

Job is told about the universe to explain God's power and greatness

True

Job does not curse God for his misfortune

True — he questioned him.

Job does not have his fortunes restored by God

False.

Does suffering and evil disprove God's existence?

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"Suffering and evil disproves the existence of God"

Agree

- Could show he doesn't have the power to stop it. (omnipotent)
- God is meant to be omnibenevolent.
- Why aren't diseases cured if he is omniscient
- Omnipresent — why can't he make peace.

Disagree

- God allows suffering to teach people gratitude.
- It's a test to see if you're faithful to go God → (Job)
- Karma; if you have sinned you will be punished.
- Death could be because God wants good people in heaven.
- Original sin — disobedience to God

(b) Explain christian beliefs about suffering and evil. (5)

For many Christians, suffering is seen as an essential part of life. Christians believe there are many arguments about why evil and suffering exists known as Theodicies. For example, some Christians believe that suffering ~~is~~ can be caused by free choice and people's bad decisions. ~~It could also be caused by~~ ~~the~~ Also if they make a bad decision and commit a sin, suffering could be a punishment from God. Some Christians also believe that suffering can be beneficial and people can become stronger and have more gratitude for what they have. Other Christians could believe that evil is controlled by the devil and used to cause suffering because the devil was sent to hell for being againsts God's wishes. Another belief would be that evil and suffering from the original sin made by Adam and Eve and that their disobedience brought it into the world. (5/5) Perfect Katie !! well done!

What story in the old testament might teach Christians about suffering?
Job

(8) (c) Explain what the story of Job teaches Christians about suffering.

The story of Job teaches that suffering happens because it is a test of faithfulness. This is reflected in the story when * God allowed Satan to test Job by making him suffer. This was to see if he would curse God for causing it or stay faithful and respect him.

Perfect use of semicolon

⑩ It also teaches Christians that suffering can strengthen your faith. This is shown in the story when "I repent in dust and ashes". This shows that Job is sorry for questioning God and wants to live his life with gratitude and ~~respect~~ trust in God.

Further the story teaches that suffering is hard to understand because God is Transendent and has the whole universe to control. It is ~~shown~~ reflected in the story when Job says "things too wonderful to me to understand". This ~~sto~~ teaches we should accept God's power and decisions and understand we are just a small part of the universe.

Fab key
language
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Finally God's response to Job when he questioned his suffering was that God doesn't cause suffering but allows it to happen. This teaches that God ~~has~~ has a plan for everyone and so is omniscient. Furthermore that God is omnipotent because he has control over evil and suffering. (8/8) Perfect Katie 😊 Band 9 exam answer here - well done!! 😊😊 xxx.

Christian Creation Story

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day

1. God created the light
2. God created the sky
3. God created land and plants
4. God created the sun, moon and stars
5. God created fish and birds
6. God created animals people
7. God admired his creation and rested

How did God create? What does this show about him?

He spoke light into existence this shows he is omnipotent, and transcendent.

What can we tell about mankind from this passage?

~~God made man in control of everything else.~~ He made man in his image so that they had him in all of them.

Creation Day 1 (Genesis 1:1-5)

God created the heavens and the earth. "The heavens" refers to everything beyond the earth, outer space. The earth is made but not formed in any specific way, although water is present. God then speaks light into existence. He then separates the light from the dark and names the light "day" and the dark "night." This creative work occurs from evening until morning – one day.

Creation Day 2 (Genesis 1:6-8)

God creates the sky. The sky forms a barrier between water upon the surface and the moisture in the air. At this point earth would have an atmosphere. This creative work occurs in one day.

Creation Day 3 (Genesis 1:9-13)

God creates dry land. Continents and islands are above the water. The large bodies of water are named "seas" and the ground is named "land." God declares that all this is good.

God creates all plant life both large and small. He creates this life to be self-sustaining; plants have the ability to reproduce. The plants were created in great diversity (many "kinds"). The earth was green and teeming with plant life. God declares that this work is also good. This creative work takes one day.

Creation Day 4 (Genesis 1:14-19)

God creates all the stars and heavenly bodies. The movement of these will help man track time. Two great heavenly bodies are made in relation to the earth. The first is the sun which is the primary source of light and the moon which reflects the light of the sun. The movement of these bodies will distinguish day from night. This work is also declared to be good by God. This creative work takes one day.

Creation Day 5 (Genesis 1:20-23)

God creates all life that lives in the water. Any life of any kind that lives in the water is made at this point. God also makes all the birds. The language allows that this may be the time God made flying insects as well (or, if not, they were made on day six). All of these creatures are made with the ability to perpetuate their species by reproduction. The creatures made on Day 5 are the first creatures blessed by God. God declares this work good, and it occurs in one day.

Creation Day 6 (Genesis 1:24-31)

God creates all the creatures that live on dry land. This includes every type of creature not included on previous days and man. God declares this work good.

When God was creating man, He took counsel with Himself, "God said, 'Let us make man in our image, in our likeness'" (Genesis 1:26). This is not an explicit revelation of the trinity but is part of the foundation for such, as God reveals an "us" within the Godhead. God makes man, and man is made in the image of God (men and women both bear this image) and is special above all other creatures. To emphasize this, God places man in authority over the earth and over all the other creatures. God blesses man and commands him to reproduce, fill the earth and subdue it (bring it under the rightful stewardship of man as authorized by God). God announces that man and all other creatures are to eat plants alone. God will not rescind this dietary restriction until Genesis 9:3-4.

God's creative work is complete at the end of the sixth day. The entire universe in all its beauty and perfection was fully formed in six literal, consecutive, 24-hour days. At the completion of His creation, God announces that it is very good.

Creation Day 7 (Genesis 2:1-3)

God rests. This in no way indicates He was weary from His creative efforts, but denotes that the creation is complete. Further, God is establishing a pattern of one day in seven to rest. The keeping of this day will eventually be a distinguishing trait of the God's chosen people (Exodus 20:8-11).

~~How~~

What did ~~God~~ God tell mankind to do? What does this show about our purpose on Earth?

God made man to be ~~like~~ above all other creatures and in authority over the Earth. This means humans have a responsibility to care and look after the Earth also.

Original sin: The first sin to be committed in the garden of Eden that has affected mankind since then.

VIDEO QUESTIONS:

Genesis 3 and the Fall of mankind...

What happens in the story?

In the garden of Eden Adam and Eve weren't allowed fruit from a tree. The devil disguised as a snake persuaded Eve to eat it because he said they would be like God. They ate it and felt fear and shame.

What are the consequences of the Original Sin?

They were sent away from the garden of Eden, and they felt fear, shame and pain. They now had to farm for themselves and have pain in childbirth.

How can this be used to explain suffering in the world?

Punishment of not obeying God.

Why is this significant for Christians?

It shows how mankind and suffering started. Shows when perfect relationship with God was broken. Jesus dying on the cross restored the broken relationship.

Christian Creation story: Literal or non-literal?

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Different interpretations of Genesis

	How will you think the world was created?	STRENGTHS	WEAKNESSES
LITERAL	He made in 7 days and spoke light and things into the universe		
NON-LITERAL	God is omnipotent and created the world. But not necessarily in that order or time scale.	Makes it easier to understand how the world was created.	People disagree on how they interpret the bible.

TASK: Place the information below in the correct boxes.

Made by God speaking things into existence over a period of six days.

A story told to show that God is omnipotent and created the world but not necessarily in that order or in six days.

Means you can fully trust the Bible as the unchanging Word of God.

Takes away from the authority of the Bible as the direct word of God. Can we therefore trust it as much?

Fits with Scientific ideas

Does not fit with modern scientific theories such as evolution

CHALLENGE: CAN YOU ADD ANY OF YOUR OWN IDEAS?

Big Bang Theory

This states that Earth began 14 billion years ago with a big bang. They believe the universe expanded and cooled down, forming the Earth, stars and other planets.

Theory of evolution

Charles Darwin (1809-1882) argued that life began in simple forms and evolved into the complex form we see today.

The Christian creation story is not compatible with scientific theories.

✓ Some may agree with this because the big bang theory states that the world was made from expansion. Whereas the ~~the~~ Literal view of the creation story is that God made the world in 6 days which is nothing to do with expansion. Some may disagree however because the non literal view can be interpreted as God was the cause of creation and that the big bang was from him. I think that creation was from neither the theories or God because there is no history of human life back then so we will never ~~the~~ know. However I think ~~science~~ scientific theories and Christian views are compatible when interpreted differently.

Perfect as always Katie - well done!! 😊 (4/11/16)

The Holy Trinity within Christianity

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God the Father

This refers to the all-powerful, all-knowing part of God, who created the world. Christians believe it shows the caring, personal relationship between humans and God like between a father and child.

God the son

God the son refers to Jesus. He is God in human form, this belief is known as incarnation. Christians believe that through becoming human as Jesus, God revealed something of himself to the world.

God the holy spirit

Christians believe that after his resurrection Jesus rose up to heaven. They believe God sent the holy spirit or 'paraclete' into the world. They believe the purpose of the holy spirit is to guide Christians to live their lives in the best way possible. It is able to bring comfort, courage and inspiration to all Christians. It helps people believe in Jesus and strengthens their faith.

Charismatic Christians.

(Such as pentecostal Christians) Believe that the holy spirit empowers people to speak 'in tongues'. This is a type of worship that is very lively and a way to make people feel directly moved by God.

Why do Christians believe in the Holy Trinity?

The belief in the trinity is based, on passages from the new testament and on the words of Jesus himself. For example:

Jesus said: 'I and the Father are one.' (John 10:30)

Jesus answered: 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the father except through me. If you really know me, you will know my father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.'

Philip said: 'Lord, show us the father and that will be enough for us.'

Jesus answered: 'Don't' you know me Philip? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. Don't you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work.' (John 14: 6-11)

B) Explain Christian beliefs about the Holy Trinity. (5)

'Christians believe in the 'oneness' of God. However, they also believe in the Trinity, which is the belief that...

God comes in 3 forms; the Father, the Son and Holy spirit.

Christians believe God the Father refers to...

him as omniscient and omnipotent side of God which allows people to have a personal relationship with God.

They believe that God the Son is...

Jesus. This is God incarnate, so by becoming in human form it shows that God understands how empathy and spread Christ enabled humans to know God.

Finally, they believe that the Holy Spirit...

is a power that acts in the world that came down from heaven after Jesus was resurrection.

Christians believe in the Holy Trinity because of New Testament scripture. For example...

"I and the Father are one" this shows Jesus was God in human form.

6 (5/5) Perfect Katie (11) well done!

D) "The Christian creation story is out of date in today's society". (15) + (6 SPaG).

Which of these are FOR and which are AGAINST?

CHALLENGE: Which of these are **religious**? Which are **moral**?

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For In today's society, where life is based around facts and evidence, scientific theories are considered to be more relevant and answer questions. For example, the theory of the Big Bang and Darwin's theory of Evolution.

against It could be argued that the story is not out of date, as it could be considered compatible with modern scientific theories. For example, it is possible that God may have caused the Big Bang to happen.

R/a Different Christians have different interpretations of the creation story. For example, a literal approach might be out of date as it is hard to believe this world was created in only 6 days. However, a non-literal approach could still be considered relevant as it is very possible that God created the world in a longer space of time.

against The Creation story provides people with a purpose on earth – to look after and care for it, whereas a world created by chance could result in a meaningless life. Therefore, the story has meaning for many.

against There is no proof that the Creation story is actually real, or that the Bible recording the story can be relied upon. How do we know that the account hasn't been modified and changed over the years? Or, that the story hasn't been exaggerated?

For Scientific theories are constantly in need of being modified and updated throughout time. This might imply that scientific theories are more out of date than creationism, as the Creation story within Genesis has remained the same for thousands of years without being modified.

against Many people in today's society continue to believe that the world was created by an omnipotent, omniscient God in 6 days, therefore implying the story is not out of date.

For The creation story implies that the world was perfect. For example, in Genesis 1 it states, "God announces that it is very good". However, there is evil and suffering all around us which leads us to the question 'why?'. Evolution and the Big Bang provide answers for this showing that the story might be out of date.

What can you add?

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What can you add?

The Holy Trinity

Christian belief in God is called the Trinity. This means they believe in ONE God, but in three different forms: Father, Son or God and the Holy Spirit. Each has different roles.

Label the following forms of God, with God the Father, God the Son or God the Holy Spirit.

Sustains and rules everything. <i>The Father</i>	Born of the Virgin Mary. <i>Jesus (the son)</i>	Part of God that works within the world. <i>Spirit</i>
Will judge. <i>The Father</i>	Performed miracles. <i>Jesus (the son)</i>	Helper and guider. <i>spirit</i>
Continues to care for us like a father. <i>The Father</i>	He rose on the third day. <i>Jesus (the son)</i>	Invisible power of God which breathes new life into people. <i>spirit</i>
Christians believe that he created US and the WORLD. <i>The Father</i>	Redeemer, saviour. <i>Jesus (the son)</i>	Came to Earth in the form of Jesus. <i>The son</i>

Are the creation stories out of Date?

5/1/17

"The creation story in Christianity is out of date"

Agree

- Scientific theories prove it's wrong. (big bang theory)
- Society is becoming more secular therefore the story isn't valued today.
- The story doesn't make physical sense
- Some Christians might say the literal approach is out of date.
- Can't understand how God 'spoke' things into existence.

Disagree

- ~~Shows~~ original sin could show why sins and punishment exists for a reason.
- The bible is valued today
- Science and religion could be compatible (God caused big bang)
- Creation story has lasted and the theories come and go.
- If God is omnipotent it will be possible and strengthens faith.
- Stewardship provides people with

D) "The Christian creation story is out of date in today's society". (15) + (6 SPaG).

Which of these are FOR and which are AGAINST?

CHALLENGE: Which of these are **religious**? Which are **moral**?

For There is no one today who can say that they have experienced God creating the world, therefore the story could be out of date as it isn't first-hand knowledge in our society.

against The Creation story teaches Christians that God is omnipotent. For example, in Genesis 1 it states 'God then speaks light into existence'. Therefore, the creation story will not be out of date for many Christians.

against The Creation story gives Christians a purpose in this world. For example, in Genesis 1 it states, "God places man in authority over the earth and all creatures and commands him to reproduce." Therefore, the story will not be out of date for many as it teaches them about dominion and stewardship.

