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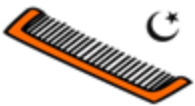
Religious Attitudes to Prejudice, Discrimination and Racism



Christianity



Islam



"Everyone is equal like the teeth of a comb"

- Jesus healed a Roman Centurion's servant
- did not discriminate
- A black African helped Jesus carry His cross
- anti racism
- St Paul said everyone is equal.
- All created from one man – Adam – therefore all equal.
- All created equally by God, "in image of God."
- All Christian Churches condemn racism.

- Islam promotes racial harmony. Ummah – worldwide community of Muslims.
- Qur'an teaches all races are equal in eyes of Allah.
- Allah created Adam from 7 different coloured soils therefore we are all equal regardless of race etc.
- Many hadith which promote racial harmony.
- Muhammad's final sermon: every Muslim is a brother to every other Muslim and so there should be no racism
- Muhammad's first prayer caller was a black Muslim (Bilal) showing racial acceptance



'Christ is all, Christ is in all'



'Love your neighbour as yourself'



Work of Charities to help those in Poverty

Raises money through recycling projects, e.g. clothing banks

Sponsors Orphans through education

Runs sustainable social and economic projects to provide self-sufficient long term support to communities

Works to help people from all races and religions etc.

Operational around the world

Provides basic needs e.g. shelter, and disaster relief

Jesus taught compassion, 'love thy neighbour' – Christian Aid is faith in action, helps others to emulate Jesus

Campaigns for Fairtrade



Educates communities about causes of Poverty to help escape it



Religious Attitudes to Wealth and Poverty



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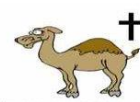
- Not wrong to be wealthy but use it correctly
- Value of person judged on actions not possessions
- Discourages gambling as it encourages a love of money
- Jesus taught that money does not bring happiness it brings greed
- Some are against all types of gambling like the lottery



- Wealth is a gift from Allah
- Judged on how you used your wealth
- Duty to help those in need- zakah- 2.5% of excess wealth to go to the poor each year
- Qur'an forbids gambling
- How you earn money is important- no drug dealing etc.
- Sadaqah- voluntary charity to those in need (doesn't have to be money)



'The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat'



'It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter heaven'



'The generous man is near God, near Paradise'



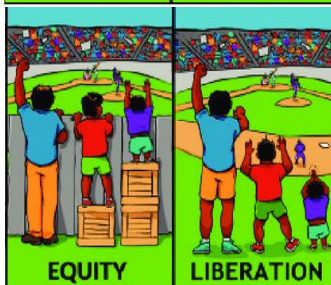
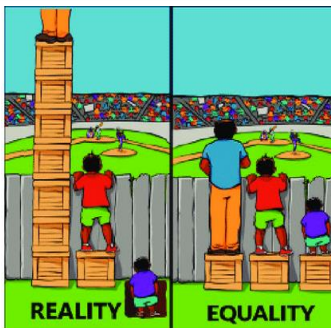
'If the debtor is in a difficulty, grant him time till it is easy for him to repay.'

Discrimination Acts of treating groups of people, or individuals differently, based on prejudice.

Prejudice Pre-judging; judging people to be inferior or superior without cause.


Relative poverty A standard of poverty measured in relation to the standards of a society in which a person lives, for example, living on less than x per cent of average UK income.

Absolute poverty An acute state of deprivation, whereby a person cannot access the most basic of their human needs.




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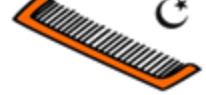
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ISLAMIC RELIEF




christian aid







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THE RICH MAN & LAZARUS




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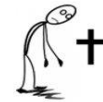


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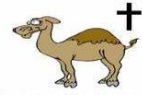


FEED THE WORLD







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Discrimination




Prejudice



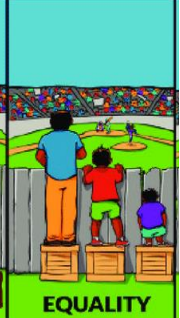
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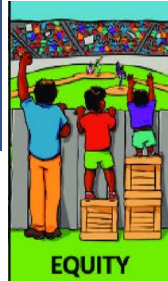
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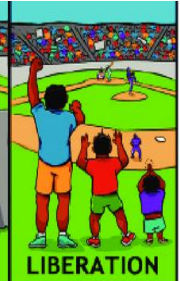
REALITY



EQUALITY



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LIBERATION



show racism the red card



BLACK LIVES MATTER





Social Justice Promoting a fair society by challenging injustice and valuing diversity. Ensuring that everyone has equal access to provisions, equal opportunities and rights.



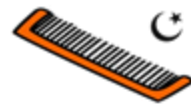
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- All equal in the eyes of God
- All created the same from Adam
- All Christian Churches condemn discrimination and inequality
- All created in 'God's image' and therefore equal
- Should follow the example of Jesus who welcomed everyone, even those who society shunned e.g. Mary Magdalen the prostitute

- Ummah – the worldwide community of Muslims who deserve Human Rights
- Qur'an teaches that all are equal
- Adam created from 7 soils showing we are all equal regardless of appearance and all come from the same beginnings
- We are all equal in Allah's eyes

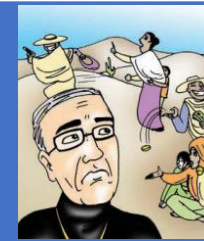
Liberation Theory

- Based on actions and teaching of Jesus
- Belief that God has the power to change unjust situations
- Some Christians use this as justification to stand up against oppression e.g. MLK and Oscar Romero
- This can be done through peaceful protest or charity

Oscar Romero was Archbishop of El Salvador.



