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**Year 9 Knowledge  
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# Year 9 Knowledge Organiser: Creation

## Key Vocabulary

**Creation** the action or process of bringing something into existence.

**Stewardship** To care and look after the world. The role given us by God.

**Ex Nihilo** God created the world out of nothing.

**Imago Dei** Humans are made in the image of God.

**Omnipotent** God is all powerful

**Omniscient** God is all knowing of human actions past, present and future.

**Omnibenevolent** God is all loving.

## Different attitudes towards the Creation stories.

### Creationists Literalists/Fundamentalists

They believe that the Bible is literally a retelling of what actually happened.

Fundamentalists believe that the Bible is literally the word of God and any theory that differs from the Bible is just wrong

They believe the Earth to be around 6000 year old. They believe dinosaurs were animals who died out in the flood

God made fossils appear to be millions of years old but in fact are 6000 years.

Adam and Eve were created on day 6

### Other Christians / Liberal view Catholics (in this instance)

Catholics see the story as a metaphorical story, or a parable. (a story with a meaning)

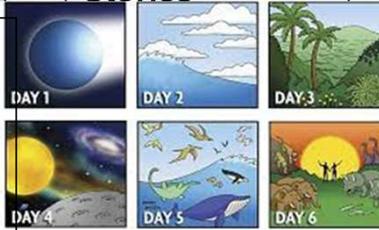
They also feel the scientific theories help them understand the origins of the universe. I.e. The Big Bang and Evolution

The Catholic Church would suggest that science explains HOW things came to be and religion explains WHY

The Catholic Church would suggest that the Bible was never intended as a historical or scientific book and shouldn't be read as such.

## Creation Stories

'Let us make man....and let them have dominion...over all the earth...' (Genesis 1:26)



God said "Let there be light" and light and dark was created. Genesis 1:3



God created the world out of nothing – ex nihilo

A steward is like a caretaker who looks after and cares for the world

Stewardship is a God given responsibility to manage or control the Earth for future generations.

Love God and love your neighbour as yourself

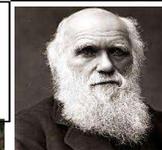
'Then the Lord God put man in the Garden of Eden to cultivate it and to guard it. He said to them, 'You may eat the fruit of any tree in the garden –except the tree which gives knowledge of what is good and what is bad.' Genesis 2:15



**William Paly Teleological Argument of design.**  
The world is so complex it must have had a design not have happened by chance



**Georges Lemaitre. Big Bang theory.**  
The earth was formed from a massive explosion.



**Charles Darwin Evolution.**  
The animals (or plants) best suited to their environment are more likely to survive and reproduce.



**St Thomas Aquinas Cosmological Argument.**  
Everything that exists must have a cause. Nothing can exist without a cause. The universe must have a cause this is the first cause. For Aquinas God is the first cause.



Some people believe that science and religion conflict each other. However, this is NOT TRUE. Unfortunately science does not give all the answers and in many cases they actually seem to agree



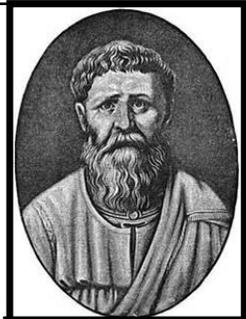


**Year 9 Knowledge Organiser: – Good & Evil**

**St Augustine & Privation**

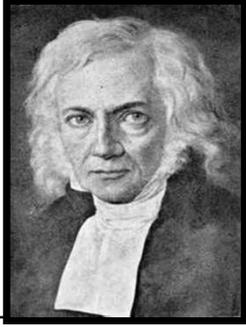
**Privation** - The loss or absence of a quality/something that is usually present. E.g. Evil is a privation of good.

- Therefore **evil is the absence of good.**
- Evil comes from those who have free-will and not from God
- The state of perfection was ruined by human SIN and the delicate balance of the world destroyed.



**HOWEVER**

- Schleiermacher stated that either the world was not perfect to start with or God made it go wrong
- If so, it is God and not humanity who is to blame – he is not omnipotent.



