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Y11 Religious Studies Homework

Unit 2: MATTERS OF LIFE AND DEATH

Homework Booklet - Due in every THURSDAY

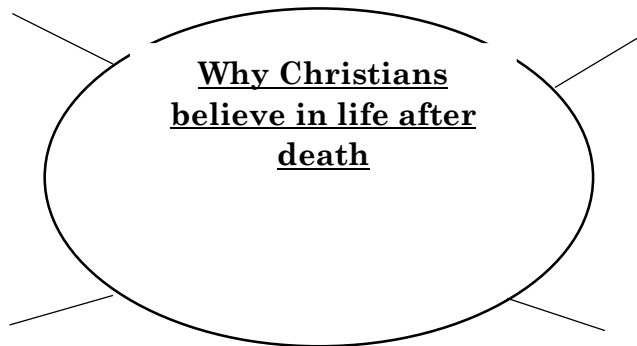
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Homework booklet

Unit 3 Topic 2: Matters of Life and Death

Task 1: Due in Nov 26th 2015

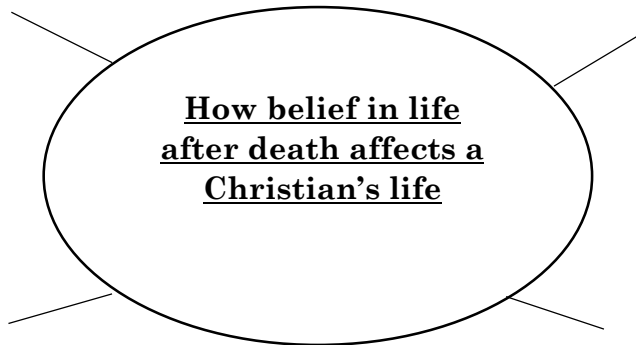


b) Do you agree Christians have good reasons to believe in life after death?

Also..

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Task 2: Due in December 3rd 2015



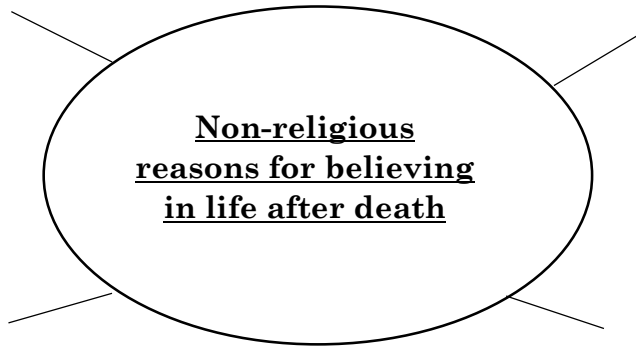
b) Do you agree having a belief in life after death should affect how Christians treat others?

(give examples to develop here)

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Task 3: Due in Dec 10th 2015

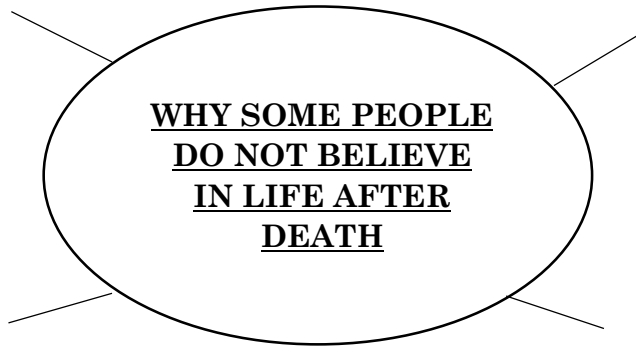


b) Do you agree that there are plenty of non-religious evidence to prove there is life after death ?

