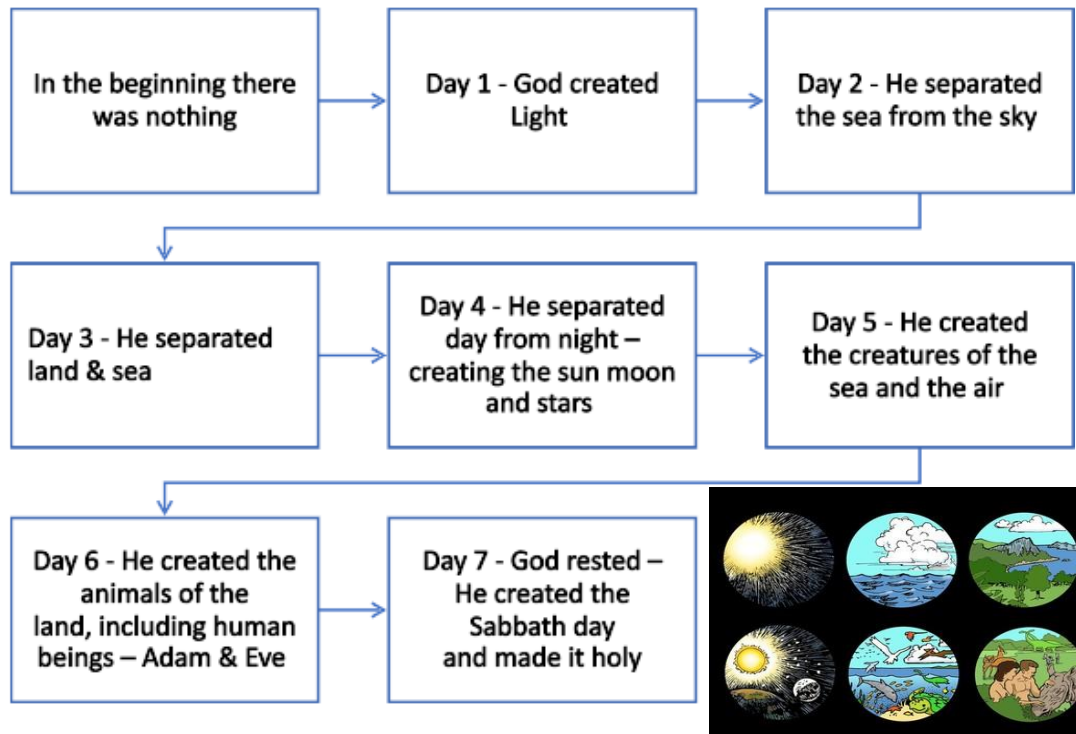
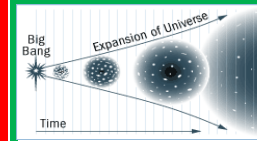


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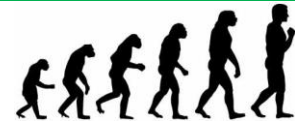


Intelligent Design

- Theory that the world is too perfectly balanced to have happened by accident
- William Paley – world is like a watch. All parts work so perfectly together just like the cogs in a watch, that they must have had a creator
- Michael Behe – same theory but using a mousetrap as an example as it depends on all the parts working perfectly together.
- Richard Dawkins – counter argument, who designed the designer?



Scientific Theories of Creation



Big Bang Theory

- Time and Space began billions of years ago
- Universe was hot and dense
- Particles collided and Universe began to expand forming planets and stars
- Universe is still expanding but will one day reverse and shrink
- Theory by Stephen Hawking

Theory of Evolution

- Theory that all living things have developed from single-celled organisms over time
- Natural Selection – organisms became more complex
- Those with best characteristics survived to pass genes on
- Example – humans evolved from apes
- Theory by Charles Darwin

Muslim Creation Story

- No one single creation story but clear that everything was created by Allah
- View creation as six long periods of time
- Adam was created from clay made of 7 different coloured soils collected by Angels.
- Adam was taken to Paradise and Eve made as his wife
- Many will criticise the theory of evolution due to taking the word of the Qur'an as the literal word of God.
- Others accept scientific theories but believe they're caused by God.