**GOOD** – Doing what is right to others.  
**EVIL** – Morally bad & wicked actions to others.  
**Natural Evil** - Natural evil e.g. volcanoes, earthquakes and the Boxing Day Tsunami;  
**Moral evil** - when people act badly towards others. E.g. Holocaust; murder, stealing

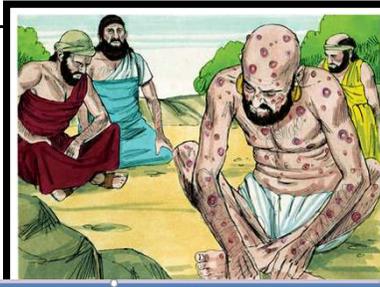


**THE FALL - ORIGINAL SIN**

- **Genesis 3** – Adam & Eve eat the apple from the **Tree of Knowledge** because they had been tempted by the serpent to do so.
- They **disobeyed God** and were banished from the **Garden of Eden.**
- Adam and Eve represent humanity in its first state of holiness
- By eating the fruit they **committed sin** and went against God
- It affects us all because it represents all of us going against God
- In a Christian document St Augustine says everyone is born with **original sin – only Baptism gets rid of this sin.**
- We are all born with an in built desire to do bad things and disobey God – **FREEWILL.**

**Job:**

The Book of Job is an story about a righteous man named Job who is allowed by God to be **tested and tormented by Satan.** The story can give individuals who are suffering **strength**, but it also emphasizes that suffering and the **reasons for suffering are not something that can always be understood** by humans. God suggests it is arrogant to assume that they can: ‘Shall a faultfinder contend with the Almighty?’ (Job 40:2).



**Catholic Responses to suffering:** -

**Charity** - Catholics believe Jesus calls them to help those in need because helping others e.g. “Treat others how you want to be treated” & Parable of the Sheep & the Goats.

**Psalms** - The Psalms make it clear that it is correct to believe in a God who is omnipotent; omniscient & omnibenevolent.

**New Testament** - Christians believe the New Testament reveals

a God who suffered in Jesus & that there is a higher purpose to suffering, which may not be comprehensible to humans.

**Prayer** - Catholics share their suffering with God in prayer, and this may give a sense of relief e.g. prayers of intercession.

**Other responses** – Our freewill created evil; Evil is punishment for our sin; evil educates us – how can we appreciate good when we don’t understand evil & don’t question God!



**Virtue** - The strengths and qualities needed to be a good person.



Good & evil in film & books e.g. Narnia, Harry Potter, Lord of the Rings

**Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-1945)**

**Pacifism & Conscientious Objector** –

The belief that it is always wrong to go to war e.g. ‘You shall not kill’ Exodus. 20: 13

Bonhoeffer was a German Lutheran pastor & theologian. He first preached pacifism & non-violent methods against Hitler.

Later on he helped Jews escape to Switzerland and took part in a plot to kill Hitler. He was imprisoned in Buchenwald concentration camp for treason. He was hung in April 1945, a few days before the war ended.



For Pacifism	Against Pacifism
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christians must follow Jesus’ teaching against violence</li> <li>• Martin Luther is a Christian example who achieved change without violence</li> <li>• Wars don’t settle arguments, talking has to be done</li> <li>• Innocent people suffer in war</li> <li>• Pacifism means that evil acts i.e. cruelty and brutality don’t happen</li> <li>• Pacifism ensure the human race will continue</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jesus was not afraid to use force in the temple against money traders</li> <li>• Evil people /rulers ignore non violent protests</li> <li>• If a country has to defend itself all people should be involved</li> <li>• Wars can bring out the best in people</li> <li>• A pacifist nation would be very vulnerable</li> <li>• The commandment do not kill refers to murder not to killing in a just war</li> </ul>

**Pax Christi** “is an Roman Catholic peace making movement, set up by Church based on the Bible and inspired by faith.”



# Year 9 Knowledge Organiser: Sacraments

## Jesus' Baptism

- John the Baptist baptised Jesus in the River Jordan.
- The Trinity was present at Jesus' baptism – Father, Son & Holy Spirit.
- At the moment Jesus was baptized ... heaven was opened, and the Spirit of God descending like a dove ... a voice from heaven said *"This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."* (Matt)
- Jesus' last instruction before he went to heaven - *"Go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit"*



## Baptism

- Every living thing needs water. Water gives life and is a sign of life in baptism.
- Water washes away original sin and symbolises their new life with Jesus.
- Font - where the baby is baptised & holds the water.
- White shawl/gown – purity
- Candle – Jesus as the light of the world.
- Oil of Chrism – chosen by God
- Oil of catechumen/baptism – God's strength
- Parents & God-parents – make the promises on behalf of the child to bring them up as a Christian and reject Satan.