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Task 4: Due in Dec 17th 2015



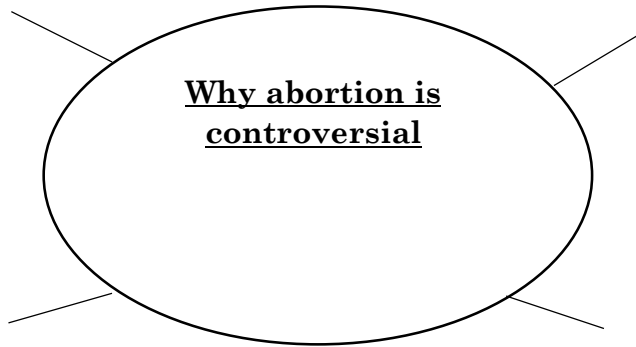
b) Do you think that when you are dead, you're dead?

Yes I do because...

Also..

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Task 5: Due in Jan 7th 2016

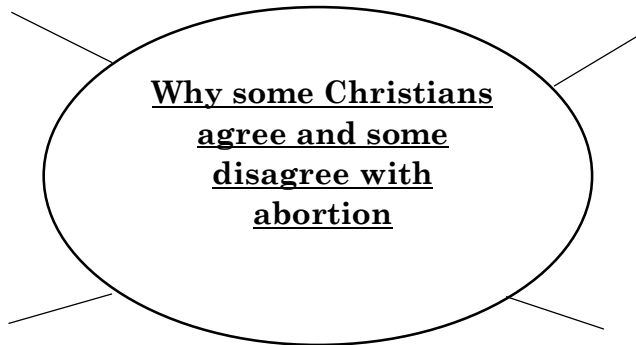


b) Do you think there are good reasons on both sides of the abortion controversy?

Also..

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Task 6: Due in Jan 14th 2015



b) Do you think Christians should never accept abortion?

Also..

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Task 7: Due in Jan 21st 2015



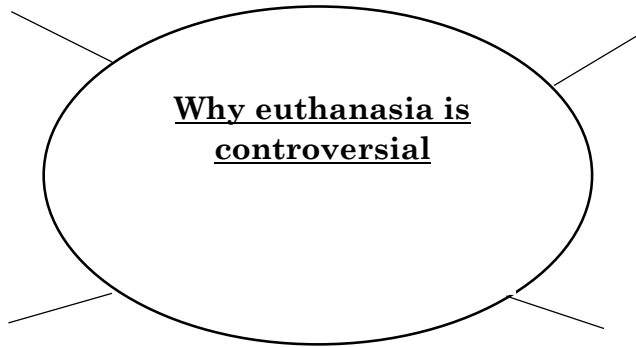
b) Do you think the law on abortion needs to be changed?

Yes I do because...

Also..

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Task 8: Due in Jan 28th 2016

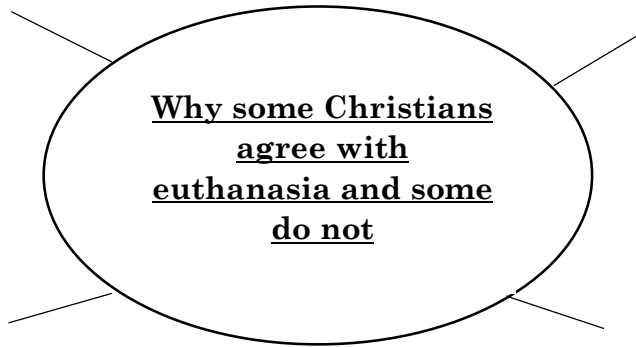


b) Do you agree that euthanasia should continue to be illegal in the UK?

Also..

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Task 9: Due in Feb 4th 2016

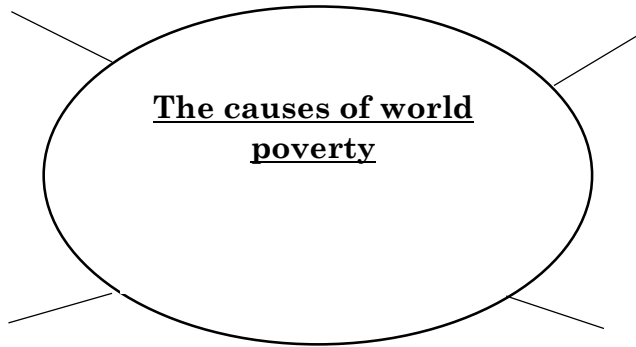


b) Do you agree that no Christian should support euthanasia?

