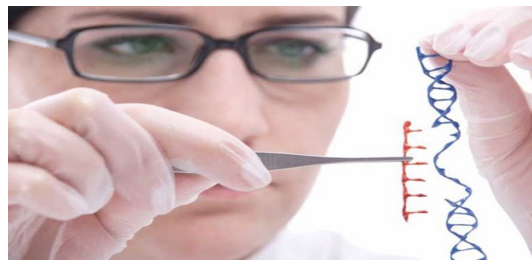


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Genetic Engineering—When scientists extract DNA, alter it usually with the DNA of another plant or animal and place it back.

Cloning—When scientists make an exact copy of DNA.

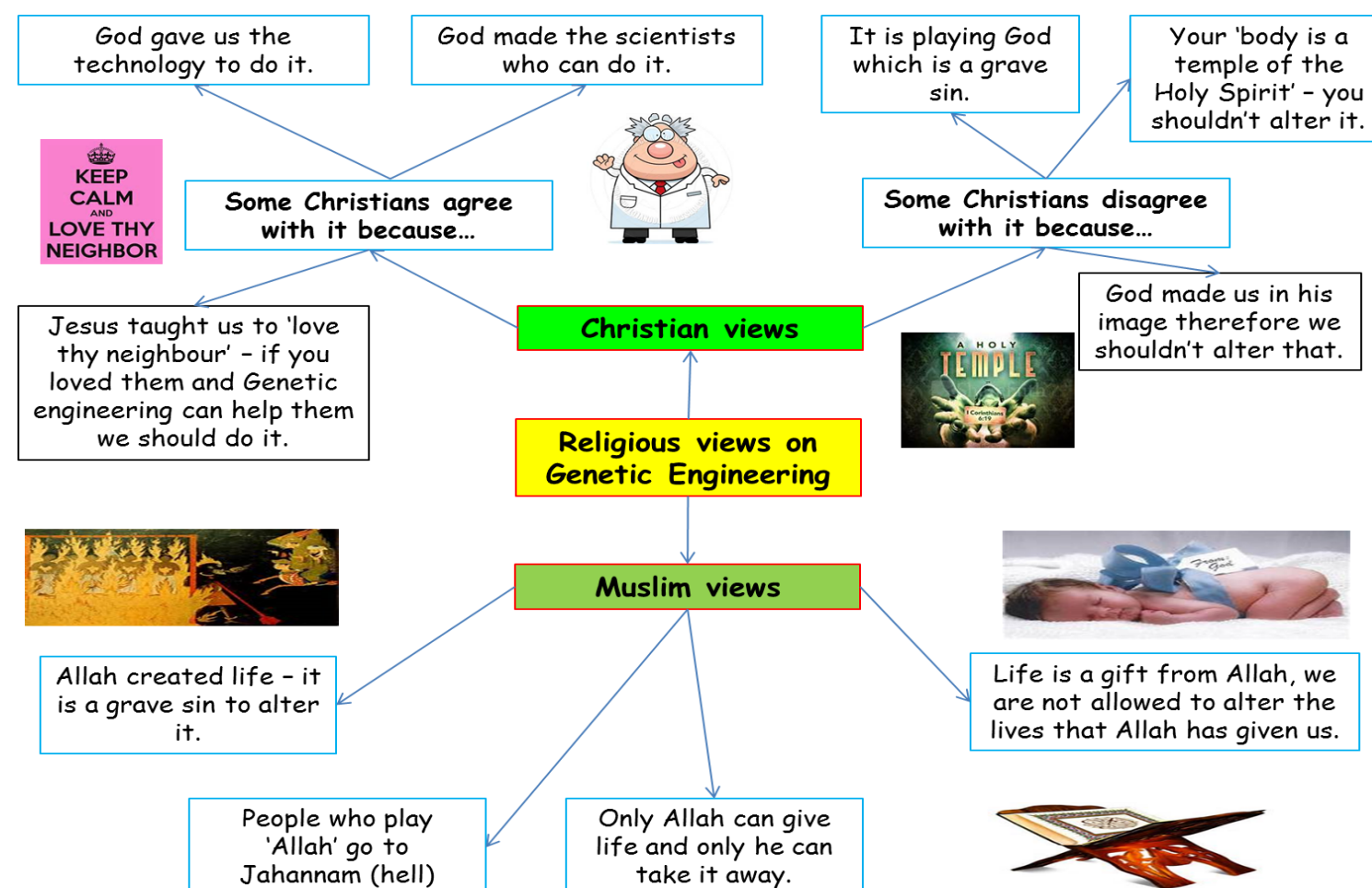
Benefits of Genetic Engineering:

