

KEY CONCEPTS



- Environmental sustainability** - ensuring that the demands placed on natural resources can be met without reducing capacity to allow all people and other species of animals, as well as plant life, to live well, now and in the future
- Evolution** - the process by which different living creatures are believed to have developed from earlier. Less complex forms during the history of the earth.
- Abortion** - when a pregnancy is ended so that it does not result in the birth of a child.
- Euthanasia** - from Greek, *eu* 'good' + *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.
- 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
- Soul** - the spiritual aspect of a being; that which connects someone to God. The soul is often regarded as nonphysical and as living on after physical death, in an afterlife.
- Afterlife** - life after death; the belief that existence continues after physical death

The order of creation: Day 1- Light & Dark Day 2 - Water & sky Day 3 - Land, seas & plants Day 4 – Land, sea & plants
 Day 5 - Creatures of the sea and every living thing Day 6- humans

Key = origins of life / sanctity of life = stewardship

Genesis 1

²⁶ And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

²⁸ And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

Genesis 2

⁷ And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

²¹ And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;

²² And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

Key phrases or words to help me remember Genesis

Christian views on creation

Christian viewpoint	Attitude	Evidence or bible teaching that supports it

Christians can be stewards by

Both Abortion and Euthanasia are concerned with sanctity of life. A bible teaching which supports this is

Add these viewpoints to the correct side and explain what they think about abortion:
The views at add are Catholic, Church of England and Humanist.

Prolife

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Prochoice

(Abortion in certain circumstances)

Are these arguments for or against euthanasia?

1. Hawking's said, "We don't let animals suffer so why humans?" _____
2. Harold Shipman was a G.P serial killer. Euthanasia would make it easier for Drs like him to kill people.

3. Christians believe suffering has a purpose and should be endured. _____
3. The majority of Christians believe in the sanctity of life. _____
4. If we allow voluntary euthanasia that would then make way for involuntary euthanasia.(slippery slope)

5. We have free will so we should be able to choose when we die. _____
6. Liberal Christians allow the withdrawal of treatment as Jesus encouraged us to be compassionate loving. _____
7. Most Christians regard all forms of euthanasia as murder which is forbidden in the 10 commandments.

8. There are hospices to help care for the terminally ill so they are not in pain. _____
9. People have the right to a quality of life and human dignity. Dying from a terminal illness does not allow this. _____

Which viewpoint believes this about life after death? (Humanist or Christian?)

- A. The body is the home of the soul. It is our inner most being. _____
- B. Some believers are dualists and think we are made from two distinctive parts; soul & material body.

- C. There is no soul. When we die our bodies decompose. _____
- D. Some believers are non-dualists and say that soul and body cannot be separated. _____
- E. Science explains human life and therefore we have no spiritual existence in the afterlife. _____