For In today's society, where life is based around facts and evidence, scientific theories are considered to be more relevant and answer questions. For example, the theory of the Big Bang and Darwin's theory of Evolution.

against It could be argued that the story is not out of date, as it could be considered compatible with modern scientific theories. For example, it is possible that God may have caused the Big Bang to happen.

For/a Different Christians have different interpretations of the creation story. For example, a literal approach might be out of date as it is hard to believe this world was created in only 6 days.

However, a non-literal approach could still be considered relevant as it is very possible that God created the world in a longer space of time.

against The Creation story provides people with a purpose on earth – to look after and care for it, whereas a world created by chance could result in a meaningless life. Therefore, the story has meaning for many.

against There is no proof that the Creation story is actually real, or that the Bible recording the story can be relied upon. How do we know that the account hasn't been modified and changed over the years? Or, that the story hasn't been exaggerated?

For Scientific theories are constantly in need of being modified and updated throughout time. This might imply that scientific theories are more out of date than creationism, as the Creation story within Genesis has remained the same for thousands of years without being modified.

against Many people in today's society continue to believe that the world was created by an omnipotent, omniscient God in 6 days, therefore implying the story is not out of date.

For The creation story implies that the world was perfect. For example, in Genesis 1 it states, "God announces that it is very good". However, there is evil and suffering all around us which leads us to the question 'why?'. Evolution and the Big Bang provide answers for this showing that the story might be out of date.

What can you add?

How can I achieve 15 marks in an D-type question?

d) "The creation story in Christianity is out of date in today's society" (15)

Discuss this statement, showing that you have considered more than one point of view.
(You must refer to religion and belief in your answer).

To help you achieve 15 marks in your part D questions, you may find that following the below structure will help you to structure your answers. Remember to use the essential elements criteria that you need to include in your part D answers.

Paragraph 1: Moral agree

Some people might agree with this statement because...

You then need to explain your view, using examples. Challenge: Try to use key language...

Paragraph 2: Moral disagree

However, on the other hand, some people might disagree because...

You then need to explain the alternate view, using examples. Challenge: Try to use key language...

Paragraph 3: Christian Agree

Christians might agree with this statement because....

Explain their view by referring to beliefs, teachings or examples of Christian people—you need 2 full points for 2 full marks...

Paragraph 4: Non-religious/scientific agree

An atheist/non-religious/scientific person might agree because....

Explain their view by referring to beliefs, teachings or examples —you need 2 full points for 2 full marks...

Paragraph 5:

A Christian strongly disagree with this statement because...

Explain their view by referring to beliefs, teaching or examples of Christian people—you need 2 full points for 2 full marks...

A Christian might also strongly disagree with this statement because...

Explain their view by referring to beliefs, teachings or examples —you need 2 full points for 2 full marks...

Paragraph 6:

Interpretation of sacred texts would encourage Christians to agree/disagree. For example...

Refer to sacred texts & explain how they could be interpreted to show that the creation story is in date.

Paragraph 7:

In conclusion,

Your conclusion must contain different info than the rest of your answer & LINK back to the Question.

EVERY PARGRAPH MUST BE LINKED TO THE QUESTION !!

D) "The creation story in Christianity is out of date in today's society"

Some non-religious people might agree with this because the bible was written thousands of years ago so there is no one from who to give tell the story first hand. This makes it hard to believe in today's society. Whereas scientific theories are easier to believe because there are scientists here to explain it. Therefore some might say the creation story is now out of date.

However some non-religious people might disagree and say the story isn't out of date because ~~scientific theories could be compatible with the story~~. For example it has been around for so long so it can give people answers even if they aren't christian. It can also give people a purpose which is valued and important to everyone in today's society.

A Christian could agree with the statement because the literal view of the story is very hard to believe with ~~see~~ physical possibilities in today's society. In the story it says God made the world in 6 days. When the bible was written less was known about the world whereas today we know a lot more and how extensive and detailed the world is making the literal view of the story out of date.

A scientific person could agree with the statement because many theories can disprove the christian ~~the~~ creation story. For example Charles Darwin's theory that humans evolved from apes showing that humans had to come from somewhere and that apes are a logical explanation. This differs from the christian view that God made Adam and Eve at the beginning of the Earth.

On the other hand a Christian might say that because God is

Omnipotent the creation of Adam and Eve is entirely possible. They also might say that because is Transcendent that we can never understand how he has power ~~or~~ or chooses to ~~use it~~ use it, therefore scientific theories are irrelevant and the creation story is important in today's society.

A Christian may also strongly disagree with the statement because the creation story has been around for thousands of years and ~~gives~~ gives people purpose in life. In the story God said to man "fill the Earth and subdue it". Asking humans to reproduce and to have stewardship, shows a meaning for humans on Earth and a purpose in life. ~~Having~~ Having a meaning gives a lot of belief and support for the story and is important in today's society.

However some sacred texts could be interpreted as incorrect, for ~~example~~ leading to misbelief of the story, for example "At the completion of his work God announced that it is very good". Calling the Earth very good differs from some views of the Earth today because there is a lot of suffering. This makes it hard to believe and therefore out of date. Really like this point - well done!

Miss
Lyness
says...

In conclusion the story can be interpreted differently for different people and personally I think the story is hard to believe but not out of date. This is because it gives a clear answer for many people which is important in today's society.

13/15 Really great answer - lots of ego + facts! Can you add the below?
*What would a non-literal Christian say?
*What does the big bang mean?

SPAG



Was Jesus God incarnate?

6/1/17

D. "Jesus was an ordinary man" (Christian disagree)

✓ Christians may disagree with this because they believe that even though he was in human form he still was still divine. ~~and he has it~~ The miracles he performed like when he calmed the storm he says "Quiet! Be still" From this the storm calmed and this shows his power and that he is more than ordinary. ~~also~~ Although he has the same form as any other man he has a strong ~~and~~ ability and was wise indicating he was the son of God.

His Virgin Birth: how does this indicate he was God incarnate?

Because it's impossible to get pregnant as a virgin so shows God used his power to birth Jesus "the power of the most high will overshadow you"

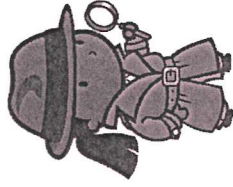
His Baptism: how does this indicate he was God incarnate?

As he was baptized God spoke directly to him and said "You are my son".

His ability to perform miracles: how does this indicate he was God incarnate?

When Jesus said "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. - This shows he has the power of God.

Was Jesus God incarnate?



His resurrection: how does this indicate he was God incarnate?

"They did not find the body of Lord Jesus" - Jesus ~~not~~ resurrecting shows he has great power and that God did that because it is part of him.

John 1:14

A reference to Jesus, the second part of the Trinity

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

What does this tell us about Jesus?

Shows he was a good, fair and trusting teacher that represented the qualities God is thought to have.

The ~~Crux~~ Crucifixion of Jesus

11th January

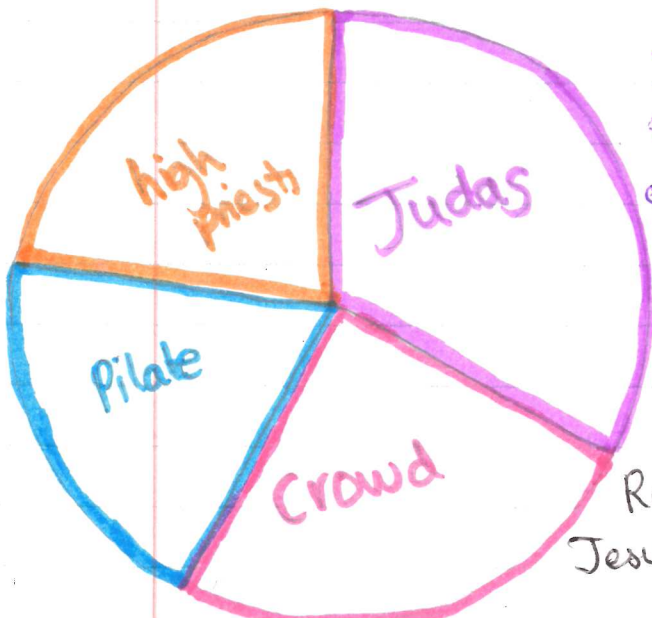
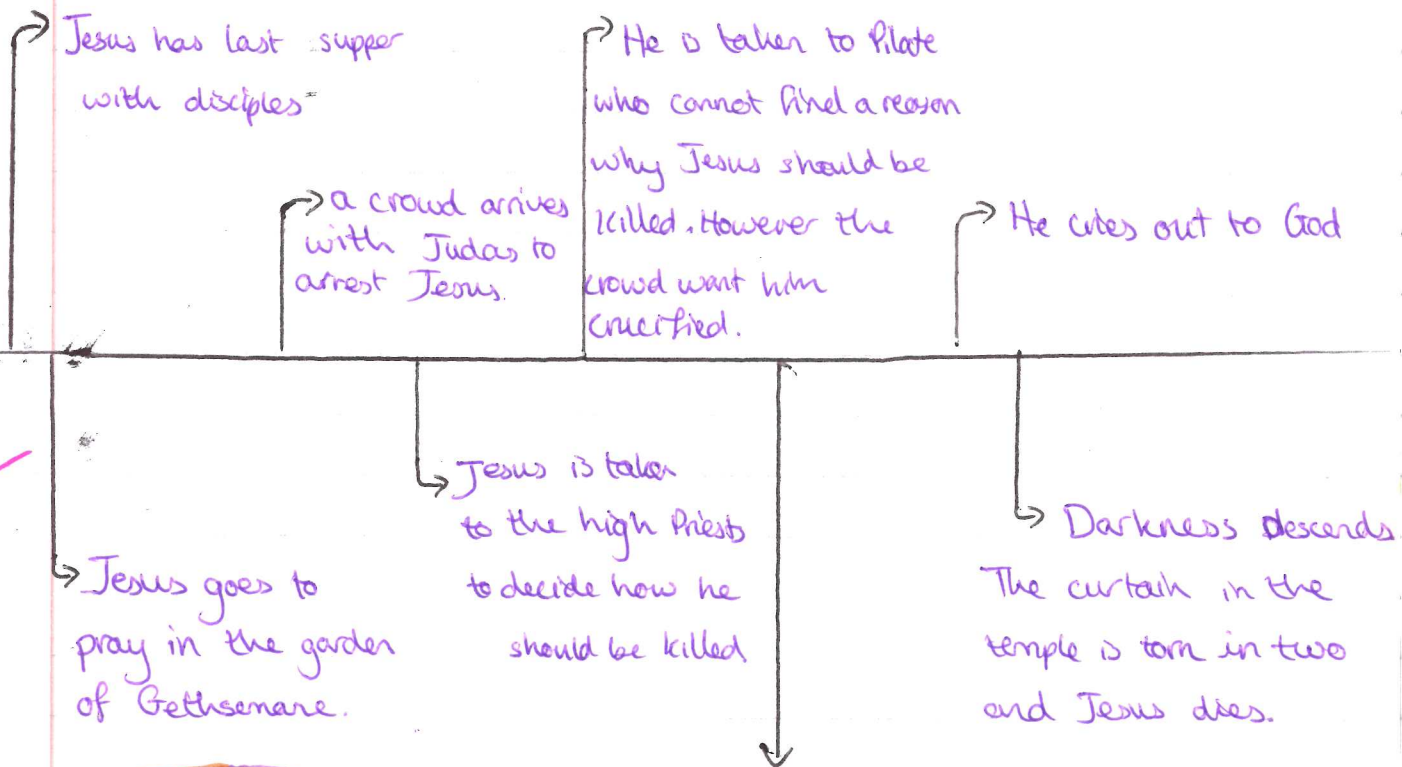
Blasphemy: Showing a lack of respect for God or other holy things.

Crucifixion: A method of death by hanging victim on a cross

Messiah: The promised one written in the old testament.

God Incarnate: God in human form

Pharisees: High religious priests



Jesus carries his cross to a hillside with 2 other criminals. He is then nailed to it.

Responsibility of Jesus' death.

CRUCIFIXION OF JESUS

²⁸ They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹ and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand. Then they knelt in front of him and mocked him. "Hail, king of the Jews!" they said. ³⁰ They spit on him, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again. ³¹ After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

³² As they were going out, they met a man from Cyrene, named Simon, and they forced him to carry the cross. ³³ They came to a place called Golgotha (which means "the place of the skull"). ³⁴ There they offered Jesus wine to drink, mixed with gall; but after tasting it, he refused to drink it. ³⁵ When they had crucified him, they divided up his clothes by casting lots. ³⁶ And sitting down, they kept watch over him there. ³⁷ Above his head they placed the written charge against him: THIS IS JESUS, THE KING OF THE JEWS.....

⁴² "He saved others," they said, "but he can't save himself! He's the king of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. ⁴³ He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" ⁴⁴ In the same way the rebels who were crucified with him also heaped insults on him.

⁴⁵ From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land. ⁴⁶ About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eli, Eli,^[c] lema sabachthani?" (which means "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?").^[d]

.....⁵⁰ And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit.

⁵¹ At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.

Why did the soldiers mock Jesus by saying 'Hail the King of the Jews'? (verse 29)

Shows he doesn't have the power of a King.

The crowd mocked Jesus and demanded he come down from the cross if he was the Son of God (verse 40). Why did he not do this?

They should not have the power over what he does. Jesus trusts God to take him to heaven. He was fulfilling the prophecies of the Messiah by rising on the 3rd day.

What were Jesus' last words (verse 46)? Why do you think he said this?

"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

It shows he had human qualities. Shows God understands pain and suffering.

Why is it significant that the curtain of the temple tore in two at the death of Jesus (verse 51)?

Shows Jesus is omnipotent.

Why is the crucifixion of Jesus important? 12/1/17

Atonement = The belief that Jesus' death on the cross healed the rift between humans and God.

Why is the crucifixion of Jesus important for Christians?