- ♦ Ear mouse—created new body parts.
- ♦ Super cows/crops—ending of starvation and poverty.
- ♦ Glow in the dark kittens—AIDs research.



Negatives of Genetic Engineering:

- ♦ Are we playing God?
- ♦ It violates the rights of animals.
- ♦ We do not know the long term impact of Genetic Engineering—it may have disastrous consequences for humanity.



What are saviour siblings?

Children who are created and genetically engineered to be perfect donors of stem cells, blood and tissues for already existing children.

In this module we saw clips from the film 'my sister's keeper' to do with the morality of Saviour Siblings.

You will have to refer to Catholic and Muslim views in your exam on this.

CHRISTIAN BELIEFS

Some Christians allow it because:

- Jesus healed people, so we should too. Saviour Siblings are a way we can help sick children.
- God gave us the technology to do it.
- God gave us free will - if we want to do it, then we can.



Catholics do NOT allow it because:

- Only God has the right to make life and take it away.
- We are all made 'perfect in God's image' therefore we should not alter that.
- Suffering is sometimes part of God's plan. Jesus said those who suffer will gain 'eternal life'.

MUSLIM BELIEFS

Muslims FORBID Saviour Siblings:

- Playing Allah is a grave sin and will lead to suffering in Hell.
- Only Allah has the right to create life and take it away.
- Life is a test in Islam. If a child is suffering, then it is part of Allah's plan.



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WHY EXECUTION?



Why execution?

Capital punishment dates back from the dawn of time. In the Bible we are told in Genesis 38 that a man called Er 'displeased the Lord' so he was executed for his sin.

Deterrence:

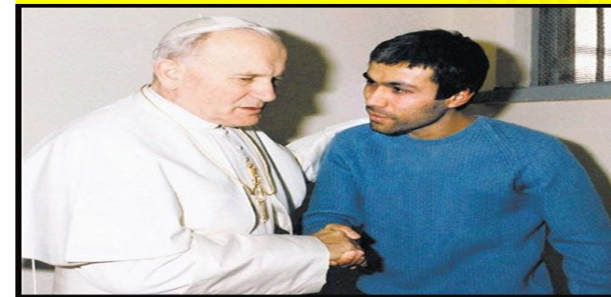
The main reason execution is carried out is to deter others from doing the same crime. Vlad publicly impaled thousands as a warning to others of what will happen to them if they do it. Societies would make execution public in order that all could see the horror of what would happen to them if they do the same.

FUN FACT:

In the UK when public hangings were banned, attendance at football matches sky rocketed!