## Reconciliation

- Jesus teaches us about love and forgiveness from God – "Forgive them Father.... for they know not what they do."
- Through the death & resurrection of Jesus, sin and death are defeated.
- It starts with the **sign of the cross** and the penitent confesses their sins *"Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. My last confession was ...."*
- Absolution (forgiveness) the priest raises his **right hand** over the penitent and says a prayer of forgiveness. *"I absolve you from your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit"*
- The priest, **acts** as the person of Christ
- The penitent says a personal prayer e.g. Our Father.

## Holy Orders – priest (male)

Every Christian is called by God. Another word for 'calling' is vocation, as a member of God's family we are all called to serve e.g. a priest  
A priest must want to be a priest, have a suitable character, have the required intelligence for the studies and be recommended for the priesthood.



A **Sacrament** is "an outward sign of inward grace".

In the **sacrament** of **Baptism** we are joined to God and belong to God.

In the **sacrament** of **Confirmation** we are given the energy of the Spirit of God to use our gifts.

In the **sacrament** of **Eucharist** we celebrate Jesus' gift of himself to us.

In the **sacrament** of **Reconciliation** our sins are forgiven.

In the **sacrament** of **Marriage** we promise to love as husband and wife.

In the **sacrament** of **Holy Orders** priests are ordained to serve God & people.

In the **sacrament** of the **Sick** we are blessed when we are very ill.

## Confirmation

Pick a **confirmation name**.

**Renewal of Baptismal Vows** - now that they are adults in the eyes of the Church. Evil is rejected, promises are made and there is a profession of faith.

**The Laying on of Hands** - This sign is an ancient form of calling down the power of the Holy Spirit and the blessing of God, giving the person their 'vocation' or 'calling' to be Christ's witnesses.

**The Anointing with Chrism** - The bishop (or priest) anoints the person with the oil of chrism, a sign of the cross with the words, *'(Name..) be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit'*. The response is 'Amen'. 'Amen means 'YES'  
The Bishop then gives the **Sign of Peace** by saying, 'Peace be with you'. The Confirmed person says, *'And also with you'*. A special blessing is given at the end of Mass.

When should the **Sacrament of the Sick** be requested?

- When a person is **dangerously ill**. The Sacrament may be given **again** if the person **recovers**. A person may be anointed **several times** in his / her life.
- Before surgery** if the operation is a serious one.
- Weak elderly people**.
- Sick children** –if they would be comforted by the Sacrament.
- Unconscious** people who would have asked for the Sacrament if they could.
- Never after a person has died.

The sick person receives: -

- God's **grace and love of the Holy Spirit**
- Strength and courage to accept illness – physically & mentally.
- They stop being anxious about death
- There is forgiveness for the sick person



## Holy Communion

When Catholics receive Holy Communion they believe that Jesus becomes present in them.

This is called

**TRANSUBSTANTIATION** – the bread actually becomes the body of Jesus and the wine actually becomes the blood of Jesus.

LIFE IS A JOURNEY WITH PROBLEMS TO SOLVE AND LESSONS TO LEARN BUT MOST OF ALL, EXPERIENCES TO ENJOY.

