






Year 9 RE Revision Mid Term End point Revision

"Religiously literate, culturally aware and philosophically curious"

Golden Threads				
				
<b>Identity</b>	<b>Community</b>	<b>Ethics</b>	<b>God</b>	<b>Rituals</b>

<p><b>Key concepts</b></p> <p><b>Atheist</b> - Someone who does not believe in God</p> <p><b>Theist</b>- Someone who believes in God</p> <p><b>Agnostic</b>- Someone who is not sure if God exists or not</p> <p><b>Monotheism</b>- Belief in one God</p> <p><b>Cosmos</b>- Universe</p> <p><b>Telos</b>- From Design</p> <p><b>Evil</b>- Something that causes suffering</p> <p><b>Allah</b>- Arabic word for God</p> <p><b>Truth</b>- Something that someone believes is accurate</p> <p><b>The Big Bang</b>- Scientific explanation of the origin of the Universe</p> <p><b>Natural Evil</b> - suffering cause by nature e.g. hurricanes</p> <p><b>Moral Evil</b> - suffering caused by humans e.g. murder</p>	<p><b>The Problem of Evil</b></p> <p>The Greek philosopher Epicurus (342-271 BCE) claimed that the existence of evil proved there is no God. He claimed that if God cannot stop evil then he is not all-powerful (omnipotent). He then argued that if God can prevent evil but does not, then God is not good. He linked these two points together, claiming that if God is all-powerful and good, then evil would not exist. Finally, human experience is that evil does exist. Therefore Epicurus concluded that God must not exist.</p> <p><b>Defence of the problem of evil</b></p> <p>God gave humans free will. Therefore, although he exists, he cannot interfere. Suffering is not God's fault. Sin entered God's perfect world when the first humans, Adam and Eve, used their free will to turn away from God. Experiencing bad things is all part of God's plan and humans should respond positively. Many Christians believe that balance is important - humans need evil to appreciate goodness. God is fair - people may suffer in their lives on Earth, but good people will be rewarded in Heaven.</p>	<p><b>The Cosmological Argument</b></p> <p>Aquinas argued that our world works in the same way as cause and effect. Someone or something must have caused the world to exist. The cause is God, the effect is the world. Aquinas argued that this first cause must have no beginning - that is, nothing caused it to exist because the first cause is eternal. He argued that this first cause is God. God is eternal (has no beginning, was never started) and God caused the world and everything else to exist.</p>	<p><b>The Teleological Argument</b></p> <p>Anyone who found this watch, having never seen a watch before, would have to conclude that someone designed it for it to fulfil its purpose of keeping time. Paley compared this to the design of the world. He argued that just as someone who found the watch would conclude that it was made by someone because of its design, someone who looks at the universe must conclude that there is a designer because of how the universe has been designed.</p>
		<p><b>Why might someone not believe in God?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Big bang not God</li> <li>• Evolution not Adam and Eve</li> <li>• No scientific evidence</li> <li>• No afterlife</li> <li>• Existence of Evil</li> </ul>	<p><b>What do Muslims believe about God?</b></p> <p>Belief in the Oneness of God: Muslims believe that God is the creator of all things, and that God is all-powerful and all-knowing. God has no offspring, no race, no gender, no body, and is unaffected by the characteristics of human life.</p>
		<p><b>The Story of Job</b></p> <p>The Bible describes Job as a good man who loves God. The Devil argues to God that Job is only good because he has a happy life. God allows the Devil to put Job's faith to the test by causing him to suffer the deaths of his livestock, servants and all of his children. Then the Devil inflicts painful sores all over Job's body. Despite discouragement from his friends and his wife, Job remains faithful to God, but he begins to question God's fairness - why do wicked people flourish while good people suffer? God appears to Job. He asks Job impossible questions, through which Job comes to appreciate that God's ways cannot be fully understood by human beings. God rewards Job by restoring his health, giving him more children and a very long and prosperous life.</p>	