Also..

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Task 9: Due in Feb 11th 2016



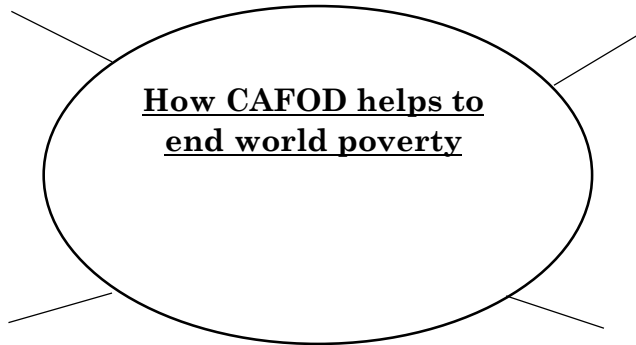
b) Do you agree that war is the main cause of world poverty?

Yes I do because...

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Task 10 & 11: BOTH Due in Feb 26th



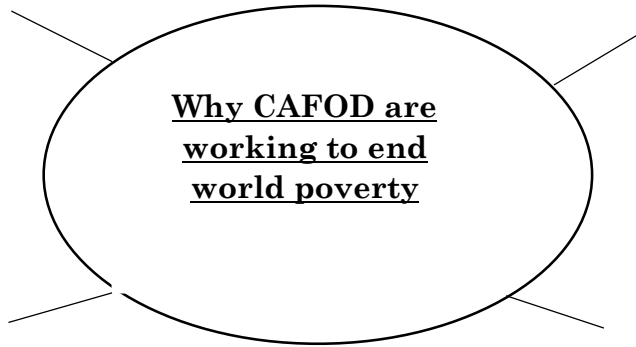
b) Do you agree that Christians do enough to end world poverty?

Yes I do because...

Also..

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Task 11: Due in Feb 26th also



b) Do you agree that it is the responsibility of Christians to try to end world poverty?