## Some signs and symbols used in the Eucharist

- The **altar** which represents the **body of Christ**. The white cloth that covers the altar represents Christ's burial garment. The altar also represents the fact that the Mass is a sacrificial meal – just as the Last Supper was.
- The **Paschal Candle** – which was first lit at Easter to represent the Risen Christ, represents the Light of Christ in the world today. The Risen Lord is present among us
- The **bread and wine** represent the fruit of man's labour, they also represent the generosity of God and the abundant gifts of our world.
- The **Sign of Peace** - a handshake represents Christian fellowship.
- Consecrated Host and Chalice** – the Bread and Wine represent **the Body and Blood of Christ** by the words of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit. The congregation come to the table to be nourished by Christ's Body and Blood – the food of eternal life - in order to go out and live His life in the world



## Symbols used in the Sacrament of Marriage

- The **candle** represents Christ at the centre of the couple's life. This represents the couple's **faith**, their **wisdom**, their **love**, and symbolises **two becoming one**
- The **Ring**: rings are exchanged. The ring is a **circle – no beginning, no end – their love is forever**. The ring represents unity, never ending love and commitment
- Flowers** symbolise **life, growth and fertility**.
- Spoken **Vows** symbolise the fact that the couple actually **confirm** their promise to each other.
- The **final blessing** – The priest in his final blessing decrees that the **marriage is valid** and worthy in the eyes of God and the Church.
- The **couple** themselves are a **symbol of God's love for us** and of Christ's love of the Church.



## The signs and symbols used in the Sacrament of Ordination

- The hands of the candidate are put between the hands of the Bishop as a sign of **submission and obedience**.
- The candidates **lie on the floor** as a sign of **humility** and a sign of **submission** to the will of God
- The **laying on of hands** is a sign that the **Holy Spirit** is called to help the candidate in his new role as priest
- The stole is put around the neck of the priest as a sign of his office.
- The hands of the new priest are anointed with chrism as a sign that he has been called by God to do a special job.
- The priest is handed a chalice and paten by the Bishop as a sign of the most important role he will undertake – celebrating Mass and consecrating the bread and wine.



**Keywords.**

**Imago Dei** – Made in the image of God.

**Relationship**- The way in which two or more people or things are connected.

**Marriage** – A lasting commitment of a man and a woman to a lifelong partnership, established for the good of each other and the procreation of their children.

**Prejudice** - to prejudge someone because of the way they look, where they come from, their religion etc. Prejudice is a way of thinking about people.

**Discrimination** - to act on a prejudice, treating someone differently because of your beliefs, this is called discrimination.

**Human Rights** – The rights and freedoms to which everyone is entitled.

**Migrant**  
A person who moves from one place to another in order to find work or better living conditions.

**Refugee**  
A person who has been forced to leave their country in order to escape war, persecution, or natural disaster.

**Sexism** is the belief or attitude that one gender or sex is inferior to less competent, or less valuable than the other.

**Infallible** A statement from the Pope that cannot be wrong.

**Year 9 Knowledge Organiser:  
Human Dignity – Relationships**

‘We must learn to meet hate with love’  
Martin Luther King



He led the black civil rights movement. MLK decided to fight against segregation on the buses (the bus boycott) but chose NOT to resort to violence. Shot and killed 4th April 1968

Christians should help those in need. The Parable of the Sheep and Goats. Treat others as you would like to be treated. The Good Samaritan.

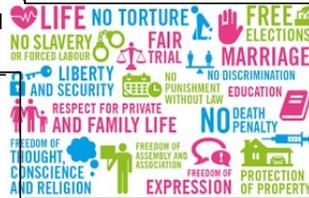
**Homelessness happens**  
**Because of:**

- Divorce
- Unemployment
- Unable to pay rent/mortgage
- Argument with family/friends
- Family member or personal illness
- Alcohol/drug abuse
- Physical or mental disabilities
- Family violence
- Prison/jail



We do not look like God but,  
**WE CAN CREATE.  
WE CAN LOVE  
WE CAN DESTROY  
WE CAN PROTECT  
WE CAN DESIGN  
WE CAN PASS ON  
WISDOM**

**Human Rights.**



Some Christians disagree with same sex marriages. Some Christians disagree with women priests. Some Christians disagree with marrying some one of another faith.

**Cyberbullying**

- Abusive comments, messages, rumours, gossip, threats made online or by phone – this includes internet trolling.
- Sharing pictures, videos or personal information without consent with the intent to cause harm or humiliation.
- Hacking someone's email, phone or profiles to take and share personal information, or to send hurtful things while pretending to be that person.
- Creating websites or profiles to cause harm, threaten, make fun of someone or spread rumours.