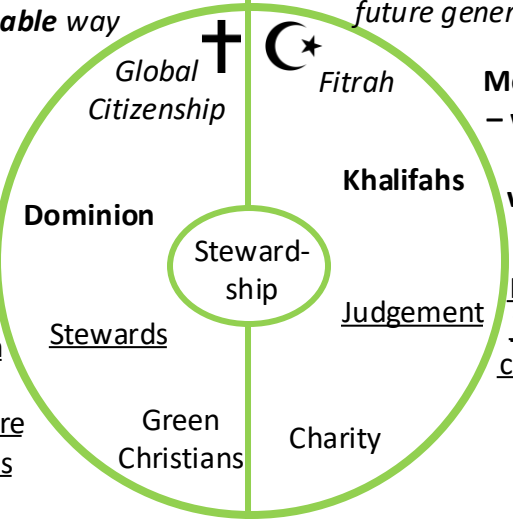
Humans must be responsible with Earth's resources and use them in a **sustainable way**

Natural balance of the universe must be maintained by us for future generations

God created humans to 'rule over' nature – we can use it how we want – **Evangelical view**

Life and Earth are gifts from God, we are here as His stewards

Charity who raise awareness of environmental issues through Churches



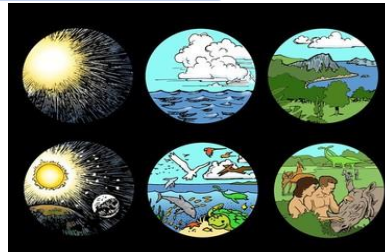
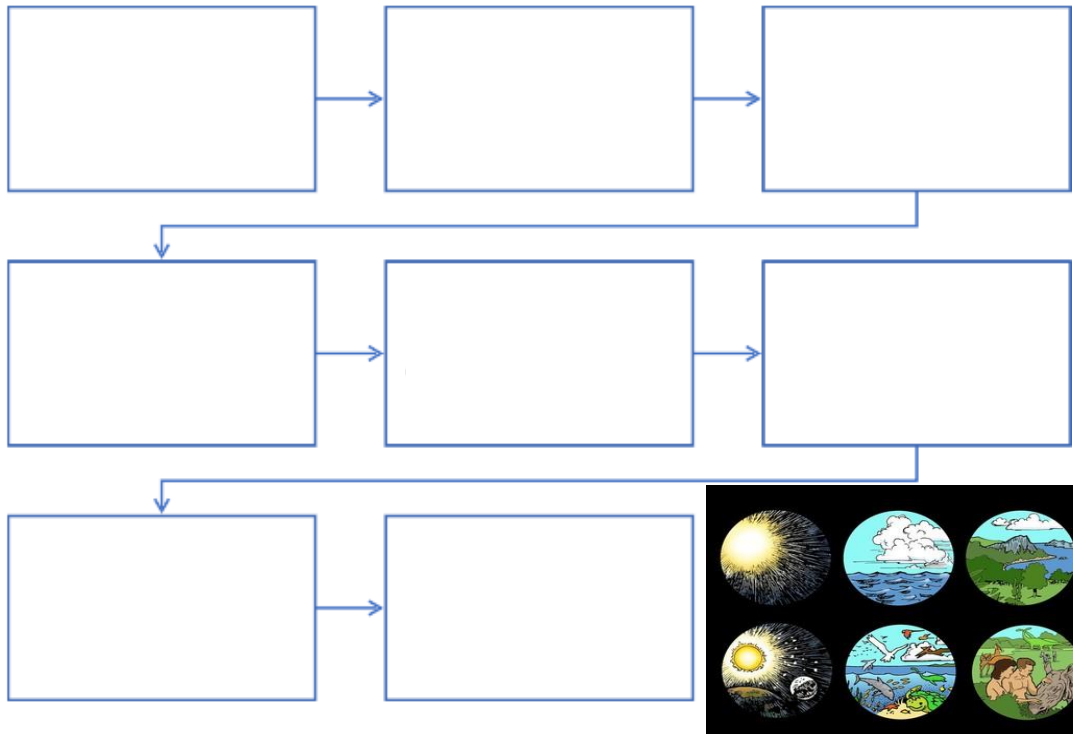
Meaning Trustee – we are here to care for the world as God wishes

Muslims will be judged on their care of the world on Judgement Day

Any act which cares for the planet is seen as an act of Charity for future generations

Literalist's Views on creation	Non – Literalist's Views on creation
E.g. Evangelical	E.g. Liberal
Believe every word of the Bible is absolute truth.	See the creation story as an explanation for Creation in a pre-scientific age and accept the Big Bang and Evolution.
Big Bang and Evolution are false as they contradict the word of the bible.	The contradictions in the Genesis accounts of when humans were created is evidence that they aren't factual.
Young Earth creationism: God created the Earth less than 10,000 years ago in 7 days.	Theistic guided evolution: life came about through evolution guided by direct intervention from God.
Old Earth creationism: God created the world millions of years ago over long periods of time.	Natural Evolution: God set down the laws of nature to allow evolution to occur as a natural process.