Yes I do because

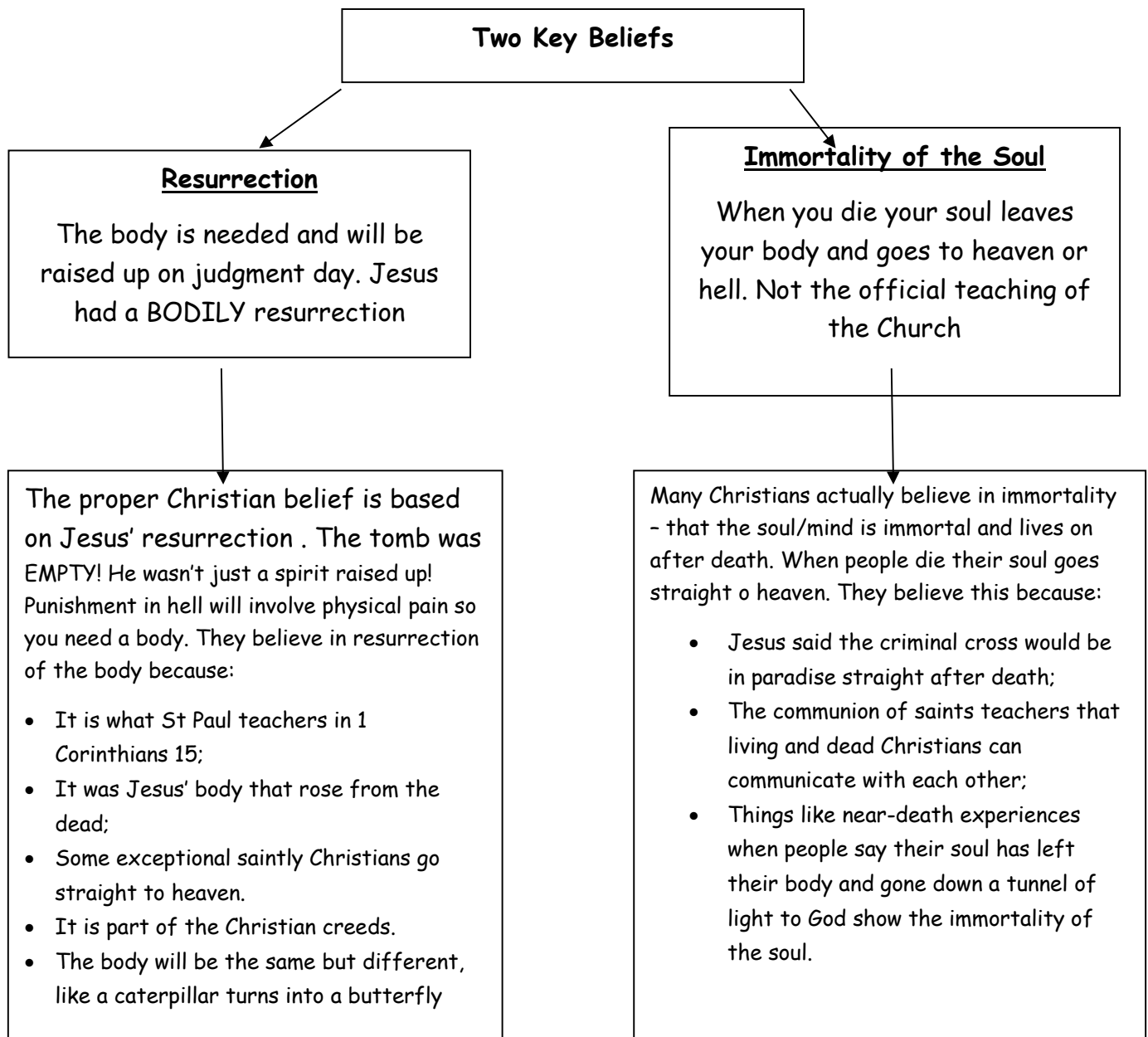
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Task 12, due March 4th – Learn the Key words at the end of this booklet

REVISION GUIDE TO HELP YOU WITH ANSWERS

Christian teaching on Life after death:



The key points for the mind maps are in red. LEARN THESE BY HEART

Task 1: Explain why Christians believe in life after death

All Christians believe that there is life after death because:

- **Jesus rose from the dead.** *This is important because it shows it is possible to survive death*
- **The Bible says that there is life after death.** *The Bible is important because it is the Word of God so can't be wrong*
- **The Church teaches that there is life after death.** *The Church is important because it has the authority to represent Jesus on earth today*
- **The Creeds say there is life after death.** *The creeds are important because they are what the earliest Christians firmly believed*
- **They believe that life after death gives life meaning and purpose.** *This is important because otherwise there would be no point in continuing when life gets really hard.*

REMEMBER - this explains **WHY** they believe in it, not **what** they believe or **how** it affects their lives.

Task 2: Explain how belief in life after death affect Christians?

Hell - They want to avoid hell so they avoid bad actions. For example lying and stealing which is breaking the Commandments



Judgment - They are worried Jesus will judge them as he promises in the Parable of the Sheep and Goats. So they act like the sheep not the goats (feed the hungry, visit the sick)



Heaven - They want to get into heaven so they try to follow in Jesus' footsteps. For example they care for the poor



Confession

They will try to confess all sins. This will help them to avoid purgatory



Do you agree God could send people to hell?

Task 3: Explain non-religious reasons for believing in life after death?