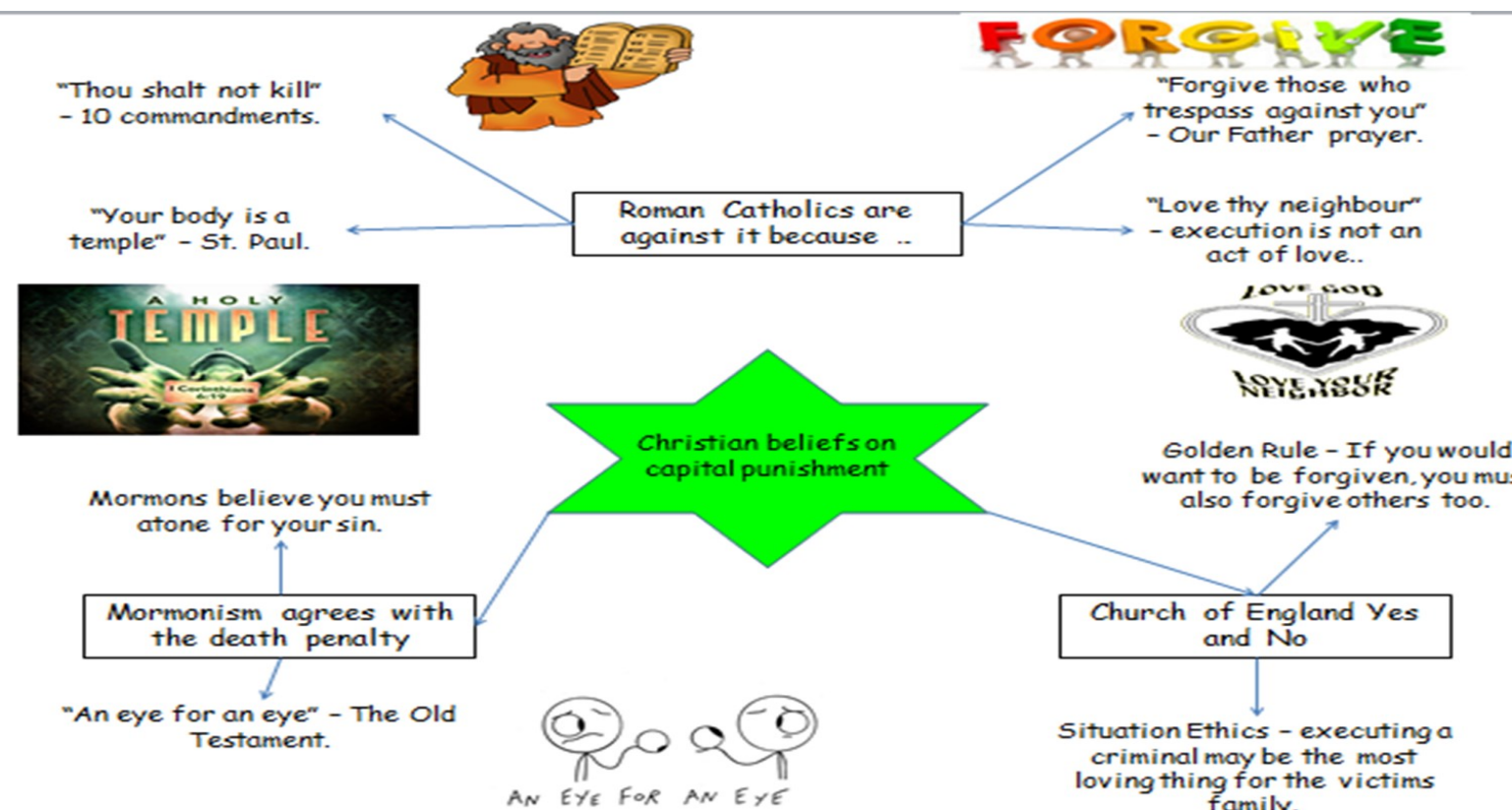


CATHOLIC VIEWS ON CAPITAL PUNISHMENT



- The Catholic Church teaches that people should be forgiven rather than executed.
- The only crime the Church advocates the death penalty for is trying to assassinate the Pope.

- In 1981 Mehmet Ali Ağca tried to kill Pope John Paul II. He shot him four times in the Vatican city and was imprisoned for life.
- In 1983 Pope John Paul II visited his assassin to forgive him. In 2000, Pope John Paul II asked for his assassin to be freed and pardoned for his crime.
- For Catholics we must forgive those who 'trespass against us'.



ISLAM ON CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

Islam is a religion of peace and forgiveness. One of the 99 names of Allah is 'merciful' and therefore Muslims believe that Capital punishment must be the **last resort**.



Islam also teaches justice.

Islamic countries use **Shariah Law** - law that is based upon the teachings of Allah in the Holy Qur'an.

Shariah law states that Capital Punishment can be used for any crime that '**destabilises society**' = This means a crime that brings chaos or disorder to a country.

