

OUR WORLD

We are here because:

God/Allah put us on the world
 To try and make the world a better place
 To get the most out of life
 To care for the world and its creatures
 To know and love God/Allah
 To reproduce

OR we don't know – we should just live life as we want

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Humans: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serve God and live for him • Obey God • Enjoy the world and its fruits/resources • Are <i>stewards</i> – look after the world for God 	Humans: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Live for Allah alone • Respect other human beings and animals • Act as <i>Khalifahs</i> of the planet

We are HUMAN not ANIMALS:

Thoughts and experience
 Mix of body, mind, personality and soul
 We are made in the image of God/Allah – animals weren't
 Conscience – we know the difference between right and wrong
BUT Animal like (evolution suggests we descend from monkeys)

The worlds resources:

Should be used – we were put in charge; *Dominionship*
 The resources are here for us to enjoy
BUT
 We are we given responsibility for the world as *Stewards/Khalifahs*
 We can't just take – we have to put something back
 Resources are not limitless so we have to be careful for future generations

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Animals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part of Gods creation and should be treated with care and respect • Although given <i>dominionship</i> (Genesis 1) we are also stewards • God has provided so we should be respectful and grateful by treating animals with kindness 	Animals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part of Allahs creation and should be cared for • We are <i>Khalifahs</i> of Allahs world and caring for animals is part of that responsibility • The Hadith has examples of the prophet being kind to animals

Animals should be treated:

With respect as should all living things
 God/Allah created them so we should look after them as *stewards/khalifahs*
BUT
 We have *dominionship* over animals so they should be useful to us
 Animal life is valuable but should never be placed above humans

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Care for world & environment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Live in partnership with God and creation • Exercise responsibility as <i>stewards</i> to look after the world • Preserve and conserve the resources of the world and environment • Give thanks to God for provision 	Care for world & environment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are <i>Khalifahs</i> and should look after the world • Important to preserve <i>Fitrah</i> (balance) in the world • All that lives or exists on the world is Allahs creation and so should be respected

We should care for the world because:
 It's our responsibility
 Future generations will loose out if we don't
 Good way to live – be kind and thoughtful to others
 Natural resources will run out otherwise – so we must do things like recycle and replant

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Positive Example: CHICO MENDES: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working against deforestation • Organised non-violent resistance • Concerned for livelihoods of those depending on forests • Protected reserve set up 	Positive Example: GUNUNG LEUSER: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working to identify issues in the environment • Placed cameras in forests to provide knowledge and training • “Operation Khalifah” • Works on TV teachings others about bad effects on the environment

Creation
 Science:
 Big Bang started the world
 Evolution has shown that life gradually evolved over thousands of years

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How it happened: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God created the world and “it was good” (Genesis) • There is a purpose to existence – dominion/stewardship • Human beings have a special relationship to God and to the world 	How it happened: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allah made the world and everything in it • Humans were given the role of khalifahs and have a binding responsibility to look after the world and treat it with respect • On the day of judgement Muslims will be called into account for how they have looked after Allahs creation

Key Words	
Creation	The way in which something is uniquely made
Dominion	Being in charge and having power over others
Environment	The surroundings in which human beings live
Humanity	All of the people who live on Earth
Soul	The part of human nature which is spiritual in form and influences an individual’s personality
Stewardship	God given responsibility to care for the world

Practice Exam Questions

Your classroom teacher will be happy to mark the following if you try them at home!

- A. Explain what religious believers mean by ‘soul’. [2]
- B. Explain how a religious believer might treat animals. [4]
- C. ‘Humans are just animals with souls.’ Give **two** reasons why a religious believer might agree **or** disagree with this statement. [4]
- D. Explain from **two** different religious traditions how a religious individual **or** community cares for the planet. [6] (You must state the religious traditions you are referring to.)
- E. ‘Life is just to be enjoyed.’
 Do you agree? Give reasons or evidence for your answer, showing that you have thought of more than one point of view. You must include reference to religious beliefs in your answer. [8]