Near-death Experiences

This event is when your soul seems to leave your body, travelling towards a light or to God or even to Hell. **IT IS NOT WHEN YOU SOMEONE SAVES YOU FROM NEARLY DYING.** The stories all report very similar things showing it must be real

Remembered past lives

The belief that person's soul has been reborn into another body when they die. Evidence of this is déjà vu or memories from past lives.

Non religious evidence

Contacting the Spirit World

People such as mediums claim to be able to make contact with the dead. These people claim to have paranormal abilities.

Ghost Evidence

People have given witness testimony and photographic evidence of ghosts

Task 4: Why some people do not believe in life after death - when you're dead you're dead!

- ▣ If there is **no God, there is no spirit world** for life after death to happen.
- ▣ People who have been **brought up by atheists**/are atheists will not believe in life after death.
- ▣ The **different religions contradict each other** about life after death. Christianity, Islam and Judaism say it will be resurrection or immortality of the soul; Hinduism, Sikhism and Buddhism say it will be reincarnation. If life after death were true, they would all say the same thing.
- ▣ Much of the evidence is based on **holy books, but they contradict each other**, and there is no way of deciding which holy books are true and which false.
- ▣ The evidence of the **paranormal** (near-death experiences, mediums, reincarnation) has all been **challenged by scientists**.
- ▣ Most beliefs about life after death think that the mind or soul can survive without the body, but **science shows that the human mind cannot live without the brain**, so when the body dies, the mind must also die.
- ▣ There is **no place** where life after death could take place; **space journeys** have shown that heaven is not above the sky.



Task 5: Why abortion is a controversial issue- (Controversial means people argue about it)

Main argument AGAINST abortion

It is a person from day 1. This means any abortion at any stage is murdering a child

It has human rights. The most important human right is the right to life, this is way more important than the woman's right to choose.

Main argument FOR abortion

It is not a person from day 1. It has no features of a person, it is just cells so early abortions are not murder

The mother has human rights too. She has the right to do what she wants with her own body. Men get to do this so why should women not?

Different Christians views on Abortion

TOP TIP: A VERY IMPORTANT CONCEPT YOU CAN USE IN ABORTION AND EUTHANASIA (AND GENETIC ENGINEERING / IVF) QUESTIONS IS THE SANCTITY OF LIFE

Important to note that however not all Christians think that abortion breaks the sanctity of life. Some say abortion is not taking a person's life, because Christians *disagree about when/ whether the foetus is a person.*

All Christians believe in the Sanctity of Life. It means that:

- That human life is precious IT IS NOT something that can be used and abused
- Human Life belongs to God so only God has the right to give life and only God has the right to take it away.
- That God has a plan for each and every person, even before they are born - Jeremiah 1:5 "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you; I called you by your name"
- Taking an innocent human life is the most serious sin. Children are the most innocent as they have not sinned therefore taking a child's life is punishable in Hell.

Task 6: Why some Christians agree and some disagree with abortion

<u>CHRISTIANS WHO DISAGREE WITH ABORTION :</u>	<u>CHRISTIANS WHO AGREE WITH SOME ABORTION:</u>
The Catholic Church teaches it is a person from day 1	They do not agree it is a person from day 1 and do not accept that it is murder in the early stages
This means abortion breaks the commandment " do not kill "	It can be the lesser of two evils ; it would be worse if the unwanted child was born
This also means it breaks the sanctity of life arguments (give some from above)	Jesus would have shown compassion , especially in the case of rape
Adoption is a better option	It is wrong to force people to bring unwanted or sick children into the world that they cannot look after

Task 7: The Law on Abortion - Abortion is not permitted under English law. However the 1967 Act provides certain exceptions to this rule:

1. **Two doctors** need to agree that the abortion is required for one of the reasons below:
2. The **mother's physical health** is at risk
3. The **child will be severely ill or disabled**
4. There is a **risk to the mother's mental wellbeing** or the **wellbeing of other children** in the family
5. The abortion **cannot take place after 24 weeks of pregnancy** except in the case of points 2 and 3 above, in which case the abortion can take place at any time up to birth

Should the law be changed?