1) Atonement & Salvation

Why was there a rift between humans and God?

It was made when Adam and Eve committed the original sin

Why do many Christians believe God sent Jesus to earth?

To repair the broken bond.

By Jesus being sent to the earth, what is humankind offered? What does this new key word mean?

Salvation which means they can live for eternity in heaven after death.

What do Christians believe Jesus became? What did Jesus' sacrifice mean?

✓ He became a sacrifice to atone for the sins of humanity.
"Sacrificial lamb"

2) The Last Supper and Fulfilling Prophecies

What did Jesus say the bread and wine was symbolic of?

Bread = his body
Wine = his blood

What did Jesus say his sacrifice made possible and what promise did it entail?

Human sins will be forgiven and he promised eternal life in heaven.

The suffering and death of Jesus was foretold by Isaiah in the Old Testament, who wrote about the 'messiah' – for Christians, Jesus was that chosen one. Explain why Christians believe that Jesus was the Messiah contained within Isaiah's prophecies. Use quotations if possible, and have 3 different reasons.

Quote

"Despised and rejected by mankind" → Shows
The Roman empire arrested and crucified Jesus

"He was led like a lamb to a slaughter" → He was made to carry his cross.

"Was pierced for our transgressions" → Nailed on the cross for sins

what is the word key to this? salvation

B.) Explain Christian teaching about the importance of Jesus' ~~crucifixion~~ crucifixion. (5)

Why is this important? What? Who does it prove that Jesus was? Messiah

The crucifixion is important to Christians because it was part of God's divine plan. Firstly it is important because Jesus' sacrifice^{SP} meant that there was no longer need to sacrifice animals as he paid for ~~hows~~ all human sins. Secondly it is important because it enabled ~~not~~ humans to live eternally in heaven. Thirdly, the crucifixion was an act of atonement for all of humanity's sins which started from the original sin. Fourthly, this meant that the broken bond from the original sin could be fixed. Relationships between man and God could be made. Finally the crucifixion fulfilled the prophecy made in the old testament by ~~Isiah~~ Isaiah. In that he states "He was despised and rejected by mankind" this is shown when the Roman empire pursued and ~~arrested~~ arrested him. (4/5) Great answer - just some minor changes to make! Well Done!

The Crucifixion of Jesus is important because...

It was part of God's divine plan that Jesus would die on the cross.

The crucifixion was necessary to allow the resurrection to take place.

The crucifixion of Jesus was an act of atonement for the sins of all humanity.

The crucifixion is part of the process for the salvation of all humanity and the forgiving of sins. This enabled humans to live eternally with God in heaven.

The crucifixion was a fulfilment of Old Testament prophecy.

Therefore, the act reflects that Jesus was the Messiah promised, who was omnipotent enough to forgive humankind.

Omnipotent salvation divine atonement eternally prophecy
heaven resurrection

Resurrection

18th January

Resurrection: The belief that Jesus rose from the dead

The Resurrection of Christ

1 Corinthians 15:3-8

For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas,^[a] and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

1) Highlight important parts of the text

2) What does Paul, the author of Corinthians, tell us about Jesus?

On the third day Jesus rose and appeared to hundreds of people, 12 disciples, Cephas, Paul and more.

3) What evidence does Paul provide to back this up?

It was written in the scriptures
He appeared to Paul

1 Corinthians 15:12-14

12 But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? 13 If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. 14 And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith

4) Highlight important parts of the text

5) What does Paul, the author of Corinthians, tell us about the resurrection of Jesus?

That the resurrection shows that all dead resurrect.

The resurrection is important for Christians because it means that they can be with God and Jesus in the afterlife. It means they are not scared to face death. It means they know they have an eternal future.

a) What do Christians mean by resurrection? (2)

Rising from the dead after death. For example Jesus rose on the ~~the~~ third day.

B. Explain Christian views on the resurrection (5 marks)

Christians believe that Jesus was crucified and then resurrected 3 days after his death on Easter Sunday.

We know this because in the Bible Paul says that Christ was buried but then "he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures". Jesus is also said to have "appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time" after his resurrection as evidence that he had overcome death.

Christians believe that the resurrection is important because it means that Christians will also have eternal life like Christ. In fact Paul goes so far as to say that if there is no resurrection "our preaching is useless and so is your faith". This shows that belief in the resurrection is an essential part of the Christian faith.

Explanation

Key words

Religious teachings

Scriptures

Immoral

Narys

Resurrection

Eternal life

Sunday

Unified with God

Rose

Religion

Easter

Crucifixion

Transendant

Isaiah

On the third day

Nailed to the cross



EDGpoints

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(18/01/17)

The ascension of Jesus

19th January

I think the accounts of Jesus' life differ slightly within the new & Testament Gospels because they are all written by different people and they probably all have slightly different ~~at~~ views on Jesus.

The New Testament records the life of Jesus in the Gospels - These books are Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

This provides reliable evidence of Jesus' life because

- It shows 4 people believe in Jesus and his teachings.
- The accounts were written around the time.

This provides unreliable evidence of Jesus' life because.

- They could be interpreted in different ways.
- It's hard to believe if they say different things.
- It was written a long time ago.

The ascension of Jesus

There were few references in the gospels to what Jesus did after his resurrection. Why do you think this might have been?

There was not many witnesses and he had lost many followers

What do the gospels state happened to Jesus?

He appeared to the disciples and groups of people and ascended to heaven

In what different ways has the ascension of Jesus been understood?

Christians believe he physically ascended in a literal sense, but others believe it's just symbolic.

Why is the ascension a significant event for Christians?

It marks the end of the presence of Jesus on Earth and acceptance of Jesus' spirit on Earth.

What did Jesus do before ascending to heaven?

He blessed his followers.

What does Luke 24: 50-53 state happened?

He lifted up his hands and blessed them at the vicinity of Bethany. He then was taken up into heaven. Everyone worshipped him and returned to Jerusalem with joy.

Challenge: What is your view on the resurrection and ascension of Jesus? Can you give evidence that might support it, but also evidence that might suggest it isn't a possible event?

Evidence that might prove that the resurrection/ascension did happen...	Evidence that might prove that the resurrection/ascension did not happen...
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• It was predicted in the prophecy• God is omnipotent and omniscient.• Biblical accounts (Luke)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Followers and friends could have faked it and lied• Could have been a vision or illusion.

Is Jesus just an ordinary man?

20/1/17

'Jesus was just an ordinary man'

What would Christians say?	What is your own views and why?	What would a Jew and a Muslim say?	What did historians say around the time of Jesus
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He was not just ordinary. • He was born of a virgin. • He could perform miracles and forgive sins. • He was the son of God. • He resurrected and ascended to heaven. • God incarnate. • He fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah. - Rose on the 3rd day / rejected by mankind - 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I believe Jesus was a real person. • He was ordinary because he was a human. • However he inspired so many people so in that way he wasn't ordinary. • I believe that because he taught things that were so out of the ordinary, people would have thought he was miraculous. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jews believe Jesus was real. • He was a teacher but not the Messiah. (Rabbi) • They believe that he didn't fulfil the prophecies that establish the criteria of the Messiah. • Muslims believe he was a messenger from God. • They believe he performed miracles. • Muslims believe he was born of a virgin. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cornelius Tacitus was a non-Christian Roman Historian who refers to Jesus' execution. He said "<u>Christus...suffered the extreme penalty...during at the hands of... Pontius Pilate</u>". • Flavius Josephus said "<u>about this time, there lived Jesus</u>".

There are four sources outside the Bible that mention Jesus. These are:

1. Cornelius Tacitus.

Tacitus, a Roman Historian, explained how the Roman Emperor Nero, had blamed the Christians in Rome on a fire that had burnt down most of the city in 64 CE. As Tacitus pointed out, everyone knew that Nero himself had started this fire. Tacitus explained, *'Nero blamed and tortured the Christians. Christ Jesus, from whom this group took their name, was put to death by Pontius Pilate.'*

He was a ... Roman Historian

He lived around ... 64 ... years after Jesus (use the timeline to work this out)

He tells us that Jesus was ... put to death ... by Pontius Pilate

2. Tranquillus Suetonius

Suetonius wrote about the Emperor Claudius, who had ruled the Roman Empire shortly after Jesus was crucified. He tells us: *'Christ, urged on the Jews, who kept causing a disturbance, so Claudius sent them away from Rome.'*

He wrote about ... Emperor Claudius

He lived around ... 70 ... years after Jesus (use the timeline to work this out)

He tells us that Jesus and the ... Jews ... were causing a ... disturbance

3. The Talmud

The Talmud is a collection of Jewish writings, put together from 70CE onwards. It states, *'On the eve of Passover, they hanged Jesus. He practiced black magic and led Israel astray.'*

The Talmud is ... collection of Jewish writings

It was put together ... 70 ... years after Jesus (use the timeline to work this out)

It tells us that Jesus was ... practising black magic ...

4. Flavius Josephus

Flavius was a very important Jewish Historian and our most important witness to the existence of Jesus.

He stated, *'There was a wise man, Jesus. Many thought he was a miracle worker and those who followed him thought he was God's chosen leader. After his crucifixion, he appeared to his followers alive after the resurrection, as the divine prophets had foretold.'*

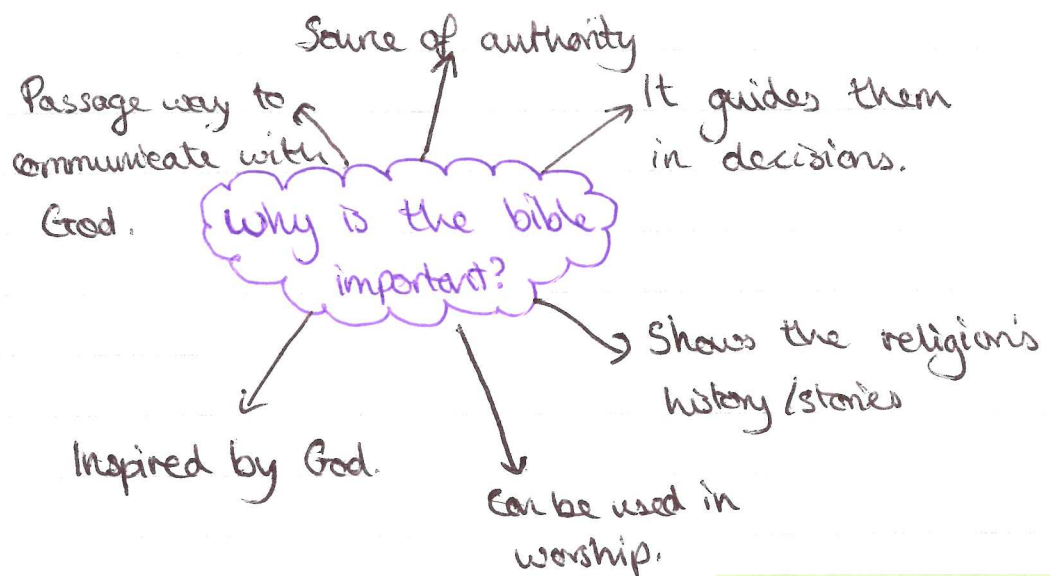
He was a ... Jewish Historian

He lived around ... years after Jesus

He tells us that Jesus lots about Jesus including: ... His resurrection, crucifixion, miracles ...

What is the Bible?

26/1/17



Sources of authority.

Pope - Roman Catholics

Bible - 10 commandments.

Peers - Advice from christian community

Vicars - C of E

Christian authors.

"The Bible should be adapted to fit the modern world"

Agree

- Opinions have changed on sexuality and \neq Gay should be accepted
- Easier to understand and interpret.
- People might find it more interestingly
- More people could convert.
- Not all old testament rules are relevant anymore

Disagree

- It is the origin of the religion
- The religion shouldn't change, the world should
- You shouldn't change God's word.
- It could cause conflict and disagreement.
- Others won't believe it to be true

IN: What is the original sin?

When Adam and Eve were sent out of the garden of Eden because they disobeyed God.

What are some of the problems with the idea of original sin?

Some think it's unfair that God would punish all humanity.
Some liberal Christians may say that it didn't actually happen.

How else could it be interpreted?

Modern Christians now use ~~be~~ the original sin to understand that humans are prone to doing bad things

What way do many modern Christians understand original sin?

SALVATION: What is the problem with human sinfulness?

It separates humans from God.

What effect did Jesus' death on the cross have?

Atoned for sin and allowed them the hope for salvation. It is the chance to live with God for eternity after death.

How did his death achieve this?

Jesus was a sacrifice that paid for human sin.

How can Christians achieve salvation?

Taking part in sacraments like baptism and confessing.
Protestants believe you should have faith in Jesus and repent your sin.

SIN, SALVATION, GRACE AND THE SPIRIT

GRACE AND THE SPIRIT: What does the Holy Spirit bring?

Grace

What does it mean to have grace?

Christians are able to ~~get~~ pray ^{for} from help from God.

What evidence do we have for the Holy Spirit?

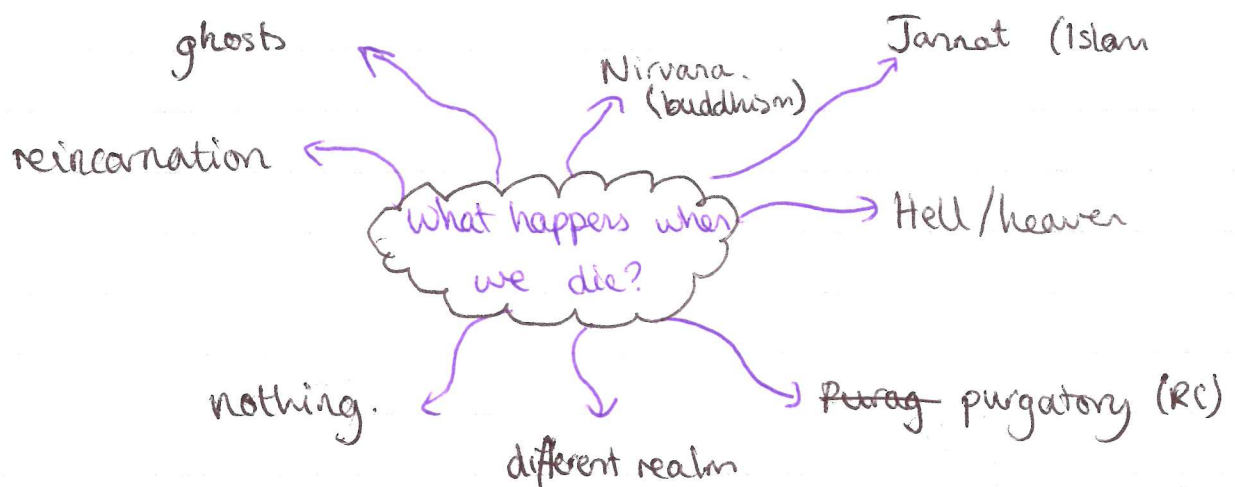
In the Book of Acts.