Christian Creation Story



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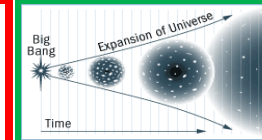
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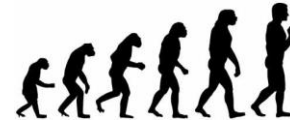
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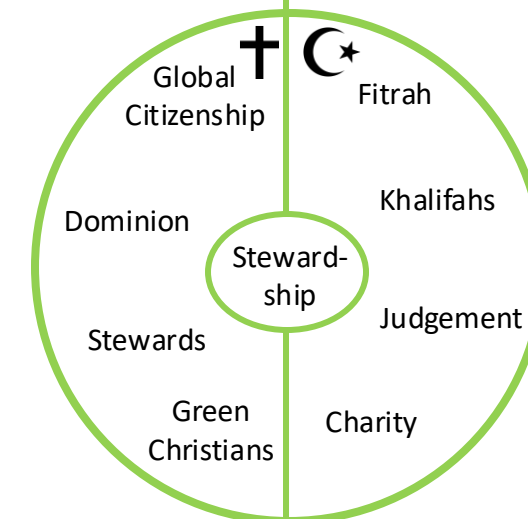
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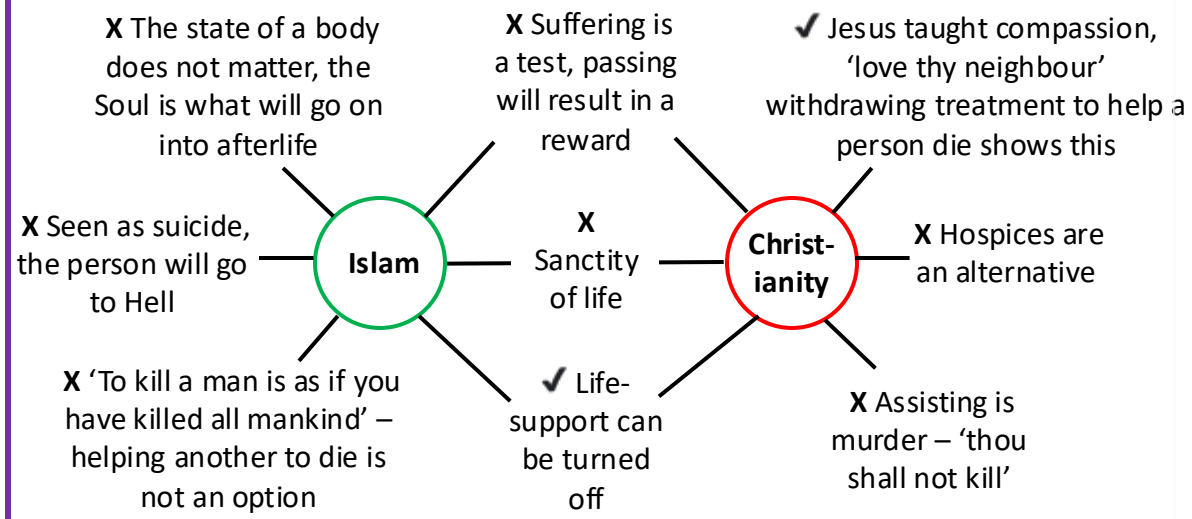
Euthanasia From Greek, *eu* 'good' and *thanatos* 'death'. Sometimes referred to as 'mercy killing'. The act of killing or permitting the death of a person who is suffering from a serious illness.

Abortion When a pregnancy is ended so that it does not result in the birth of a child.

Quality of life The extent to which life is meaningful and pleasurable.

Sanctity of life The belief that life is precious, or sacred. For many religious believers, only human life holds this special status.

