
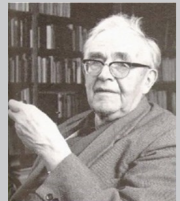
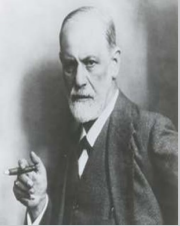
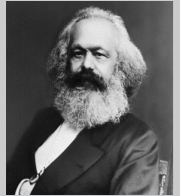


Religious Experiences

	Hume	Philosopher David Hume argued that religious experiences are usually only seen by those who are uneducated and do not understand what they are witnessing.
	Wiles	Philosopher Maurice Wiles argued that if God actually performs miracles, it shows he is not omnibenevolent as he picks and chooses who to help.

Is God in the Mind?

	Freud	<p>Psychologist Sigmund Freud believed that all people had three wishes - for a Father, to live for eternity and for fairness.</p> <p>He believed that God was in the mind as he satisfied all three of those wishes.</p> <p>He said <i>'Religions are illusions'</i>.</p>
	Marx	<p>Political philosopher Karl Marx believed that religion was a tool used by the ruling classes to control the working class.</p> <p>He described religion as <i>'the opium of the people'</i>.</p>

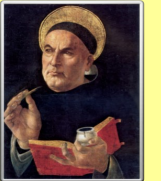
Key Terms

Genesis	The first chapter of the Bible where the creation story is found.
Literal	The belief that God created the world exactly the way it says in the Bible, in 6 days.
Metaphorical	The belief that the story in the Bible is not literally true, it is a metaphor to show God's omnipotence.
Religious Experience	<p>An experience where someone feels that they have had direct communication or the presence of God.</p> <p>e.g. miracles, visions, hearing voices.</p>
Miracle	An unexplainable event that goes against the laws of nature.
Paradox	<p>A statement that is self-contradictory.</p> <p>e.g. a square circle</p>
Omnipotence	All powerful.
Omnibenevolence	All loving.
Omniscience	All seeing/knowing.
Philosopher	A person who seeks wisdom or enlightenment by looking at big questions of the world.
Psychologist	Someone who studies the human mind, emotions and behaviour.
Survival of the Fittest	The idea that an animal more suited to its environment will live to pass on its genes whilst others will die out.
Infinite	Goes on forever.

Does the Universe Prove God Exists?

Cosmological Argument

- The Cosmological Argument was proposed by Philosopher St. Thomas Aquinas.
- He argued that everything in the universe has a cause, so there must have been a 'First Cause'. That First Cause is God.
- God is a 'necessary being' which acts outside of time and space and therefore does not need a cause.



Design Argument

- The Design Argument was originally proposed by Philosopher William Paley.
- He said that if you found a watch on the floor, you would assume it has a designer because it is so complex. The world too is complex so must also have a designer—that designer must be God.
- 'There cannot be design without a designer'*

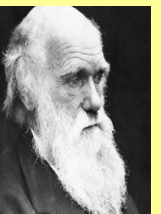


Infinite Regress

- Infinite Regress is an argument against the Cosmological Argument (so against the existence of God).
- It argues that if, by logic, everything needs a cause then God must, by the same logic, also need a cause. In other words - what caused God?

Theory of Evolution

- Charles Darwin proposed the Theory of Evolution. He studied finches in the Galapagos islands and concluded that they had all come from one common ancestor but had adapted to suit their environment.
- This was known as 'survival of the fittest'.



Creation Story in Genesis

- The book of Genesis in the Bible tells the story of creation. It begins with the line: *'In the beginning God created the Heavens and the Earth'*
- In Genesis 1, God created the world in 6 days and rested upon the seventh. In Genesis 2, it tells the story of the creation of mankind who then disobeyed God in the Garden of Eden.



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