<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
1. 2 doctors trying to agree can result in delays and more suffering	1. It protects women's right to control their own bodies
2. Abortion should not be allowed at all because it is killing an innocent child	2. It allows doctors who don't agree with abortions not to do them
3. The law allows abortions right up to birth for any kind of "deformity" which is discrimination & murder	3. It stops back street abortions and unwanted babies being dumped.

Task 8: Why Euthanasia is a controversial issue (people argue about it)

The law in the UK is clear on euthanasia and assisted suicide is clear .It is illegal to actively kill or assist in the death another person whether they have requested it or not. It is **not illegal** for doctors to withhold life saving treatment or to turn off life support machines (passive euthanasia)_.

Euthanasia is controversial because some people think the law should be changed

Should the law change on euthanasia?

<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
1. It is not dignified to die from very long and painful illnesses. You wouldn't like it if it was you.	1. It is not up to us to decide when life is over
2. We already have a form of euthanasia - turning off life support.	2. It would give doctors too much power and make people scared of them
3. The law results in needless suffering eg. Tony Nicols and Tony Bland.	3. We should work towards finding better treatments and cures
	4. Hospices are better than euthanasia

Task 9: Why some Christians agree with euthanasia and some do not

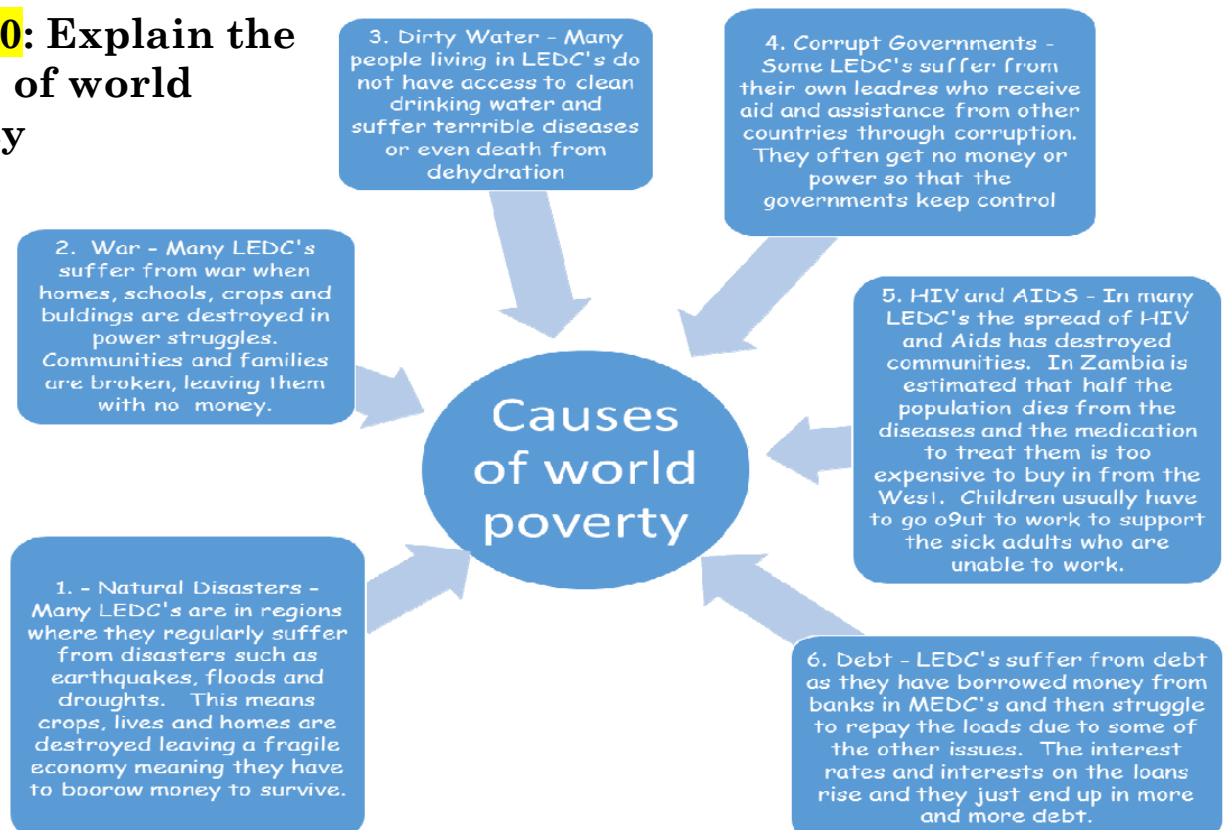
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1. **Jesus' Golden Rule** – you would want to die with dignity
2. The teaching of the Church agrees with turning off life support machines
3. **Jesus** – came to show love and compassion and would have helped people like Tony Nichol
4. The quality of life is more important than the sanctity of life