El Salvador had big problems in the 1960s with crime and corruption and poverty.



After his friend was murdered, he began to criticise the government for the injustices. He felt it was his Christian duty to do this and that God would support him.

The government started a 'be a patriot – kill a priest' campaign which led to his assassination whilst he was leading a service of mass

Also an example of personal conviction



Personal Conviction: When a person stands up for what they believe in to bring about change. Often against injustice

✝ Martin Luther King



- Christian Baptist Minister (leader)
- Leader of the Civil Rights Movement fighting to end segregation in America
- Used his Christian beliefs and faith in God to guide him.
- Felt God was always with him driving him forward and protecting him in challenging times, e.g. when his house was bombed with his family inside.
- Prayed before every major speech to give him the strength and confidence to succeed

Also an example of Liberation Theology

☾ Malala Yousefzai



- Muslim School Girl
- Originally from the SWOT Valley in Pakistan
- Used her Personal Conviction to stand up against the Taliban to allow girls an education
- She was shot in the head by the Taliban and flown to the UK for treatment
- She used the experience to continue raising awareness about the issues of girls not getting an education, not just in Afghanistan/Pakistan but around the world.
- Muslim belief in equality for all



Human rights The basic entitlements of all human beings, afforded to them simply because they are human. An example of human rights as stated in the Declaration of Human Rights is that all people should receive an education.

Islamic Human Rights Commission

- Works with organisations of all faiths around the world
- Campaigns for human rights for all
- Based in London but operates worldwide



Amnesty International

- Uses non-violent methods to raise awareness of Human Rights abuses worldwide
- These include; petitions, marches and contact with governments
- Run school education programmes to educate about human rights
- Won Nobel Peace Prize for their work

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL





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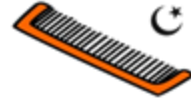
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Freedom of Religious Expression: the right to worship, preach and practise ones faith in whatever way one chooses.



Freedom of Religion: the right to believe or practise whatever religion one chooses.



Extremism Believing in and supporting ideas that are very far from what most people consider correct or reasonable.

How does someone become radicalised or extreme in their views?

- They interpret the religious scripture in such a way that they believe this is the way to behave or react
- Feel that they will be rewarded in this life or an after-life
- They are influenced by friends and family who act in similar ways
- They believe that they are doing the work of God

Jihadist Terror Groups

- ISIS, also known as the Islamic State, adopted their own version of extreme Islam and used it to claim territory through fear and violence
- Al Qaeda carried out an attack on the Twin Towers in New York killing thousands of people.



Anti-abortion Extremism

- People who feel so strongly against abortion that they may turn to violence to stop it
- Case of Robert Lewis Dear, a Catholic, who shot 12 people at an abortion clinic in America. He believe he was doing God's work.



In Britain;

- The government protects freedom of religious expression so individuals can worship in whatever way they choose, or not at all.
- The law forbids the persecution of members of other faiths or non-believers.
- Believers are free to evangelise, providing they do not preach hatred and intolerance.

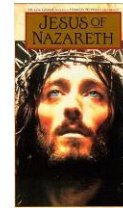
How do believers express their faith?

- Going to a place of worship
- Praying in public
- Reading their sacred text with others
- Celebrating religious holidays/festivals
- Going on a pilgrimage
- Evangelising – spreading God's teachings
- Becoming a priest/nun
- Helping others/charity work
- Wearing religious symbols
- Through interfaith dialogue



Why do they express their faith?

- It gives them a sense of identity and belonging to their religious community
- They feel it is their duty to spread the word of God to others
- To convert people to Christianity
- They believe that religious teachings can help people who are suffering
- To emulate Jesus/Muhammad – They expressed their faith in God in public
- To show devotion and love to their God



Censorship The practice of suppressing and limiting access to materials considered obscene, offensive or a threat to security. People may also be restricted in their speech by censorship laws.



Is censorship positive or negative?

Pros

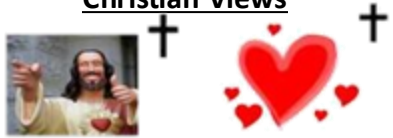
- It protects people from potentially harmful materials for example, offensive language on TV before watershed
- It protects religious groups. Ie. the 2008 blasphemy law would not allow any media which was offensive to Christianity
- It can stop potentially offensive material being published for example, it could be argued that the Charlie Hebdo magazine should not be allowed to publish pictures of the prophet Muhammed
- It stops extremist views from being aired for example, online terrorist forums should be shut down by the government
- It helps to prevent conflict between different groups

Cons

- It goes against the human right 'freedom of expression'.
- We cannot always trust that those in power will use censorship only for good. Often the government has been accused of censoring information that is released to cover up scandals.
- It could be classed as discrimination not to allow some groups to have their say.
- Some may deem some extremism to be a positive thing. For example, anti-abortion campaigners/ animal rights campaigners that are willing to use violence for their cause. If people think this is right, they may also believe that the news regarding this should not be censored.



Christian Views



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- All views and religions should be accepted if others are not harmed
- Jesus asked people to follow him but never tried to force them – respected their choice

Muslim Views



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- All views and religions should be accepted if others are not harmed
- Muhammed showed religious tolerance to all Jews and Christians – respected them

Case Studies

- Westboro Baptist Church USA – Christian Church who preach hate speech – **argument against Freedom of Religion**
- France's ban on religious clothing especially Hijabs removes free choice

Freedom of Religious Expression:



Freedom of Religion:

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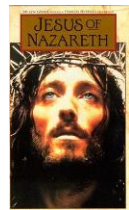
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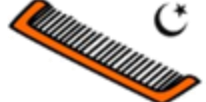


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