

Origins and Value of the Universe

If you get a question about the origins of the world, what is it asking you?

Think about what the word origin means:

Explain what the Big Bang Theory argues about the origins of the world and how it's different to the Christian understanding.

You need to know the Christian responses to the Big Bang and the Origins of the universe:

Reasons why Christians reject scientific origins of the world (The Big Bang Theory)	Reasons why Christians accept scientific origins of the world (The Big Bang Theory)

Explain two ways that Christians respond to scientific explanations of the origins of the universe (4 marks)

Why do you think Christians believe that the world is valuable?

“God created the universe.” Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against. (12)

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Sanctity of Life

What is the definition of the sanctity of life?

Why do Christians believe that human life is holy and sacred?

Why do Christians believe that humans are special and different from the rest of creation?

Teaching	How does the teaching show that human life is special, holy and sacred?
"God created mankind in his own image"	
"God breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being"	
"Your bodies are the temples of the holy spirit"	

How would Christians apply these teachings to issues such as abortion and euthanasia?

Explain ways the sanctity of life influences Christians today. (5 marks)

“Christians should never take life.” Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against. (12)

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The origins and value of human life

You need to know the Scientific understanding of the origins of humans and the Christian responses.

Summarise what the theory of evolution, presented by Charles Darwin, suggests about how human life began.

How is this different to the Christian understanding of how human life began?

Decide if each statement shows how some Christians reject evolution and others accept it- Label the statements either:

1- Rejected by Christians

2- Accepted by Christians

1. Reasons why evolution is rejected by Christians and causes problems for them.	2. Reasons why evolution is accepted by Christians and is compatible with Christianity.
It is used as evidence, by people, that God does not exist, as it proposes that humans occurred as a result of chance	Many Christians argue that God started evolution and that evolution was always a part of God's plan.
Christians accept evolution, as they believe this provides scientific evidence for human existence and the Bible shows the purpose of humans in the world.	The Bible is the word of God and cannot be disproved.
Some Christians argue that the 7 stages of creation in the Bible were the seven stages of evolution, which spanned over billions of years.	Some Christians reject evolution as it contradicts what the Bible says and some Christians believe the Bible is 100% accurate.

“Humans have been created by God.” Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against. (12)

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The issues of abortion

State two things the law states about abortion in the UK (2 marks)

Christian arguments **AGAINST** abortion.

Point	Why does this mean that abortion would be wrong?	What do you think?
Life begins at conception. (when the sperm meets the egg.)		
The ten commandments say "thou shalt not kill"		
All life is holy and belongs to God.		
If a pregnancy is unplanned and unwanted, adoption is a better solution.		

Christian arguments in **FAVOUR** of abortion

Point	Why does this mean that abortion would be permitted?	What do you think?
Situation ethics suggests that you should do the most loving thing in a situation.		
The doctrine of double effect suggests that a pregnancy can be terminated if it is a side effect of another procedure.	For example.	
Life does not begin at conception but at a later date in the pregnancy		




Write down some non-religious arguments for and against abortion: (Pro-life/ pro-choice, humanist views)

“No Christian should ever have an abortion.” Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against. (12)

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Death and the Afterlife

Complete the chart to show why Christians believe in life after death:

Reason Christians believe in life after death	Explanation
Resurrection of Jesus 	
Teachings of Jesus 	
Judgement 	

Complete the chart to show why **non-religious people** believe in life after death and how **Christians would respond**:

Belief	Reason	Christian response
Near-death experience		
Evidence of the spirit world		
Remembered lives (reincarnation)		

How does the belief in life after death effect the way Christians live their life?

“Only Christians have evidence for life after death.” Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against (12)

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Euthanasia

Write a definition for euthanasia-

Why is euthanasia controversial?

State two different types of euthanasia. (2 marks)

Explain two reasons why some Christians are in favour of euthanasia (4 marks)

Explain two reasons why some Christians are against euthanasia. In your answer you must refer to a source of wisdom and authority eg. The Bible- The 10 commandments

Humanist/Atheist attitudes in favour of euthanasia	Humanist/Atheist attitudes against euthanasia
What do you think?	

d) "People dying in agony should be offered euthanasia." Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against. (12)

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The natural world

State two threats in the natural world (2 marks)

Explain two reasons why Christians believe that it is important to look after the natural world (5 Marks)

Point	Explanation
God gave humans stewardship.	
Humans will be judged at the end of the world, God will judge how they have behaved and cared for his planet.	
Quote (genesis-creation story)	

Christians are divided over the use of animals for animal testing:

What are animal rights?

Reasons why some Christians believe that animals are at our disposal: we can do what we want!	Reasons why some Christians believe that we cannot do what we want with animals.
What do you think?	

“Animals can't have rights.” Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against. (12)

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