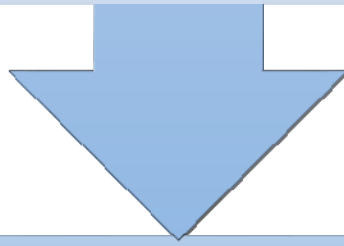
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1. **SANCTITY OF LIFE** - God decides when you die.
2. **DONOTKILL**- Commandment
3. **The teaching of the Church** – is against voluntary euthanasia
3. **Jesus** would have wanted us to **cure people** like he did, not kill them
4. **Hospices** are better options

Task 10: Explain the causes of world poverty



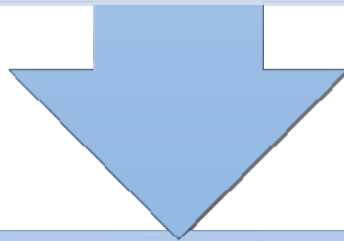
Is the major Catholic Charity in England and Wales that works to end world poverty.
CAFOD stands for Catholic Agency for Overseas Development



Task 11

Why Does CAFOD help people?

- Catholics believe that God created the universe and appointed us stewards,
- The World's resources are a gift to be shared equally by all men and women.
- Good Samaritan - teaches Catholics to help people who are suffering regardless of their race or religion
- Parable of the Sheep and Goat - confirms we should help each other.



Task 10

How does CAFOD help people?

1. **Development Programmes** - provides long-term support so that the people can work themselves out of poverty.
2. **Emergency Aid** - for people caught up in disasters. This is a temporary measure to help people after the aftermath.
3. **Raising awareness** - involved in campaigns
4. **Education** - Gives developing nations an opportunity to reduce poverty through economic growth and improved education. It also educates the UK about the needs of the poor and the work that CAFOD is doing.

Task 12: LEARN THE KEY WORDS WORD FOR WORD FOR THIS MODULE

Abortion	The Removal of a foetus from the womb before it can survive
Assisted Suicide	Providing a seriously ill person with the means to commit suicide
Euthanasia	The painless killing of someone dying from a painful disease
Immortality of the Soul	The idea that the soul lives on after death of the body
Near-death Experience	When someone who is about to die has an out-of-body experience
Non-Voluntary Euthanasia	Ending someone's life painlessly when they are unable to ask, but you have good reason for thinking they would want you to do so
Paranormal	Unexplained things that are thought to have spiritual causes, e.g. ghosts or mediums
Quality of Life	The idea that life must have some benefits for it to be worth living
Reincarnation	The belief that, after death, souls are reborn in a new body
Resurrection	The belief that, after death, the body stays in the grave until the end of the world when it is raised
Sanctity of Life	The belief that life is holy and belongs to God
Voluntary Euthanasia	Ending life painlessly when someone in great pain asks for death