Religious Attitudes to Euthanasia



Christianity and Islam Shared Beliefs - Sanctity of Life

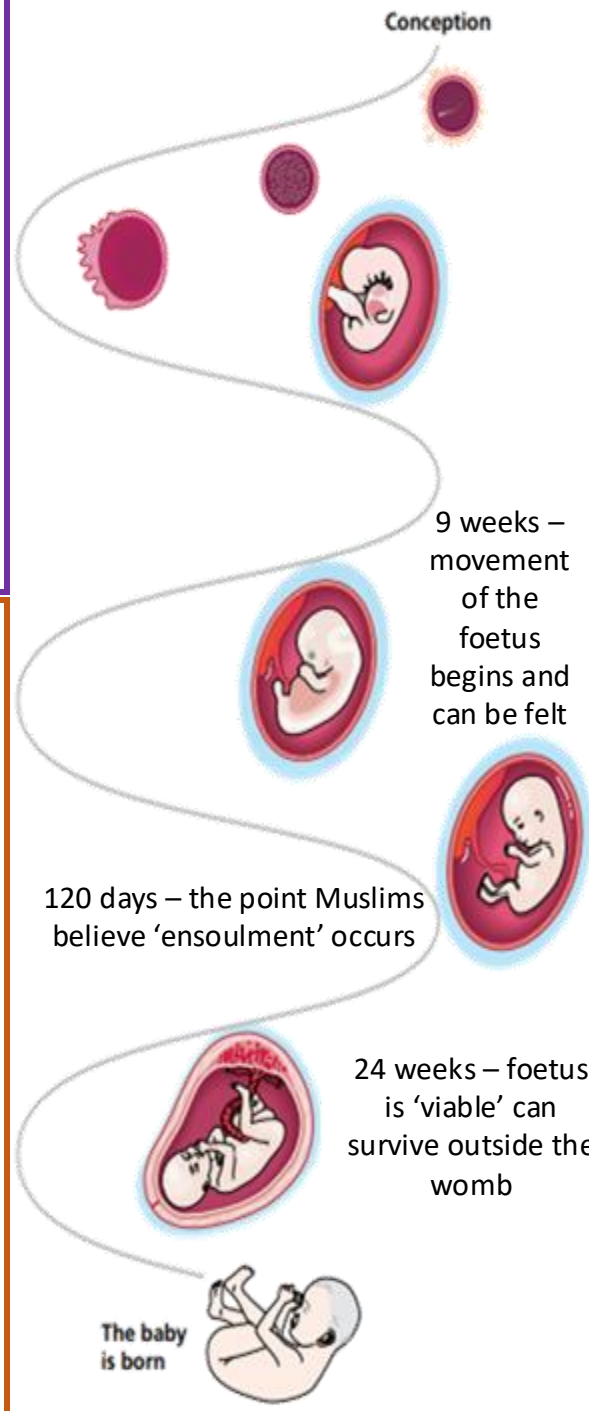
- Life is a gift from God and only He can take it away.
- For humans to interfere is messing with God's Plan
- God knows when we will die
- Every Human and soul is created by God

Hospice - a place where people with terminal illnesses can go to die with dignity.

Palliative care - care that focuses on relieving pain and suffering rather than lifesaving.