Any human society, if it is to be well-ordered and productive, must lay down as a foundation this principle, namely, that every human being is a person.” *Pope John XXIII*

**Changing Role of women.**

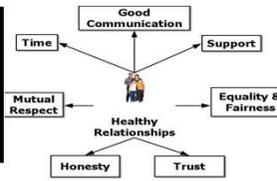
1. During the First and Second World Wars women had to take on the jobs previously done by men and proved they could do them just as well.
2. Countries such as New Zealand gave women equal rights opening the way for other countries to do the same.
3. Successful women in business and politics around the world show that women are every bit equal to men.
4. UN Declaration of Human Rights includes equality for all people no matter of race or gender.

**Christian attitude to bullying.**

Aggression or violence in any form without a just cause is sinful. We are created in God’s image so bullying of any kind is mistreating God’s creation. It is the duty of every Christian to protect the weak and innocent e.g. the Good Samaritan all types of bullying are therefore wrong. Bullying has a harmful effect on society and Christians should always try and make society better.



**Friendship is everyday, not just when it's convenient for you.**



**Relationships break down because of;**

- Arguing.
- Falling out with our families.
- Poor communication.
- Inappropriate communications.
- Jealousy.
- Grow apart.

**We repair relationships by;**

- Saying sorry
- Admitting when we are wrong
- Make the first move in friendship
- Listen.
- Forgive.

The Church of England decided that women could be **ordained**(become priests). The Church changed in response to a changing society.



The leader of the Vatican's doctrine department says the Church's belief in a male-only priesthood is **infallible** teaching which should be held as an unchanging and "definitive" part of the Catholic faith.

We have lots of different relationships.  
Relationships with friends  
Relationships with parents  
Relationships with work colleagues or teachers.  
Relationship with family and siblings.  
Relationships with different people we meet e.g. shopworkers.

**Purpose of marriage**

So that a couple can have a life-long relationship of love and faithfulness  
So that a couple can have the support and comfort of each other  
For the procreation of children  
For the bringing up of a Christian family.

**White** dress: Purity and innocence.

**Rings:** Unity and completeness and everlasting love.

**Promises**(Vows): show commitment to each other.

**Confetti:** Wished luck, prosperity and fertility.

Remember God wants us to have companions – He just wants us to 'treat them as you would like to be treated' – With respect

# Year 9 Knowledge Organiser: Human Dignity – Medical Ethics.

## Keywords

**Morality** the idea that we all have an *inbuilt* sense of what is right and wrong. The fact we have this suggests that it comes from somewhere – religious people believe this to be God.

**Absolute morality:** You always have the same moral outlook, regardless of the situation.

**Relative morality:** Each situation is different, and you act accordingly to get the better outcome.

**Abortion** the deliberate ending of a pregnancy before a foetus can survive.

**Organ donation** is the gift of an organ to help someone else who needs a transplant.

**Voluntary euthanasia** Carried out at the request and with the full knowledge and consent of the person who dies.

**Non-voluntary** Ending the life of a person when it is in their best interest when they are incapable of giving their permission themselves.

**Assisted suicide** Where an individual is unable to take their own life e.g. paralysis and so is helped by another person.

**Capital Punishment** The legally authorized killing of someone as punishment for a crime.

## Euthanasia Reasons Against

There might be doubt as to whether its what the person really wants.

A cure might be found for the disease.

Would patients trust doctors if they started to kill patients.

People might change their minds about wanting euthanasia.

Advances in medicine keep people alive that would normally have died, but they judge the quality of life to be poor.

## Reasons for Euthanasia

Life support machines have already brought in a form of euthanasia as doctors and relatives can agree to switch off a machine if there is no chance of recovery.

You should have the right to do what you want with your body.

## Abortion can occur at 24 Weeks.

The 1990 Act states that abortions cannot take place after 24 weeks of pregnancy unless the mother's life is at risk or the baby is handicapped. This amendment was made because medical advances have meant that a foetus is viable (i.e. it has a chance of independent life ) at 24 weeks of the 40 week pregnancy. There is currently a debate about reducing this to 22 weeks because babies younger than 24 weeks are now surviving.