Why is the spirit important in evangelical churches?

They are encouraged to be moved by the spirit.
- to influence them

Why do Christians believe in life after death? 2/2/17

Eschatology → Refers to beliefs about the 'last things' death, judgement heaven and hell.



b. Explain why Christians believe in life after death. (5)

Christians believe in life after death because the Gospel of John includes many references to eschatological beliefs. For example, Jesus raised a man called Lazarus from the dead and stated "whoever believes in me will never die." This proves there is life after death for Christians if they believe in Jesus. Further, Jesus states in the book of John "My Father has many ~~separate~~ rooms" ~~Also he states that on the way the truth the life~~. This means that there is endless space for people in heaven and Christians would say that anyone can go to heaven if they have faith in Jesus. Finally, the Nicene Creed also references life after death "We look for the resurrection of the dead" proving that life after death is possible for Christians.

(5/5) Perfect Katie - great quotes !!

Why do Christians believe in the afterlife?

There are a number of references to eschatological beliefs in the **New Testament** in the Bible, particularly in the **gospel of John**, which is often referred to as the '**eschatological gospel**'. Also, belief in the afterlife is stated in the **Nicene Creed**—A statement of Christian faith.

1) The Nicene Creed

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Why does this explain that the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus so important for Christians?

It shows life in heaven is possible.

It also shows everyone will resurrect.

It's important because Jesus showed us that heaven was possible.

2) Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead (John 11)

What happens in the account of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead?

Jesus went to his grave, he had been dead for 4 days. He spoke and prayed to God and Lazarus came out of his grave alive.

What does Jesus say in this account, which Christians could use as evidence that there is life after death?

✓ "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me will never die."

3) Words of Jesus (John 14)

'My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Jesus said, "I am the way the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father, except through me'.

What do you think Jesus meant by saying his 'Father's house has many rooms'?

There is room for everyone in heaven.

How does Jesus say you get to heaven?

You have to go through Jesus to get to heaven and God. (have faith in Jesus)

Heaven and Hell

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Purgatory is a waiting room for heaven. They undergo cleansing and purification.

→ (Catholic)

God and angels are in heaven.

what is heaven/hell and purgatory like?

To be in hell is not to be in the presence of God.

hell is a place of suffering

some say it's physical some say it's spiritual.

Get to be with God

It gives Christians a purpose or future

Why is heaven important to Christians?

Reunited with friends/family

A reward for good deeds.

Paradise and peace

Ⓑ Explain Christian beliefs about heaven and hell (5).

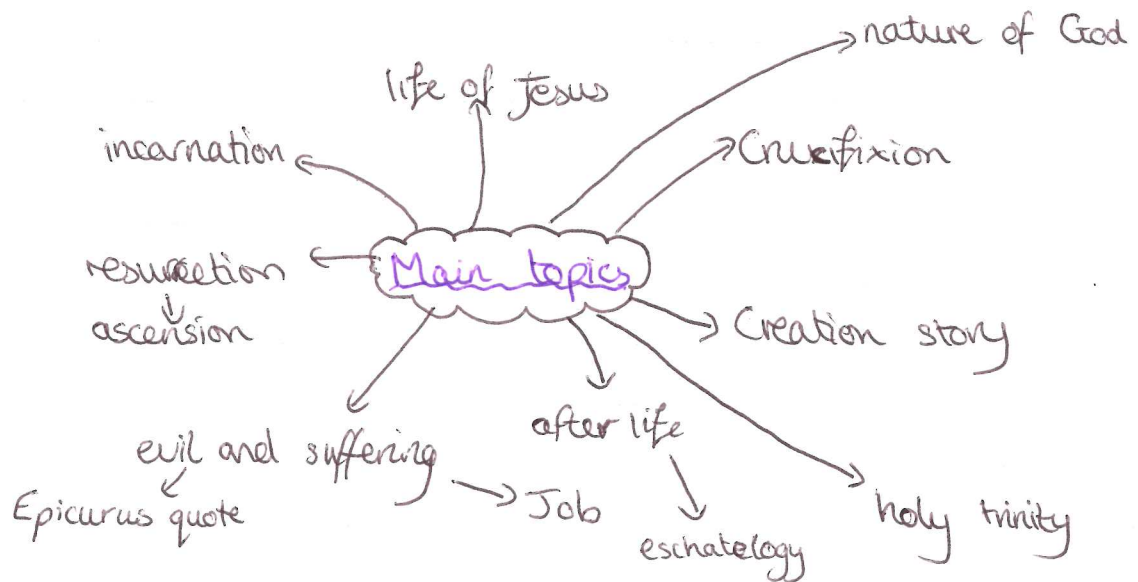
~~Christians believe that on judgement day~~

Within the bible it talks about heaven and hell in the parable of the sheep and the goats "he will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left." This shows how God will separate the people on judgement day into who will go to heaven and who will go to hell. They also refer to heaven in Luke "Jesus said 'Today you will be with me in paradise'". This shows that heaven is a perfect paradise place in after life. However they believe that if you live a selfish life like the parable of Lazarus and the rich man then you will go to hell. This is where you will be without the presence of God and burn. Some believe it's a physical place some believe it's spiritual where you burn eternally.

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Perfect
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- well
done!
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Summary of Christianity topic

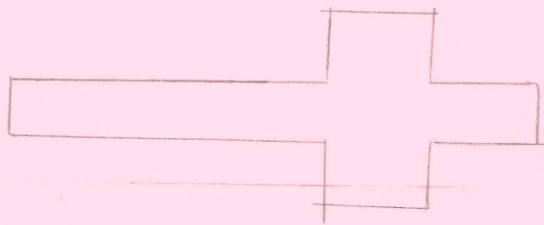
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d) "The crucifixion of Jesus is not an important event" (15)

<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">→ non-religious people would say he was a normal person so wasn't important.→ The resurrection and ascension cannot be proven so there was nothing important about his crucifixion→ Jews don't believe he resurrected so the crucifixion is not important	<ul style="list-style-type: none">→ it allowed hope for salvation because it atoned for human sins. - Christianity→ it fulfills the prophecy of Jesus which proves Jesus was the son of God.→ It proves for Christians that Jesus was omnibenevolent and omnipotent.

Resurrection



believe that the spiritual part of a person, their soul, is able to join God in heaven when they die.

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1 Corinthians 15:42-55

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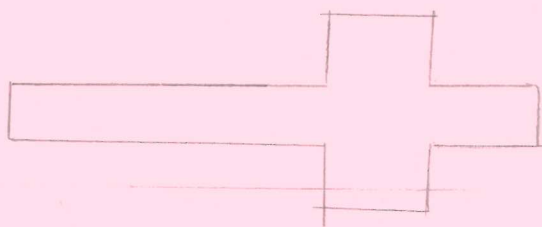
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Corinthians 15:42-55

Shows a trumpet will sound when Jesus returns and the dead will resurrect. Only ~~thought~~ those who believe in God will be ~~at~~ able to live with him in heaven.

"So will it be with the resurrection of the dead"

"I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God"

"Death has been swallowed up in victory"

Christians believe that there will be a Judgement day when people will be judged by God for the quality of their lives.

They believe that on this day Jesus will return to Earth in a 'second coming'. This will mark the end of human existence on the Earth. The belief is known as 'PAROUSIA'.

Lazarus + the Rich man.

There was a rich man and a beggar, Lazarus who laid by his gate. He was covered in sores and begged to eat. The time came when they both died. Lazarus was carried by angels to Abraham's side. The rich man, in Hades, where he was in torment, asked if Lazarus could give him some water because he was in fire. Abraham said no because Lazarus has been in torment his whole life.

JUDGEMENT

Essentially Christians believe that the quality and goodness of our lives will be judged by God.

Jesus will separate the people who will go to heaven from those who will go to hell, just as a Shepard separates the sheep from goats

On Judgement day people will be bodily resurrected ~~at~~ but they will be transformed into some glorified state. Illness, pain and death will no longer exist and the world will be purified of sin.

"Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

- Matthew 25:31-46

Afterlife is only achieved by faith and good actions.

Summary on eschatological beliefs – the afterlife

Eschatology refers to beliefs about the 'last things': death, judgement, heaven and hell.

The belief that there is life after death is at the very centre of Christianity. Belief in the afterlife is stated in the Nicene Creed – 'I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come', as well as throughout the New Testament. This explains why the story of the crucifixion and resurrection is so important to Christians, because it provides them with evidence that death is not the end and that immortal souls live on.

The gospel of John is often referred to as the 'eschatological gospel' as there are frequent references to the after life. In one account in John, Jesus raised a man called Lazarus from the dead, where he verbally claimed that whoever believes in him will never die: 'Whoever lives by believing in me will never die'. Further, words of Jesus in the book of John offer an insight into heaven in Christianity. For example, he states, 'My Father's house has many rooms.' This implies that heaven is a place open to anyone who believes. However, Jesus makes it clear that no one can reach heaven without believing in him. For example, 'I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the father, except through me.'

Judgment

Christians believe that there will be a judgement day when people will be judged by God for the quality of their lives. On this day, Christians believe Jesus will return to earth in a 'second coming', known as the parousia.

The parable of the sheep and goats in the gospel of Matthew illustrates how Jesus will separate the people who will go to heaven from those who will go to hell, based on the quality and goodness of our lives. For example, Matthew states, 'The righteous will go to eternal life', whereas those who do not care for the hungry or thirsty will go away to 'eternal punishment'.

Resurrection

Christians believe that the spiritual part of a person – their soul, is able to join God in heaven when they die. However, at the end of time there will also be a physical resurrection, as stated in the Nicene Creed – 'I believe in the resurrection of the body'.

Whilst Jesus did not teach a great deal about the afterlife, the book of Corinthians describes that at the end of times a trumpet will sound. For example, 'For the trumpets will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed'. Christians believe that the resurrection of the physical body shows victory over death, through Jesus' sacrifice on the cross.

Beliefs about heaven and hell

There are few references to the description of heaven and hell in the bible, however most Christians believe it is where people go in their afterlife. If you have lived a Godly life, and followed Biblical teaching it is believed you will go to heaven where God and angels are located. Whereas, if you have lived an ungodly life, you may be punished eternally in hell in burning fire.

Belief in heaven is extremely important for Christians, as it is where they are reunited with God and his angels. Further, it is incredibly important as it is a place of ultimate peace and happiness and free from suffering - existence in heaven is perfect, which greatly contrasts with existence on earth dominated by original sin. Also, belief in heaven is incredibly important as it fulfils the promises made in the New Testament Gospels by Jesus. For example, the parable of the sheep and the goats promises Christians that the righteous will be rewarded, whilst the unrighteous will be punished. Therefore, heaven is a fulfilment of what has been promised to Christians if they believe in Jesus.

Soul physical die trumpet God suffering sacrifice Nicene Centre return Lazarus
angels Afterlife punished Parousia Resurrection Original sheep heaven hell rooms goats
rewarded

D) *"The Crucifixion of Jesus is not an important event". (15) + (6 SPaG).*

Which of these are **FOR** and which are **AGAINST**?

CHALLENGE: Which of these are religious? Which are moral?

How can an event that cannot be proven by empirical or scientific evidence be important? Whilst the crucifixion of Jesus is highly likely, there is a lack of evidence to prove he resurrected. If you fail to accept he resurrected, then the fact that he died holds little importance.

A number of events during the crucifixion of Jesus proves that he was the Son of God, therefore for Christians it is a very significant event. For example, at the time of his death the curtain in the temple was torn from top to bottom, showing God's omnipotence and authority.

The Crucifixion story is also extremely important to many Christians as it reflects that God himself understands human suffering that humanity experiences, as he himself suffered as God incarnate. This can help Christians find purpose and meaning in their suffering.

For other religions, the crucifixion of Jesus may not hold the same importance as Christians. For example, Jew's do not believe that Jesus was God incarnate and therefore do not believe he was miraculous. Therefore, they believe that he died on the cross and did not resurrect and they are still waiting on their Messiah.

The crucifixion was part of God's divine plan and was a fulfilment of Old Testament prophecy. For example, Isaiah states, 'He was despised and rejected by mankind'. Therefore, the act reflects that Jesus was the Messiah promised, who was omnipotent enough to forgive humankind.

The crucifixion of Jesus was extremely important as it was an act of atonement for the sins of all humanity. It was necessary to allow the resurrection to take place and is therefore part of the process for the salvation of all humanity and the forgiving of sins. This then enabled humans to live eternally with God in heaven.

Muslims believe that Jesus was one of the 5 prophets, meaning a messenger from God. Therefore, he was not God's son or considered to be the Messiah. For them, the crucifixion holds little importance as Allah saved Jesus from the cross before he died. Therefore, the resurrection didn't occur.

How do we know that the account hasn't been modified and changed over the years? Or, that the story hasn't been exaggerated? After Jesus rose from the dead, there are few references on the Gospels to what Jesus did, therefore how do we know for definite that he really did rise from the dead?

What can you add?

