

Y9RE Module 2: Stewardship

Skill A vocabulary for this module:

Stewardship—A Catholic/Muslim duty to look after the environment for future generations e.g. by recycling.

Steward—A Catholic who looks after the environment.

Khalifah—A Muslim who looks after the environment.

Gaia Theory—The belief that the earth is a living Goddess and can look after itself.

Jannah—The Islamic term for heaven.

Jahannam—The Islamic term for hell.

Just War Theory—A way of measuring whether a war is morally ok.

Jihad—Literally means 'struggle'. There are two types, the Greater Jihad and the Lesser Jihad.

Padre—A military priest who accompanies troops into battle to provide spiritual care.

Infertility—Not being able to have children.



KEY FACTS TO KNOW

The three warmest years in recorded history have all been since 1998.

- By 2025, the average UK temperature will be 1.3degrees higher per month.
- By 2050 the North-East will receive 15-20% more rain per month than today.
- By 2050 parts of the southern Mediterranean (e.g. Spain) will become desert.

Extension Black Hat thinking question:
Why is this such a problem for us?



ARE USING RENEWABLES A GOOD SOLUTION?



Renewable energies are energies like solar, wind, wave and geothermal power which are natural and unlimited. They harvest the earth's natural energies to power our homes, cars, and other demands.

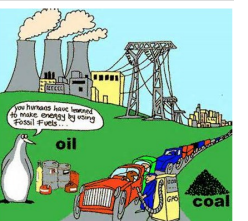
Positives: Unlimited quantity of them, release few emissions and are cheap to maintain.

Negatives: Very expensive to set up and rely upon weather, e.g. Solar power in England might be unreliable.

Fossil fuels are energies like coal, oil and gas energy. They produce instant energy but are finite (that means they will run out). They produce a lot of CO2 emissions.

Positives: Cheaper to set up than renewable energies.

Negatives: Will run out, bad for the environment.



God calls Christians to be stewards of the environment

The parable of the talents teaches us if we do not try to improve the environment we will be cast out of God's Kingdom

If we truly 'love our neighbour' we would want to make the world a better place for them.

If you want to go to heaven Christians believe you have to protect the environment

Catholic beliefs

In Genesis God tells us to look after the world therefore we have a duty to do so.



Religion and the Environment



Allah has called muslims to be Khalifahs - Islamic stewards of the earth.

Muslims beliefs

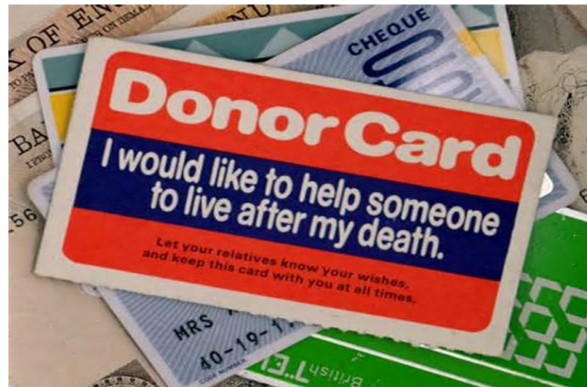
Muhammad stated 'Destroy not one tree'. Therefore the Prophet Muhammad stresses the importance of stewardship.

If a Muslim wants to go to Jannah (heaven) they must protect the environment.

Muslims believe we are one Ummah (community). We must make the world a better place for the Ummah.

The Holy Qur'an teaches we must respect the environment.

Y9RE Module 2: Organ Donation



In the UK approximately 1,500 people die per day.

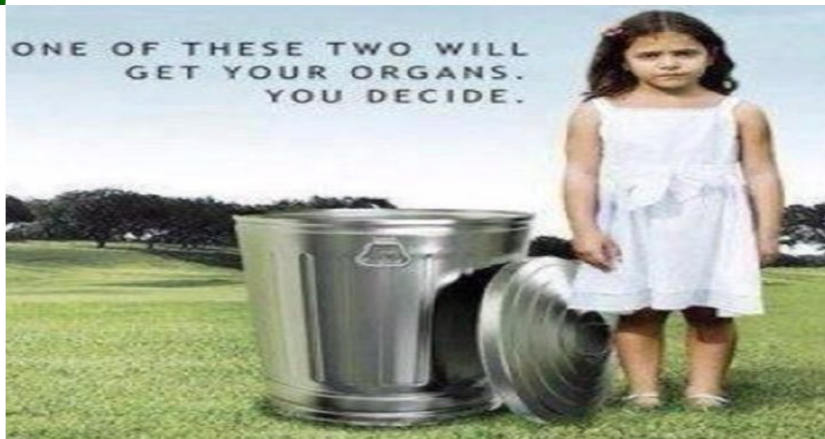
There are currently over 4,500 people on the UK organ donor register.

Statistically speaking all of these people could be cured in 3-4 days HOWEVER...

Everyday only 3 people donate their organs out of these 1,500 people per day!

The UK used to have an **opt-in** organ donation system. This means you have to sign up to be an organ donor.