Religious Attitudes to Abortion



Euthanasia



Abortion



Quality of life



Sanctity of life



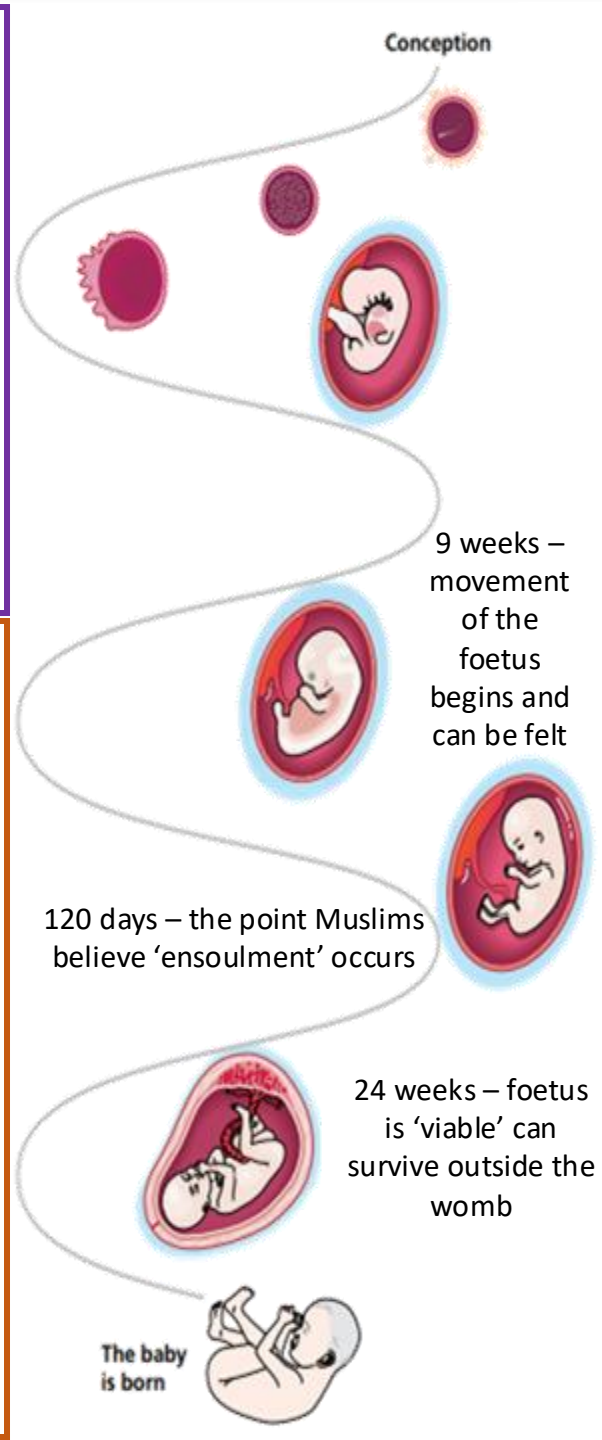
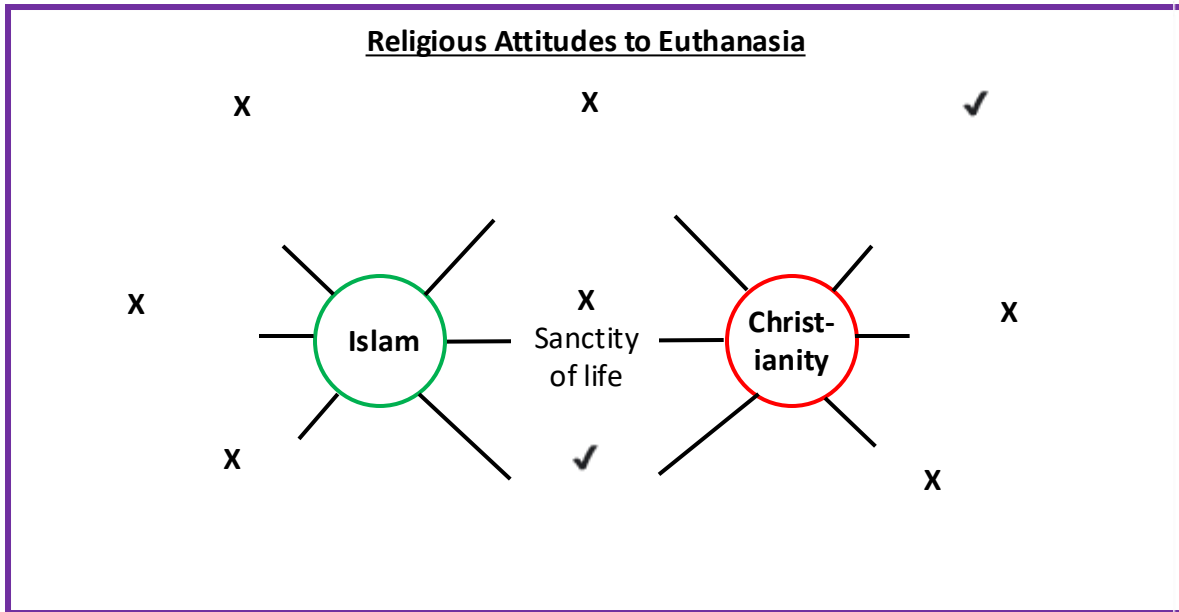
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Hospice – Palliative care -