Self assess your way to **SUCCESS!!**



Topic 2 - Christianity Beliefs

<u>CHRISTIAN BELIEFS</u>	How confident are YOU?				
	<u>1</u> - I am dream grade confident on this. <u>2</u> - I know this quite well. <u>3</u> - I understand this, but don't know it well enough - YET! <u>4</u> - I need to work on this as a priority. <u>5</u> - I need to concentrate on this TODAY!				
<u>1.1: The Nature of God – what is God like?</u>	1	<u>2</u>	3	4	5
God is omnipotent	<u>1</u>	2	3	4	5
God is omnibenevolent	<u>1</u>	2	3	4	5
God is omniscient	<u>1</u>	2	3	4	5
<u>1.2: Why is there evil and suffering?</u>	1	<u>2</u>	3	4	5
Epicurus's problem of evil & suffering	1	<u>2</u>	3	4	5
The different reasons for suffering, according to a Christian	1	<u>2</u>	3	4	5
The importance of the story of Job for a Christian	1	<u>2</u>	3	4	5
<u>1.3: The Holy Trinity</u>	<u>1</u>	2	3	4	5
What is God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit?	<u>1</u>	2	3	4	5
Biblical evidence of why Christians believe in the Trinity	1	<u>2</u>	3	4	5
<u>1.4: Creation</u>	<u>1</u>	2	3	4	5
Christian creation story - Genesis 1, 2 and 3	<u>1</u>	2	3	4	5
Literal and non-literal interpretations of the creation story	<u>1</u>	2	3	4	5
Scientific theories - evolution & big bang	<u>1</u>	2	3	4	5
<u>1.5: Jesus Christ</u>	<u>1</u>	2	3	4	5
Incarnation, Crucifixion, Salvation & atonement, resurrection & ascension	1	<u>2</u>	3	4	5
<u>1.6: The Law and Sin</u>	<u>1</u>	2	3	4	5
The importance of the Bible & different interpretations	<u>1</u>	2	3	4	5
What is original sin & different ways it can be interpreted	<u>1</u>	2	3	4	5
<u>1.7: The afterlife/eschatological beliefs</u>	<u>1</u>	2	3	4	5
Judgement, resurrection and the nature of heaven and hell	<u>1</u>	2	3	4	5



I'm **GREAAAAATTT** at the following topic numbers:

creation story

I need to be more **GREAAAAATTT** at the following topic numbers:

evil and suffering quotes



As a result, I will carry out the following **actions**:

Find some more quotes and revise evil and suffering

Forms of Worship

10th March

Match up the key words with their definitions.

Write in numbers next to them or draw lines.

worship 1	4 Takes place in addition to worshipping together in a church. Christians believe that it is important to form a personal relationship with God and worshipping alone is often part of this.
Liturgical worship 2	3 Refers to worship that doesn't have a set structure and more spontaneous than Liturgical worship. Services in evangelical denominations are often more informal than traditional worship.
Informal worship 3	2 Is when worship follows a very set structure which is more or less the same every time an example of this is the Eucharist service.
Individual worship 4	1 Is an expression of adoration and praise for God. Acts of worship and their importance are referred to frequently in the Bible.

Liturgical worship: Follows a set pattern and has established rituals as part of public church worship. This might be a set pattern of prayers or the use of a set service book as in the Church of England.

Informal worship: An informal approach which does not have a set structure. Some Christians that do this do it outside of a usual church building because they believe worship should take place anywhere.

Individual worship: To gain a personal relationship they pray to God alone or with their families but do not gather with others at church.

Interpret the following quotes in your own words, in relation to how you should worship, and God's presence during worship ☺

10 Commandments = "To keep holy the Sabbath day"

Go to church on a Sunday (liturgical)

Matthew 18:20 = "Where two or more are gathered in my name, I am there with them"

If people are ~~s~~ worshipping together then God is with them. (informal)

Matthew 6:6 = "Go to your room, close the door, and pray to your father who is in heaven"

Individual worship is good to do. (individual)

Type of worship	Advantages	Disadvantages
Liturgical	<ul style="list-style-type: none">→ Helps you in ways to connect with God.→ Everyone can support each other	<ul style="list-style-type: none">→ Boredom or not appreciating set prayers, little benefit
Informal	<ul style="list-style-type: none">→ Can worship anywhere.→ Flexible so it can fit around your day.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">→ People may not want to pray for the same things.
Individual	<ul style="list-style-type: none">→ Can have a personal relationship with God.→ Can pray for whatever you want.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">→ There is less support from community.→ Talking to someone, sharing is encouraging in different difficult times.

Lesson 1: types of worship

Fill in the blanks with the missing words:

There are 3 main forms of worship: liturgical which is when a set structure ~~prayer~~ is followed, informal which is a more spontaneous type of worship and individual which is a personal form of worship and does not need to be carried out in a church.

Prayer ~~structure~~ is an important part of worship and often worship includes listening to music and in some denominations like the salvation army ~~music~~ and singing.

Music, Personal, Prayer, Church, Spontaneous, Structure

Highlight the key points

Liturgical: In the Church of England liturgical worship is rooted in the 'service book' written by Thomas Cranmer which lays out how a church service should take place. An example of liturgical worship is the Lord's prayer when the congregation recite this together. Another example is the Eucharist. Liturgical worship is supported by the Bible verse 'where two or more are gathered in my name, I am with them' Matthew 18:20.

Informal: In some churches informal worship is common with little structure or 'liturgy'. These churches emphasise the importance of the holy spirit spontaneously influencing the congregation and is popular in the Pentecostal church. This is similar to the type of worship that would have taken place in the early church.

Individual: Christians believe that a personal relationship with God is important and so private worship is also important. Here a Christian may pray or reflect on their relationship with God alone. The Bible tells believers to both worship with the Church congregation but also to worship God individually.

B) Explain two types of Christian worship. (5)

Liturgical worship is when a set structure is followed like in holy communion when they say the Lord's prayer. This ~~normally happens~~ type of worship normally occurs on a Sunday because it is written in the bible "10 commandments 'To keep holy the sabbath day.'" Another type of worship is Individual worship. Some Christians choose to do this so they can feel a more personal connection with God. This normally takes place alone at home or with family. Some do this because they find set prayers less relatable and don't feel a connection with God by ~~perform~~ using these.

(5/5) Great Katie - reflect
structure and
understanding as always!!

→ What does Matthew
6:6 say about how
you should pray?

Group 2 – The Nature and Importance of Prayer

The specification demands that for this part of the unit, **you must know:**

- What prayer was at the heart of
- How Christians should worship God
- What prayer is all about – why is it significant? Why is it important?
- The definitions of the following types of different prayer:
 - adoration
 - confessional
 - contemplation
 - penitential
 - praise
 - thanksgiving
 - supplication
- A detailed explanation and understanding of the following types of prayer, with examples:
 - Set prayers – why the Lord's prayer is important
 - Extemporaneous prayers
 - Informal prayers – example of Quakers & Evangelicals to support this
- You must also reference the **following sacred texts** from the Bible and key writings in your lesson:
 - The Lord's Prayer
 - The book of common prayer
 - John 4:23
- You must consider whether prayer can be relied upon.

Use the **text book**, pages 195 – 197 to help you, as well as **researching** the different types of prayer on the internet and searching for **videos** and explanations of prayer in Christianity. Your lesson must last 45 minutes, and you must have activities and resources to teach the class.

The examination question that you must prepare the class to answer in the last 15 minutes is:

b) Explain the importance of set prayers in Christianity. (5)

Sacred texts

Summarise and interpret

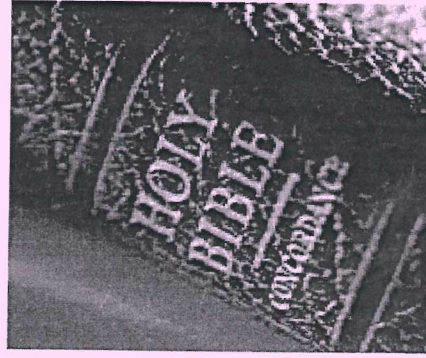
John 4:23: A time is coming when people who believe in God and have faith in Him will be rewarded because that's what ~~the~~ He seeks.

What does the Book of Common Prayer tell us about heaven?

No strength can compare to the strength of love that is everywhere inside you.

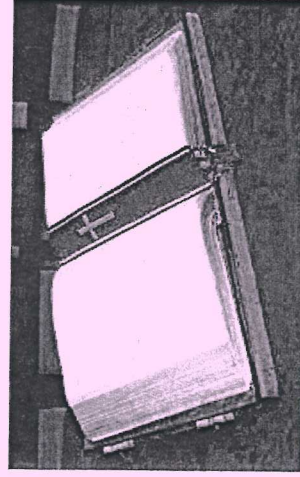
John 4:23

'Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshippers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in the truth, for they are the kind of worshippers the Father seeks.'



The Book of Common Prayer

Eternal God,
in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn
but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit,
That all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and for ever.
Amen.



The Lord's Prayer

Our Father,
Who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done.
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power
And the glory, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Nature and Importance of prayer

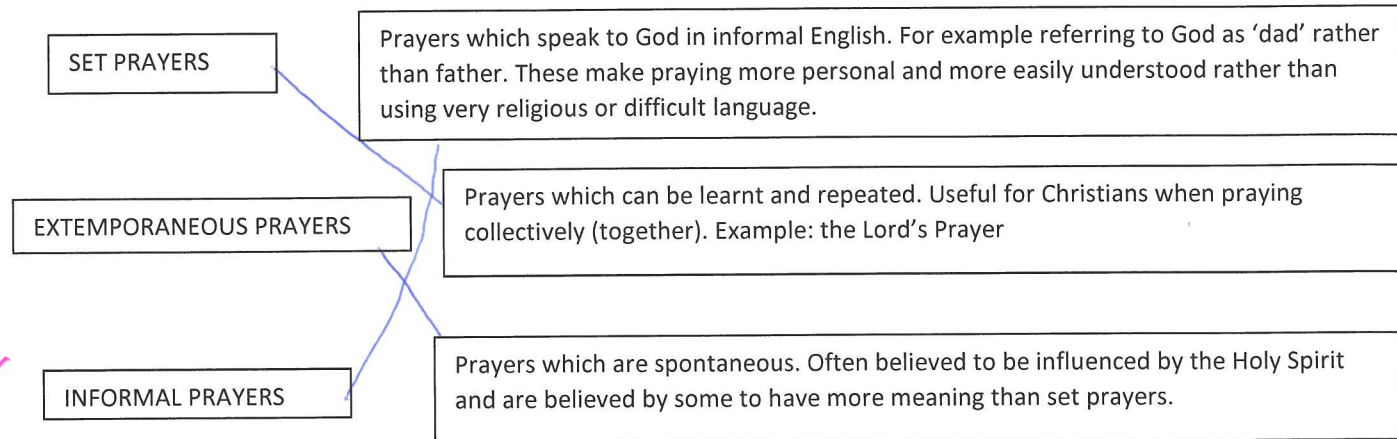
Why is it important? (Put these in order of 1 – most important 5 – least important)

- 5 It was at the heart of Jesus' lifestyle
- 2 It allows them to develop a special relationship with God
- 6 Jesus taught the disciples to pray (Lord's prayer)
- 4 It allows Christians direct access to God
- 1 Makes faith deeply personal
- 3 Can provide spiritual support when praying together

The reason this is most important is because....

Relationships with God are very important.

Link up the three types of prayers with their meaning:



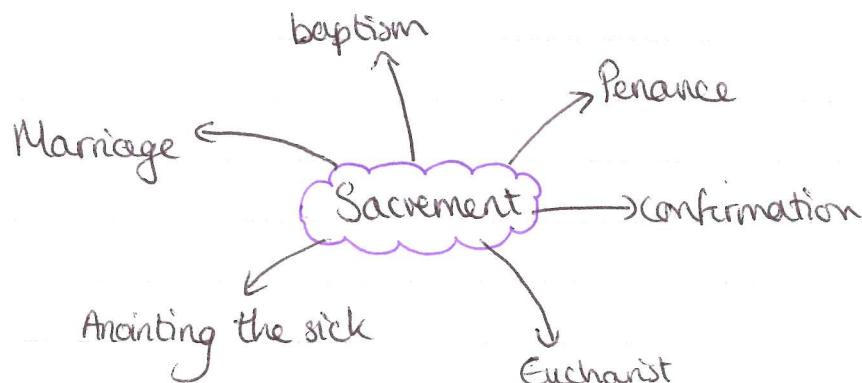
B) Explain the importance of set prayers in Christianity. (5)

Set prayers are important in Christianity because Jesus told the disciples to follow the Lord's prayer. This means that today in church and in communities the Lord's prayer is learnt and repeated together in groups of Christians. They perform set prayers together because it means they can offer each other support and feel as a community. ~~Christians believe~~ It is written in the bible "Where two or more are gathered in my name, I am there with them" this is why performing set prayers in groups like in church is important to them. Set prayers are also important because reading text from the book of common prayer ~~can~~ can help people who struggle to form prayers on their own.

(5/5) Perfect Katie - great reference to sacred writings again! Well done!!

Baptism

16/3/17



Service

- Baptism is showing you trust and commit to Jesus Christ
- It's a public declaration of faith
- The person gets dunked under water to symbolize leaving their old life and when they come up it symbolizes the new life.

Baptism

LINK UP THE SENTENCE STARTERS WITH THEIR ENDING...

A baptism must be carried out...	they think a believer should be able to declare their own faith.
In most churches children are baptised...	baptised as an adult so believers may follow his example.
For denominations that practise infant baptism...	by an ordained minister or authorised lay person
The Baptists do not believe in infant baptism because...	children will often have a confirmation ceremony when they reach their early teens where they can declare their own faith and remake promises to God.
Jesus himself was...	celebrating the birth of the child and marking their entry into the Christian community.

It is important because (which are true?)

You must be baptised to get into heaven? **T**

It is thought of as the first sacrament between human beings and God? **T**

It is believed that believers are washed of their sin? **T**

You cannot go to Church without being baptised? **F**

It is a chance to publicly proclaim your faith? **T**

FILL IN THE BLANK: BAPTISM

Christian baptism is one of two ordinances that Jesus instituted for the - Church. Just before His ascension, Jesus said, "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the ~~Lord~~ Father and of the - son and of the holy spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age" (Matthew 28:19-20). These instructions specify that the church is responsible to teach Jesus' word, make disciples, and baptize those disciples. These things are to be done everywhere ("all nations") until "the very end of the age."