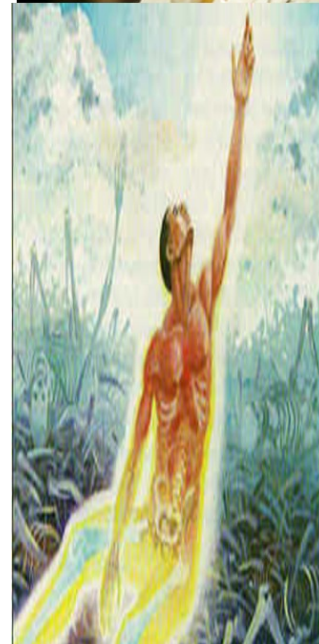
In some countries, like China or Spain, they have an **opt-out** system. This is where you have to choose not to donate. In Spain around 1000 people donate their organs per day! The UK has now joined to opt-out system.



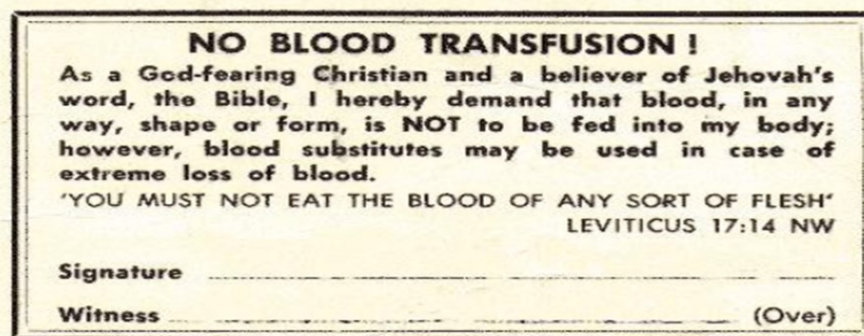
ROMAN CATHOLIC BELIEFS

Roman Catholics believe:

- That organ donation is a way of 'loving thy neighbour'.
- Most Catholics believe that whilst we are **resurrected** (raised in bodily form), we do not need our organs when we die. Instead God will give us a new, perfected body, therefore we can donate our organs.
- The catechism states that "organ donation is a noble act".

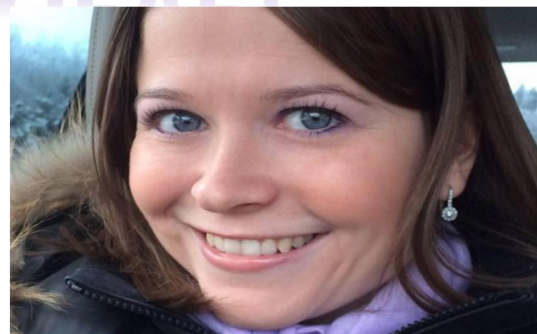


WHAT DO JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES BELIEVE?



Jehovah's witnesses are taught in the Bible that they must not receive the 'blood from any flesh'.

They believe that this means they cannot have blood or organ transplants and that if they are ill God (Jehovah) must want them to die. To disrespect this is to disrespect God (Jehovah's) plan.



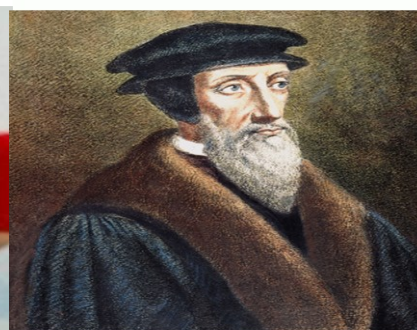
WHAT DO CALVINIST CHRISTIANS BELIEVE?



Calvinist Christians are a small group of Christians who believe in predestination. This is the belief that God has pre-decided EVERYTHING you think, say and do.

If God has made you sick, he wants you to be sick. If he has made your organ fail, he wants your organ to fail. If he is making you die, he therefore wants you to die.

Calvinists believe that if you disobey God's wishes by donating your organs or receiving an organ you go against God's wishes and will spend eternity in Hell.



Y9RE Module 2: The Just War Theory



A war is only JUST if you have tried all other options to war first, e.g. Diplomacy, trade sanctions, negotiations, UN meetings.

LAST RESORT

1. Last Resort

Why are you going to war?
Is it to free innocent people or is it for money, greed, power???



2. Right intention

Have you been attacked? What is your cause for going to war?

3. Just Cause

The Just War Theory Criteria

7. Avoids civilian deaths

A JUST War ensures that civilian casualties are avoided at all costs.

6. Proportionality

You cannot use excessive weapons. If an army only has spears you could not use machine guns. If a country has 10,000 troops, you cannot use 1 million troops on them.



4. Right authority

You have to be backed by organisations like the United Nations.



5. Reasonable chance of success

You can only go to war if you have a chance of winning.

If you knowingly take in your troops against horrendous odds, it is not a just war.

You have to have a clear vision of winning the war.



STRANGE BUT TRUE!



During the Afghanistan war in 2006, the British Army actually did a survey of Infantry officers in the British army.

They asked which would you rather have in your platoon: A priest, a medic or an extra rifleman.

93% of officers asked all said the same thing: A priest (padre/chaplain).

For discussion:

- ☐ Why do you think so many chose the priest?
- ☐ What are the advantages of having a man of God with you during a war?

WHY DO THEY DO IT?



Why is it then that Chaplains are willing to go into battle, risk their lives and even die for their comrades?

Why is it that chaplains will often be some of the first onto the battlefield and the last of it?

Well, they are inspired by these teachings:

- ☐ Jesus' teaching 'to serve, not to be served'. As priests, Padres believe they have a duty to serve those in need, to help those in danger.
- ☐ Parable of the sheep and the goats. Remember the video we saw a few lessons ago?!!! Padres believe in helping ALL those in need - especially those in the most danger!