What they do




Hospices – alternative to Euthanasia




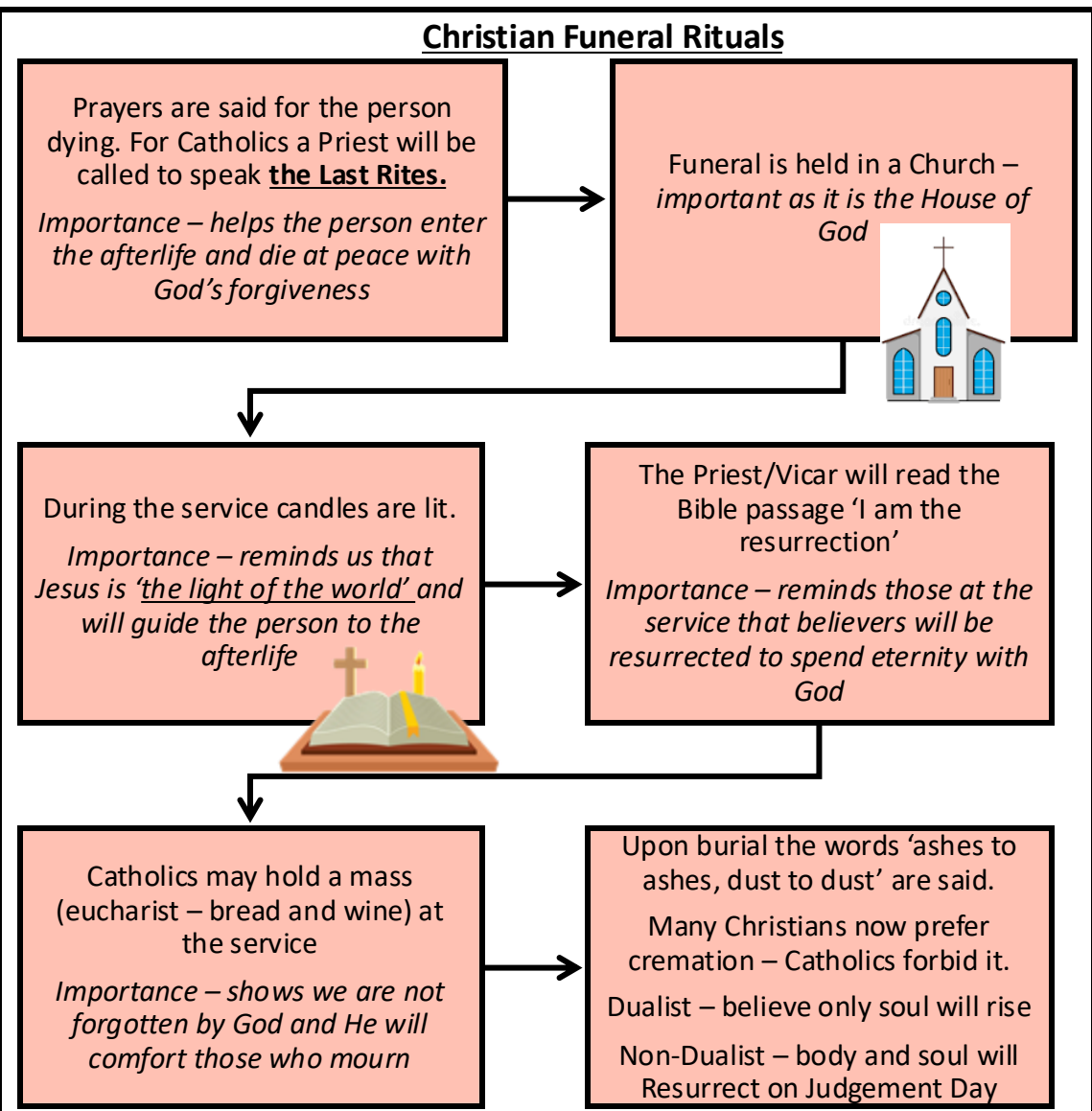
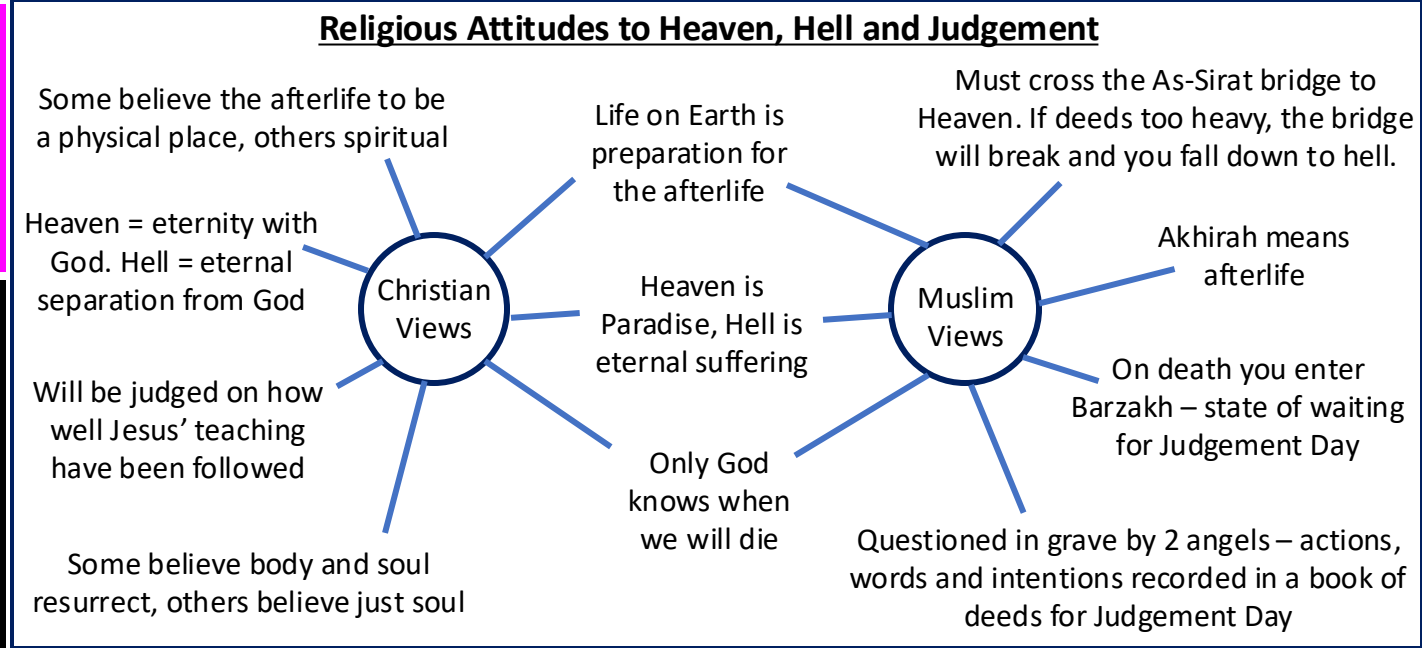