Christian baptism illustrates, in dramatic style, the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ. At the same time, it also illustrates our death to sin and new life in Christ. As the sinner confesses the Lord Jesus, he dies to sin (Romans 6:11) and is raised to a brand-new life (Colossians 2:12). Being submerged in the water represents death to sin, and emerging from the water represents the cleansed, holy life that follows salvation. "We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the father, we too may live a new life." Romans 6:4.

✓ In Christianity, baptism is regarded as a sign of the gift of the Holy spirit. The Baptised Christian becomes united with Christ, including in his death and resurrection. Through being baptised they are able to enter heaven and hell and live eternally with God after death, 'Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again." "How can someone be born when they are old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!" Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. 6 Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.'" John 3:3-6

Church, Jesus, Father, Spirit, Son, water,
God, resurrection, Christianity, Father, life,
raised, death, responsible, Holy Spirit, obey

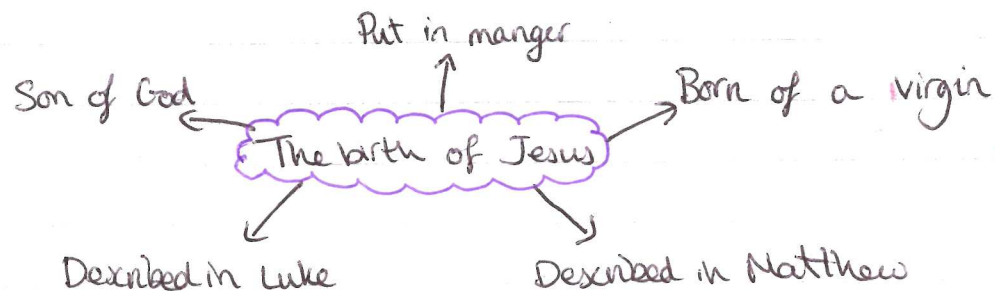
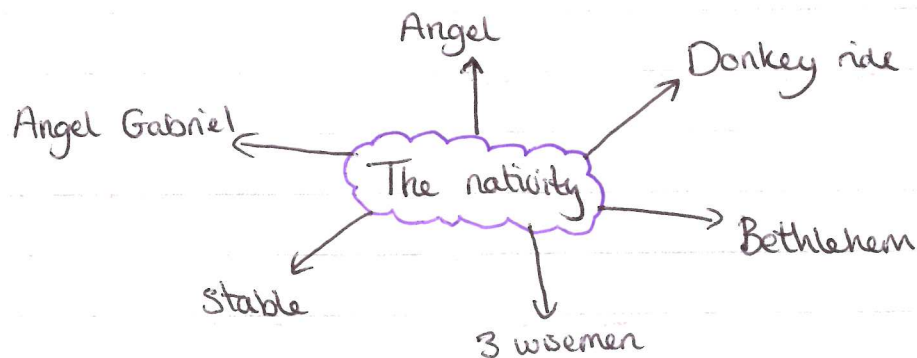
B) Explain why baptism is important to Christians (5)

Baptism is important to Christians because Jesus said "make disciples, and baptize those disciples". This means it would be important to Christians to follow Jesus and be baptized. It is also important because it is a public declaration of faith. It shows you have commitment to Jesus and God. The baptism signifies washing away sin and arising, like Jesus, in the resurrection, to a new life. Finally it is also important because it says "no one can enter the kingdom of ~~heaven~~ God unless they are born of water". This means some Christians believe baptism is necessary to go to heaven.

③ ↳ Perket Katie - great sacred writings and a range of different importance! @ Well done!!

How is Christmas celebrated in Christianity

22/3/17



Books of Matthew and Luke chapter 1, 18-25

- ✓ In Matthew's account wise men visited with gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh. These are ~~signed~~ signs of kingship and holiness. Poor and (Luke) humble shepherds were led to it by angels to show Jesus represents people from all backgrounds.
- Joseph is warned to escape to Egypt with Jesus and Mary as King Herod wanted to kill Jesus

Christians believe that Christmas day is the day that Jesus was actually born **F**

Many Christians use this day to focus on the incarnation of Christ **T**

Christians use the period of advent to prepare for Christmas **T**

All Christians fast during the period of advent **F**

Christingle services are used to show Jesus was the light of the world **T**

Midnight Mass takes place on the evening Christmas day **F**

Many non-religious people celebrate Christmas as a 'summertime' festival **F**

Christmas Worksheet

What does Christmas mean to Christians?

- Holy day that marks the birth of Jesus
- They do not believe he was born on Christmas day but mark this day in the calendar to celebrate it.
- The story is told at many schools around the world (the nativity)

What Is Advent?

- A period which ~~led~~ leads up to Christmas. It starts November 30th. → the Sunday nearest.
- Some churches have advent wreaths with 5 candles.
- Eastern orthodox church still practices fasting through advent.

How Do Christians Celebrate Christmas?

- Go to church on Christmas day for mass
- Singing cards to spread the message of Christmas.
- Giving and receiving presents and gifts which represents the gift of Jesus.

How Do Non Religious People Celebrate Christmas?

- Exchanging gifts and cards to family and friends.
- Roast Dinner!
- Visit family and friend
- Christmas tree
- Advent calendars
- Play board games
- Some believe St Nicholas (Santa Claus) brings children presents.

c) Explain the significance of 2 Christian celebrations, and how they are traditionally celebrated. (8)

Christmas is an important Christian event. It is significant because it is a celebration of the birth of Jesus, and incarnation of Christ. They celebrate this by giving gifts and cards to signify the gift of the baby Jesus. They also go to midnight mass where bread and wine is ^{shared} ~~consumed~~ to represent the body and blood of Jesus. Another event celebrated within Christianity is Easter. This event is significant because it remembers the resurrection of Jesus and how he atoned for our sins. "repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name". At Easter they also have lent for 40 days. People use this time to self-reflect and prepare for Easter Sunday, which is the day that commemorates the resurrection and atonement for our sins.

repeat!

* (7/8) Christmas = perfect ☺ Can you add one more way in which Easter is celebrated for 8 Marks?

"Easter celebrations are no longer important in the UK today"

A non-religious ^{person} ~~believer~~ might agree with this statement because people ~~are~~ have forgotten the true meaning of Easter and are more focused on things like the Easter bunny. A Christian may disagree with this statement because it marks the time when we were brought salvation and Jesus atoned for our sins. In conclusion I disagree with the ~~statement~~ statement because it is still widely celebrated in the UK.

* ~~People also exchange Easter eggs with family and friends to represent a new life~~

Christians go to church and attend an evening vigil on the Saturday of the holy week.

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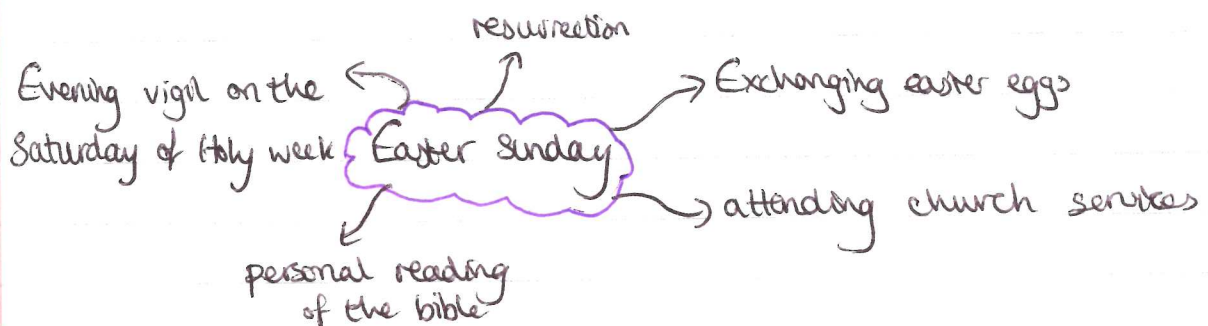
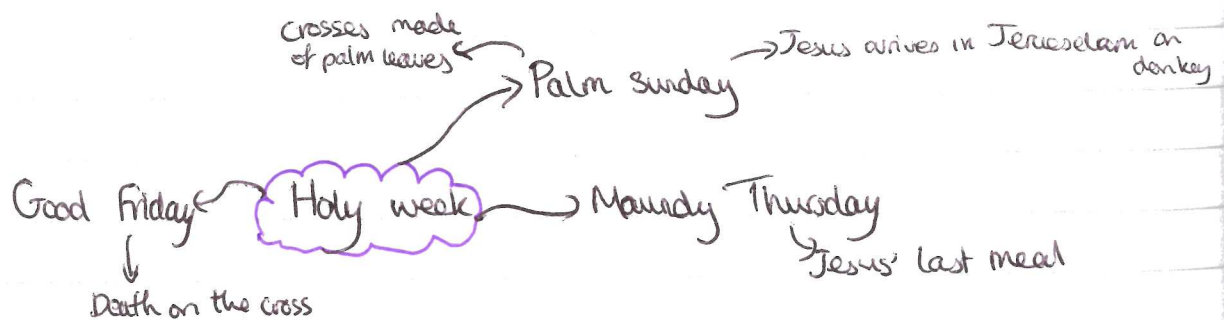
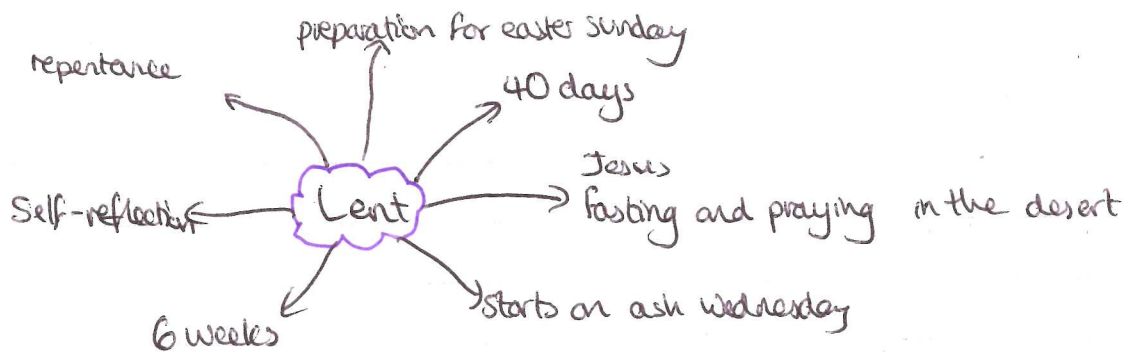
Christians celebrate Easter as it is resurrection sunday, a festival and holiday celebrating the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, described in the New Testament as having occurred on the third day of his crucifixion.

The resurrection is the most important event of Jesus' life because he became the saviour which allows Christians to have a relationship with God.

Redeemer - Jesus saves people from their sins and forgives them

Salvation - Eternal life in heaven

Atonement - Solving the rift between God and man.



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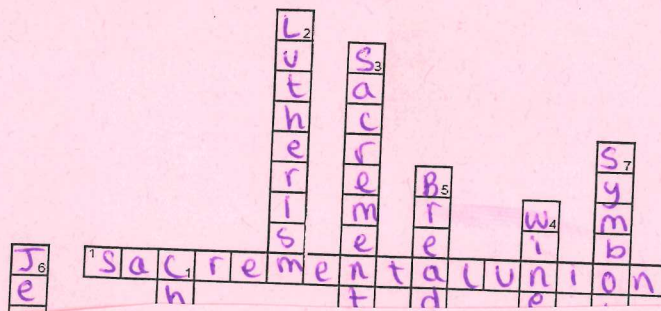
Sacraments : Eucharist

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The Quakers and the Salvation Army don't believe in any sacraments as they believe sacraments are inward and spiritual. So there is no need for external services.	True
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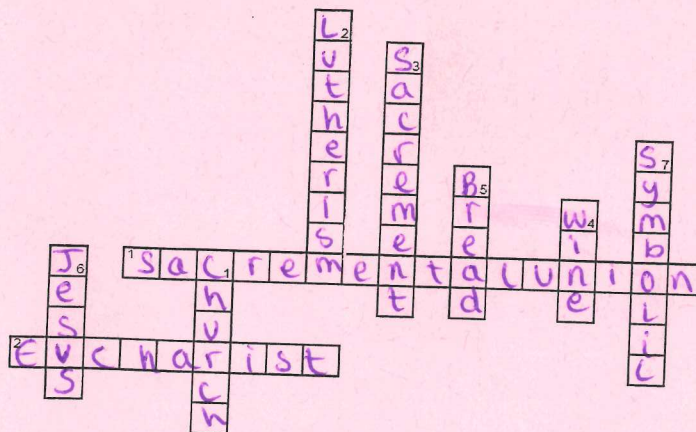
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Eucharist Services



Across

1. the concept that Jesus is present in the bread and wine
2. a Christian ceremony, commemorating the last supper

Down

1. where Eucharist services take place
2. a protestant denomination that follows martin luther

Matthew 26:26-27

26 While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body."

27 Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you"

What do these Christian denominations believe about this quote/the service in Church? Use page 202 to help you.

Catholic	They believe that wine and bread actually become the body and blood of Jesus, in a process called <u>transubstantiation</u>
Lutheran	Consubstantiation <u>Consubstantiation</u> - 'sacramental union' - the body and blood are somehow present in the form of bread and wine
Presbyterian	They view that Christ is present spiritually in the bread and wine.
Baptist	They believe that Christ is not there but it is a ritual of remembrance known as <u>memorialism</u>

Explain what the Eucharist is in your own words using the key terms above:

Holy communion - sharing bread and wine in church to represent the last supper and Jesus' blood and body.

WHICH IS WHICH? Link them up

Transubstantiation: This is the Catholic belief that...

Consubstantiation: This is the Lutheran belief that...

The protestant view...

The Baptist view of memorialism...

Rejecting the view of transubstantiation they believe that Christ is spiritually present rather than literally present.

The ritual is simply an act of remembrance rather than Christ being present in any way.