## Arguments for abortion

It is a woman's right to do what she wants with her body. It is expensive to look after a mentally or physically handicapped child. It is better to abort such children before they are born. Mentally and physically handicapped people cannot have a life that is worth living. A mature woman has a career to think of. If the pregnancy a mistake may ruin her career.

An extra child in some families might cause mental stress to the mother or other children may be neglected.

If a woman's life is in danger.

If parents do not want a child. It will grow up unloved.

A pregnant schoolgirl needs to continue her education

A woman who has been raped should not have to go through the pregnancy.

## Organ Donation.

**Catholics** believe that the soul lives on and the body is not needed when we die. Organs can be used to help the living.

Jesus said 'love thy neighbour'. Leaving your organs to help others is fulfilling this.

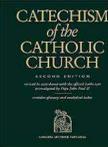
Jesus said treat others as you want to be treated. Most Christians would want a transplant if they needed it.

**Some Christians** are against using organs from dead people but accept donated ones from the living.

**Other Christians** believe the heart is an intrinsic part of the person who was created by God.

Removing organs from the dead to the living is playing God, which is not allowed in Christianity.

## Source of wisdom



## Argument against abortion

It is murder. In the Bible it says it is wrong to murder. This is in the ten commandments.

Jesus cared for those who were unwanted e.g. lepers.

He cared for the sick and for children. If Christians are following his example they should care for people not kill them. We should love our neighbours.

Every person is sacred.

There are no unwanted babies many couples would be prepared to adopt a child.

Catholic Church teaches abortion is wrong.

If we accept the murder of innocent babies then we are reducing our respect for each other and becoming uncivilized.

If we accept abortions for handicapped babies we may soon accept the killing of handicapped people.

A healthy person does not have the right to decide if a disabled person's life is worth living.

An abortion can damage a woman's chance of becoming pregnant in the future.



## Capital Punishment

### Reasons for

Will act as deterrent.

Shows that a human life is so valued it deserves the most serious punishment.

Removes great threats from society e.g. murders.

### Reasons against

The wrong person might be convicted.

Murders don't think they will get caught so don't think about the punishment.

Life imprisonment is sometimes seen as a worse punishment by murders.

## Stem cell research and Genetic engineering

The cells in early embryos are stem cells They're all the same & have the potential to be heart, skin or eye cells etc.

It should be possible to use stem cells to generate healthy tissue to replace that either damaged by trauma, or by disease.

Among the conditions which scientists believe may eventually be treated by stem cell therapy are Parkinson's disease, Alzheimer's disease, heart disease, stroke, arthritis, diabetes, burns and spinal cord damage.

Another source of stem cells is the 'cord blood' in the umbilical cord of a new born baby.

They can be used to replace bone marrow destroyed when treating leukaemia

Advantages of human genetic engineering/saviour siblings	Disadvantages of human genetic engineering/saviour siblings
No embryos go past 14 days. This is because the embryo is changing into a foetus at this stage.	Tampering with human life which is god given.
You could design your own baby to your own choice	Religious believers say it's playing against God
Embryology can be used to find cures for diseases.	Illegal in the UK to design a baby. Legal in USA
Embryos can be screened to look for genetic diseases	RC and JEWS: destroying the baby at 14 days is murder – life starts at CONCEPTION
Makes sure the baby has a healthy life ahead	Saviour siblings (SS) – feel second best.
SAVIOUR SIBLINGS – save an older siblings' life	Feels different having a baby for just that reason (SS)
The stem cells are usually from the umbilical cord or bone marrow. It doesn't harm the saviour sibling.	Saviour siblings cannot be used to create organs or for organ use.

**Stem Cell Research. Roman Catholics** disagree as it takes or devalues life.

They speak of the SANCTITY OF LIFE – against God's teachings if scientists take role as creator or use embryos.

They see it as MURDER because it goes against the 10 Commandments.

**Other Christians** Agree with stem cell research because helping each others and fighting diseases leads to a better quality of life.

Jesus helped others and so we should do everything we can to help those who suffer.