Religious Attitudes to Abortion

Religion	Abortion
Catholics	X
Church of England/Liberals	✓
Islam	X

 **Afterlife** Life after death; the belief that existence continues after physical death.

 **Soul** The spiritual aspect of a being; that which connects someone to God. The soul is often regarded as non-physical and as living on after physical death, in an afterlife.



Muslim Funeral Rituals

Rites	Importance/Meaning
Shahadah whispered into the dying person's ears	Same words spoken at birth. Reinforces belief that in death Muslims return to their Creator
Cremation is forbidden	Body must be in tact for resurrection on Judgement Day
Funeral happens within 24 hours and body is ritually washed - Ghusl	Ensures Muslims are clean ready to be before God
Body is wrapped in a white cloth	Allows all Muslims to be equal and pure before God. Muslims are often buried without a coffin but in the UK they must be
Bodies buried facing Makkah	Allows easy resurrection on the Day of Judgement
At the graveside they pray as the body is buried	Prayers show the greatness of God and the belief that He will bring them into the afterlife
No gravestones – grave may be raised in a mound	Allows all to be equal in death (gravestones often a symbol of wealth) – no Shirk

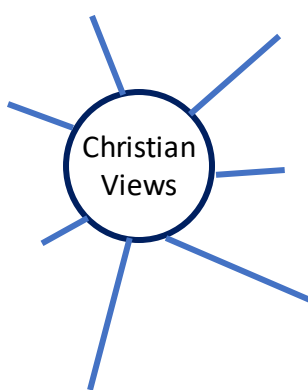
Afterlife



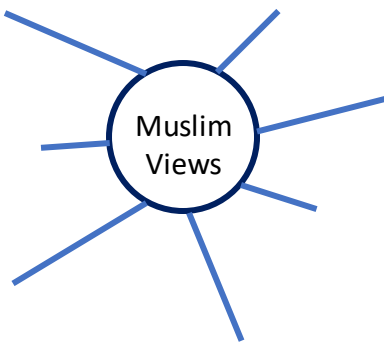
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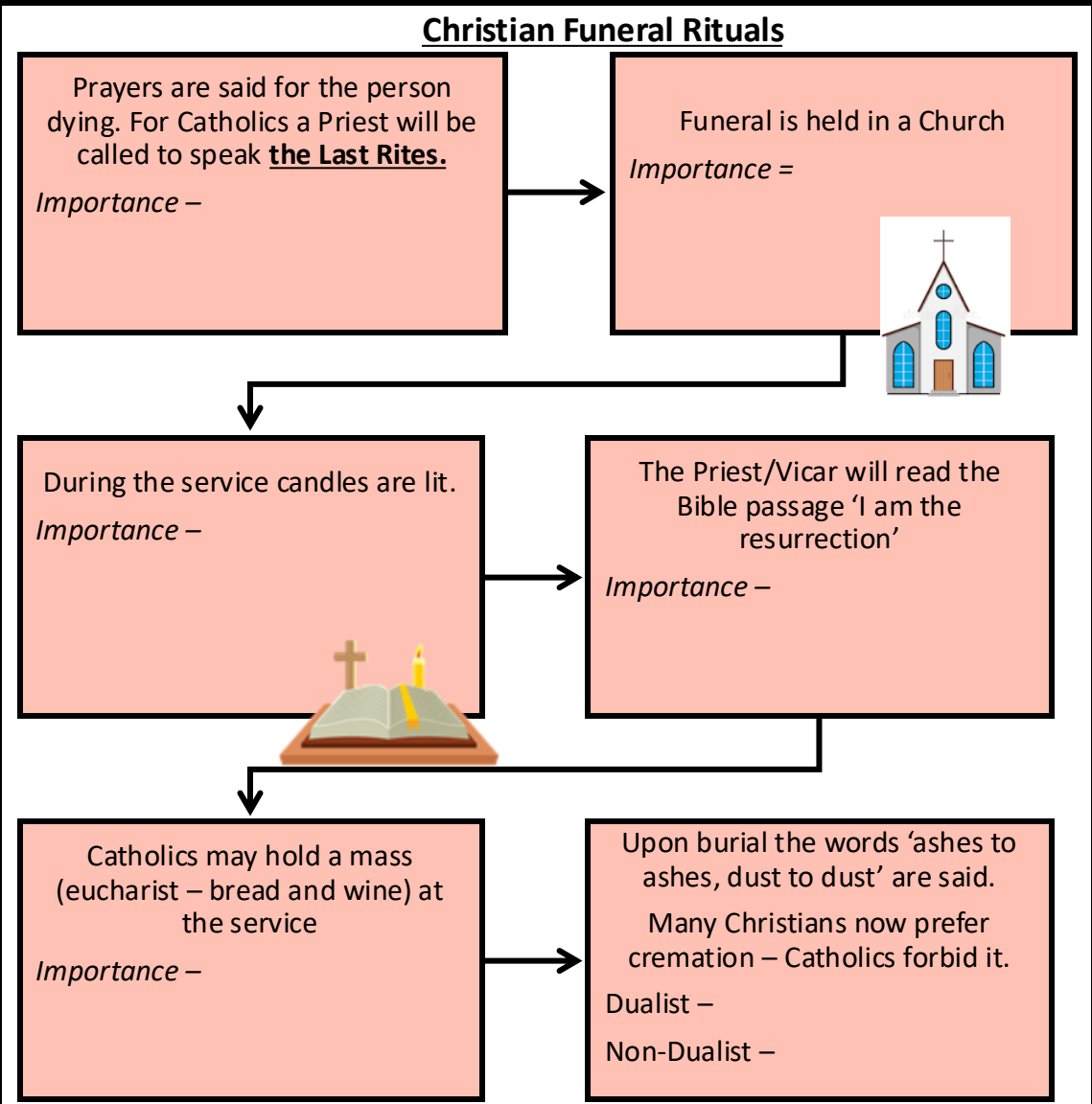
Religious Attitudes to Heaven, Hell and Judgement



Christian Views



Muslim Views



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