The bread and wine literally become the body and blood of Christ

The body and blood of Christ and the bread and wine coexist in union with each other like "an iron put into the fire whereby both fire and iron are united in the red-hot iron and yet each continues unchanged"

b) Explain the differing views of Christian Eucharist ~~service~~ services. (5)

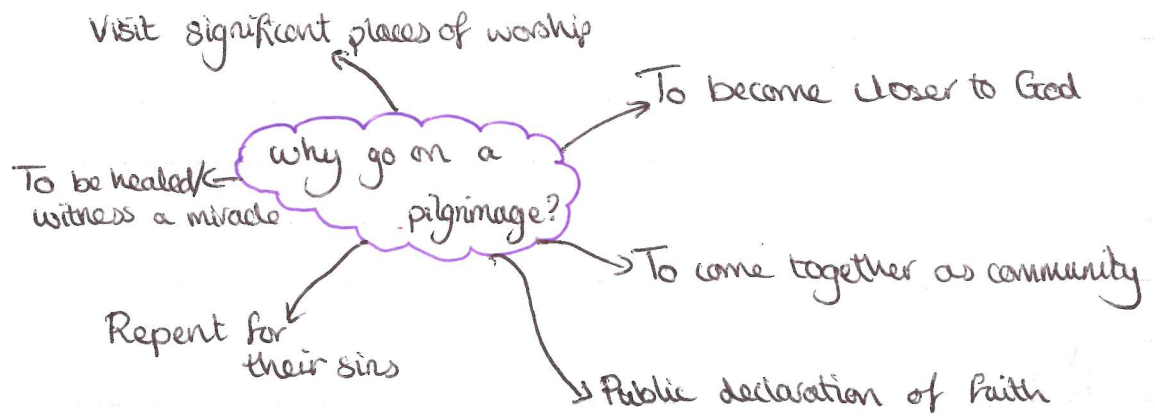
great key language + bible quote @

Roman Catholics believe that eucharist is a sacrament ~~bel~~ because they believe that the bread and wine literally become the body and blood of Jesus. ~~It is~~ In the bible the story is told of the last supper "Take and eat; this is my body." This is ~~a~~ why they believe in transubstantiation. However in contrast Baptists believe that Christ is not there but the ritual of eucharist is memorialism of the last supper. Another Christian view is Lutheran's; they believe in consubstantiation that it is a sacramental union.

(5/5) Perfect understanding Katie - Well done!! @

Where do Christians go on pilgrimage and why? 19/4/17

Pilgrimage: a religious journey to a sacred place, usually as an act of religious devotion.



Taizé

location: Burgundy, France

History: Founded in 1940 by Roger Schutz, it is a ecumenical monastic order. The monks come from many different countrys to practice a life of communal prayer. Monks come from a range of denominations.

Significance: By bringing together different denominations it promotes understanding and cooperation between them.

why they go: Act of atonement, or supplication, reconciliation.

Walsingham

location: Norfolk, England.

History: A holy place since 1061 when the widow, of the Lord of the manor of Walsingham pava, had a dream where the virgin Mary asked her to build a replica of the house in Nazareth where the birth of Jesus was announced. Around 1150 a priory was built on site.

Significance: Because human journey begins at birth and where could be more special than the place where the announcement of Jesus took place?

why they go: Anglican shrine, reminds them of Jesus' birth. Human journey begins at birth.

c) Explain the location, history and significance of two different christian places of pilgrimage. (8)

Walsingham is a christian place of pilgrimage in Norfolk, England. It became a holy place in 1061 when the widow of the lord of the manor had a dream where the Virgin Mary asked her to build a replica of the house in Nazareth where Jesus' birth was announced. It was destroyed during the reformation but after the 1800s became able to visit again as a place of pilgrimage. It is significant to christians because it reminds them that human journey begins at birth and by showing devotion allows them to become closer with God. Perfect ①

Taizé is another christian place of pilgrimage in Burgundy, France. It was founded in 1940 by ^{Roger} ~~Robert~~ Schultz. It is a ecumenical monastic order, that allows monks from any denomination to pray together in unity. It is significant because it promotes understanding and cooperation within the religion as a whole. It can be a good place to go to recieve reconciliation as it is at the heart of the church.

8/8 Perfect katie - every aspect of the question is fully addressed!
well done!

Is Pilgrimage still relevant in today's society? 20/4/17

Pilgrimage is still relevant in Britain

- It can still help people become closer to God and their religion
- It's a long tradition.
- Walsingham a Taize are still visited
- It can bring the religious community together. eg Taize (ecumenical)
- Allows more history about the religion to be learnt eg Walsingham
- Taize gives Christians a chance to reconcile and for them to atone for their sins. it also shows adoration and commitment to God.
- Some go for healing eg Lourdes in France

Pilgrimage is no longer relevant in Britain

- It is not a commandment or written in the bible that it is necessary.
- Religion is taken less seriously so devalues the places of pilgrimage
- Religion is becoming less popular as society is becoming secular.
- In the UK people work longer hours so have less free time to go pilgrimage.
- You can still connect with God at home, pilgrimage isn't necessary
- It's expensive - some people may not be able to afford it.

✓ "Where two or more are gathered in my name, there I am with them" (Jesus in the bible)

"Go to your room, close the door and pray to your Father in heaven" (Matthew)

😊 Enjoyment of RE! 😊

Could be more clear on key language 😊

↓
currently doing really well at this 😊



ATTITUDES TO PILGRIMAGE

-revelant -not revelant

'In Islam, Pilgrimage to the holy city Mecca is one of our five duties. For people who are able to fulfil this it is a great part of their faith and allows them to get closer to Allah and be involved in the Ummah.'

I am just beginning to come down to earth after our wonderful tour to the Holy Land. It far surpassed even my wildest expectations and the Bible will never seem the same again. Being able to go into the tomb where Jesus lay was probably the most humbling and emotional experience I have ever had. **Chris Davies**

To stand in the same places as the feet of Him who brings Good News,
To walk where Jesus walked,
To lift my eyes to the hills that Jesus saw,
To pray in the Garden where Jesus prayed.
Thank you for showing us 'The Way of The Lord! Shalom! It is great to walk in the same places that our great teachers walked.

Pilgrimage in this day and age! I ask you?
It's utterly out of date. Surely it is more desirable now, when most families work full time, to go on a holiday destination with their family to spend quality time together and have a rest?

Going on pilgrimage was GOBSMACKING! wonder of God's creation. Such an opportunity to allow me to develop spiritually and understand my faith more deeply.

I love it when the pilgrims arrive for Hajj. The city is so busy and frantic and everyone is so happy. It is hard work coping with them all, but it is Allah's wish for pilgrims to visit so I am privileged to live and work here.

I'm sorry but going on pilgrimage is not for me - I prefer to follow my faith here at home by attending church every week and bringing my family up with good morals. I hope you have a brilliant experience and send me a postcard! Bye

Dear Mum,
We have had a lot of pilgrims visiting this weekend. Most of them are OK but the traffic!!! You can imagine what it's been like. It took me 50 minutes to get to the supermarket! I was really upright. Then in the Post Office there was a massive queue of people buying cards and stamps. I will be glad when autumn comes and everything calms down a bit.
Hope your garden isn't too dry.
Love Shirley

I feel like I have shown a sense of commitment and dedication to God and my religion after visiting Lourdes - a Christian place of worship where the springs of water have healing powers and where I can worship in a community. It enabled me to concentrate on my religion more fully, with no distractions.

A trip to Jerusalem or the Hajj is a wonderful experience for those who can afford it, but members of my congregation should not feel guilty if they have never been nor never plan to. For a start there are plenty of places to visit right here in the UK and for another thing there are many ways to express one's faith which don't require travelling. Some pilgrimages are very hard work - lots of walking, heat and long flights. We don't regard pilgrimage as a duty, but rather more as something of personal choice.' Furthermore, many of the population including elderly and children or not fit to carry out such a duty.

Christianity in Britain today

21/4/17

Key Terminology: Christianity in Britain

Are the following definitions true or false?! Correct the ones that you think are false.

Atheist: Someone who believes in a God.

Someone who doesn't believe in a God

Agnostic: Someone who is not sure if a God exists.

True

Theist: Someone who does not believe in a God

Someone who does believe in God

Secular: When society is becoming more religious.

Society is becoming less religious.

What is the definition of the key word underlined in the following sentences?

British society is becoming more pluralistic – it is no longer only Christians who live there, but also other religions such as Islam and Hinduism.

A society with multiple religions

Many Christians have been a martyr for their Christian belief. For example, Martin Luther King who was assassinated.

someone who dies for what they believe in.

Secular

- Increase in ~~atheism~~ atheism
- Festivals have less religious significance (Santa, Easter bunny)
- Increase in scientific theories
- Less people attend church
- More accepted not to have a faith
- Same sex marriages are now legal in England.
- Church isn't open to free choice on moral decisions.
- Less religious schools
- Church doesn't have as much control over law.

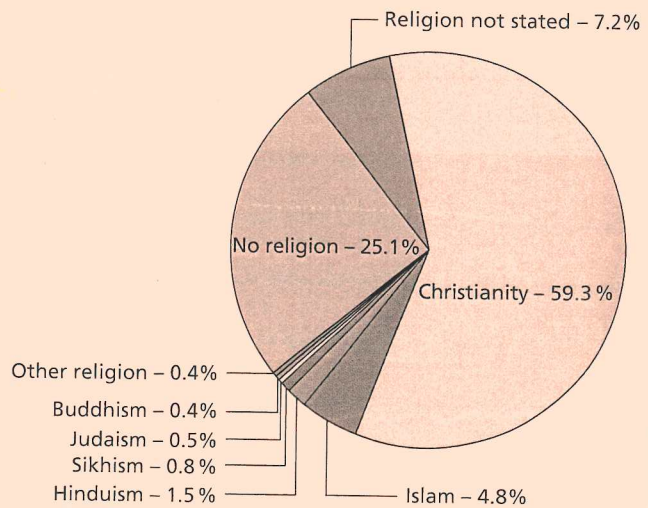
Pluralistic (less secular)

- Society is more pluralistic - other religions are increasing in UK
- People still celebrate Easter + Christmas.
- Some churches accept difficult moral issues eg divorce, (C+E)
- TV/media provide access to religious services
- Queen remains part of church.
- Most laws based around Christian morals

Life in twenty-first-century Britain

The results of the last government census poll in 2011 showed a changing religious landscape in Britain. Despite falling numbers, Christianity remained the largest religion in England and Wales. Muslims were the next biggest religious group and have grown in the last decade. Meanwhile the proportion of the population who reported they have no religion reached a quarter.

- In the 2011 census, Christianity was the largest religion, with 33.2 million people (59.3 per cent of the population). The second largest religious group were Muslims with 2.7 million people (4.8 per cent of the population).
- 14.1 million people, around a quarter of the population in England and Wales, reported they had no religion in 2011.
- The religion question was the only voluntary question on the 2011 census and 7.2 per cent of people did not answer the question.
- Between 2001 and 2011 there was a decrease in the numbers of people who identify as Christian (from 71.7 per cent to 59.3 per cent) and an increase in those reporting no religion (from 14.8 per cent to 25.1 per cent). There were increases in the other main religious group categories, with the number of Muslims increasing the most (from 3.0 per cent to 4.8 per cent).
- In 2011, London was the most diverse region with the highest proportion of people identifying themselves as Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu and Jewish. The North East and North West had the highest proportion of Christians and Wales had the highest proportion of people reporting no religion.



■ Summary from Office for National statistics, 2012

- ① Christianity and religion as a whole is decreasing whilst atheism is increasing. London was the most diverse region. Islam in Britain is increasing whilst Christianity has fallen a lot.
- ✓ ② I'm not surprised that no religion has risen because society is becoming more accepting of atheism.
- ③ I'm surprised that Islam is such a low percentage I thought it was more popular.
- ④ The statistics show that religion could decline in the future in particular Christianity. However Islam and others could increase slowly.

(5) B. Explain why society is becoming more secular.

(15) D. 'Christianity is not important in today's society'

(5) B. Explain the significance of Christianity in the UK today.

D) 'Pilgrimage is still important in Britain today' (15)

~~Some Christians may disagree with this~~

Some non-religious people would disagree with this because it can inconvenience people as it causes traffic and can cause certain places to become overcrowded. For example some small towns in the UK that may contain pilgrimage sites aren't built for crowds and can cause traffic and other inconveniences for local people.

* Furthermore Non-religious people may ~~further~~ say that as it is not a requirement of the religion that pilgrimages are necessary or important in Britain. ↳ what religion? Christianity?
Remember for Islam it is a requirement ⑪.

A Christian may also disagree because, unlike the Hajj in Islam, ✗ pilgrimages are a choice and not a requirement of the religion. They might argue that it is not written in the bible to go on pilgrimages, therefore going to places like Walsingham, which is not in the bible is not necessary or beneficial. Places in Britain are especially unimportant because no holy or miraculous stories took place here so ✗ pilgrimages are unimportant in Britain today.

On the other hand a religious person could agree with the statement because although it is not a requirement; pilgrimages can have many benefits to your faith. Taking time to visit a place of ~~wor~~ pilgrimage can strengthen your faith with God by showing commitment and adoration. It also gives a chance for religion's history to be further taught and experienced in a new way. Going can also help people reflect and atone for their sins during hard times therefore pilgrimage is still important in Britain today.

great general arguments here ⑪

A religious person may also agree because it pilgrimages can help bring the religious community together. For example, Taizé in

Really well
linked in
well
Done!

→ great key language ①①

France is a ecumenical monastic order that encourages monks from different ~~cont~~ countries and denominations to come together and live a life of communal prayer. This way of life is supported by the quote "Where two or more are gathered in my name, there I am with them" from Jesus. Visiting Taizé on a pilgrimage can ^{Promote} ~~encourage~~ understanding and cooperation between people. This is why pilgrimage is still important in Britain today.

A non-religious person may agree with the statement because pilgrimages can help spread commitment, understanding and awareness for everyone in society. Places of pilgrimage not only bring atonement and reflection for religious people, but can spread awareness and religious history to create a more supportive and informed relationship between all religions and non-religious people which makes pilgrimage relevant for a better society in Britain today.

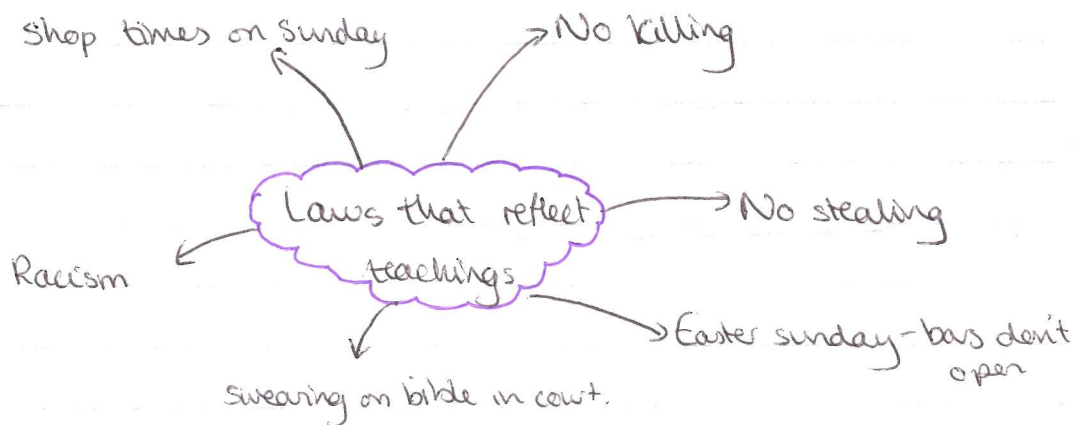
A Christian may disagree with the statement because pilgrimages are not necessary to strengthen your faith for many people. "Go to your room and pray to your father in heaven". As a Christian interpreting this from the bible might argue that ^{building} personal relationship with God is more important than taking a pilgrimage. They might also say that as God is omnibenevolent he will know and love you and you love for him without needing to show public declaration like a pilgrimage.

In conclusion pilgrimages are ^{important} ~~relevant~~ for many people in Britain today to show and connect with God by carrying on a tradition. However it is not important for many people as it can be expensive and hard to organize with today's busy lifestyle in Britain and so family time and self prayer could be more valued than a pilgrimage.

(15/15) Perfect Katie!! ①① Lots of views - really great structure and links to religious texts ①① Well Done!! You will get a top band ①①

Christianity's place in law within the UK

26/4/17



The state - A condition or way of being that exists at a particular time, often run by the government.

The Church - The religious order that has a say in the politics of a country. In Britain this is the Church of England.

	Agree	Disagree
Christian teachings should not be kept in a secular society.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The teachings don't apply to the majority. • Would too cause inconveniences like shops closing on Sunday - • Views on same-sex marriage changed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None christian people benefit from things like Christmas, religious holidays. • Morality is similar and positive.
Religious education should not be taught in state schools.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Religion shouldn't be forced. • Teaches understanding. • Enables children to live better in pluralistic society 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Could make people doubt their faith. • Could cause prejudice based on opinion

(2)

Who introduced Christianity to the UK?

Romans almost two thousand years ago.

What is the 'established' religion of England?

Church of England

Which monarch (king/queen) broke away from the Catholic Church?

Henry VIII

What did Henry VIII make himself?

~~Supreme Governor of~~ church of England.

Head of the

What does it mean to be an 'established' religion?

It links to the government and court system.

What religious role does the monarch (king/queen) have?

Supreme governor of the church of England.

What does the archbishop of Canterbury do?

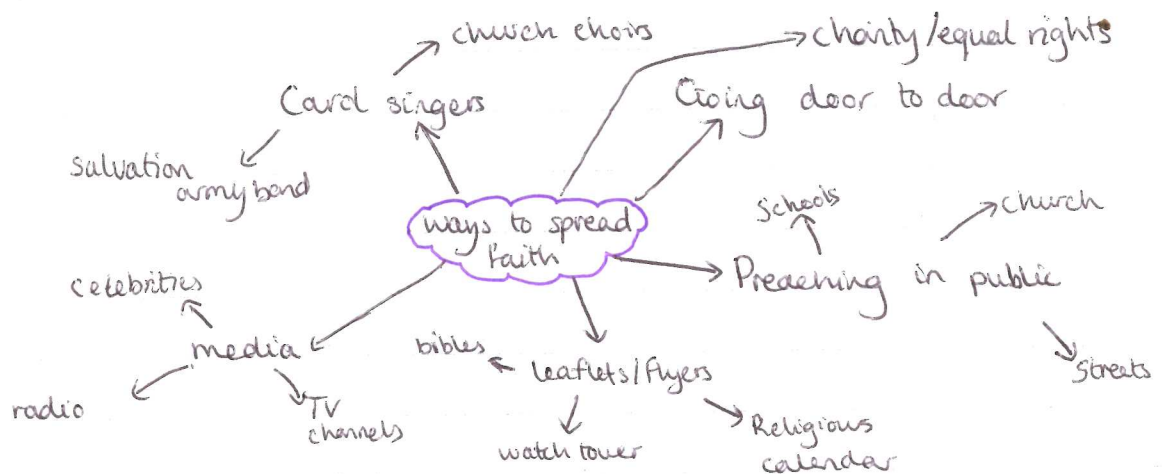
Crowns monarchs.

Christian Teaching	How do we see this in Law, traditions and festivals?
'Keep Holy the Sabbath day' – 10 commandments	Going to church on Sunday, shop hours are also restricted
Swearing on the bible – 'Thou shall not lie.'	Declaring as a witness that you will tell the truth when in court
The birth of Jesus is a key Christian concept	Christmas celebrated widely in UK – Walsingham
Marriage is a sacrament to God 'Be united in one flesh'	Many still get married in Church
Prayers and hymns are important	Used in National Service of Remembrance for WW2. Used in public events.
'Do not steal' – 10 commandments	Laws against stealing.
The death and resurrection of Jesus.	Easter

The importance of the world-wide Church

27/4/17

Evangelism: Spreading a faith/religion to others.



Mission

- It began at the time of Jesus to try and convert Jews and other religions to the new religion of Christianity.
- Missionaries are important to bring education and health support to poor and disadvantaged people around the world
- Many people now think they should respect other people's faiths or lack of one and stop attempting to convert people.

D) 'Religion is no longer important in the UK' (15)

Some ~~one~~ people may agree with this statement because ~~but~~ there has been a big decrease in followers of Christianity from ~~72~~⁵⁰ to ~~40~~³³ million followers. As the largest religion in England it is very significant. These changes could be due to the new opinions and facts made by scientists that prove against ~~&~~ Religious stories like the creation story or the resurrection. This makes religion harder to believe in or understand in the UK today.

However a Christian might say that As there are still many ~~&~~ followers to the faith, Christianity is the religion of 60% of the population making it very important. Its significance is shown through the UK's laws which ~~are based on~~ link to the 10 commandments for example 'thou shall not steal'. Also the Queen is still the head of the Church of England ~~showing~~ representing that Christianity is at the heart of the UK.

Someone may also agree with the statement because atheism has grown to a quarter of the population showing that ~~&~~ opinions are changing over religion. Atheism is now accepted more in society ~~&~~ people because opinions are changing over moral agreements like same-sex marriage, abortion and euthanasia. As society is changing over these subjects; same-sex marriage is now legal in the UK which is against ~~&~~ many religious teachings in Christianity and Islam. In the bible it states "A man should not lie with another man, it is detestable". For the government to go against this teaching shows that religion is no longer important in the UK.

However a Christian may say that religion is still important in the UK because the church is adapting to society. For example ~~is divorce is becoming more acceptable and common,~~ evangelical churches are now introducing cafe's to encourage church growth and for Christians to feel more community support.

Evangelising has led to an increase in people changing denominations into the evangelical church as they find their way of worship through song and praise ~~more~~ better for them. They might say that different, more inviting ways of worship ~~it~~ is what's needed for church growth. Churches adapting like this shows they are still relevant in the UK today.

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Christian beliefs in action

4/5/17

"It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God"

This implies if you are rich and you have used your money in a selfish or wrong way, you will not access heaven.

"If you have two shirts, give one to the poor. If you have food, share it with those who are hungry."

You should share whatever you don't need with the people who need it.

Persecution of Christians across the World



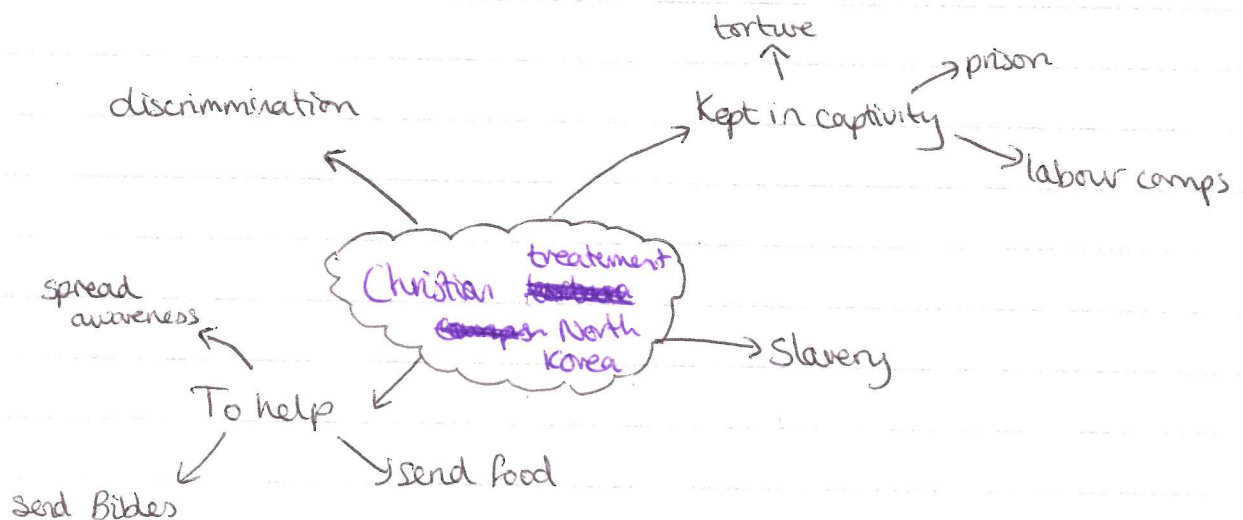
Levels of persecution

- = high
- = very high
- = extreme

Persecution and the Ecumenical movement

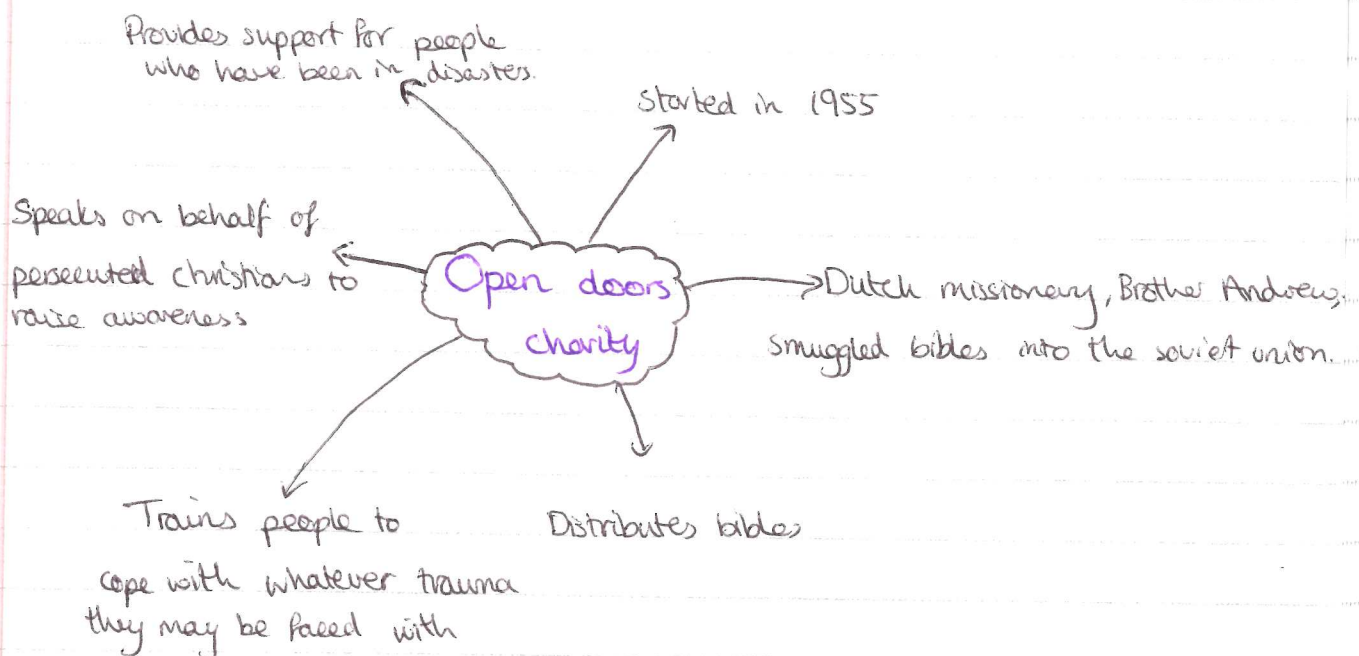
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Persecution - persistently cruel treatment, often due to religion or belief.



Evun Hye

- North Korean woman
- Made boat trip to china for food and become Christian.
- Supplied other Christians with food, clothes medicine for years.
- Police searched house and found a bible.
- Never seen alive ~~in~~ again, probably died in prison.
- Her home was a secret church.



The ecumenical movement

- Reconciliation is the idea that people should make up after an argument and move on. This is important for Christians because they believe it's important for denominations to work together.
- The ecumenical movement is an attempt to bring closer together the different Christian denominations and promote unity.
- As a result of this, there is much more cooperation such as churches sharing a common building and joint ecumenical services.
- The World Council of Churches is a 'fellowship of churches seeking unity, a common witness and Christian service'.
- They hold a special week of prayer every year for Christian unity.
- The 'Churches Together in England' initiative is a practical attempt to focus locally on the fellowship of those who share the Christian faith.