## Religious Studies: Theme B—Religion and Life





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| (1): Keywords   |   | (2) Sacred Writings & Texts  |   | (3) Origins of the Universe: Big Bang and Genesis  |  |
| Pollution<br>Evolution  | Contamination of an environment with harmful substances.  Animals change over time—humans from apes | Genesis One 6 days of creation and 1 of rest)  | 1-light; 2-sky; 3-land and plants; 4; sun, moon, stars; 5-sea and flying creatures; 6-land animals, humans.   | <ol> <li>Christians believe that God is omnipotent (all-powerful). This is<br/>shown in Genesis (the first book of the Bible) when God creates<br/>the universe by speaking ("let there be light") over 6/7 days.</li> </ol> |  |
| Big Bang  | Explosion from a single point of matter which led to formation of universe                          | Genesis 1:27  Dominion   | "God said, 'Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of   | 2. God Creates Adam & Eve, the first fluidlish, in this own image.   |  |
| Dominion  | Belief that humans have been given control/charge of the world.                                     | Dominion   | the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."  "The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it." | this to mean <b>take control</b> (dominion) and others to mean <b>look after</b> (stewardship).  |  |
| Environment   | The world around us - land, water, air, and space   | Стеерті  |   | 3. The <b>Big Bang Theory</b> : billions of years ago all matter was at a <b>single point</b> of infinite density. Then it began to <b>expand</b> before cooling to form our <b>universe</b> and everything in it.           |  |
| Abuse   | Cruel and unethical treatment   | Genesis 2:15   |   |  |  |
| Awe and Wonder  | Opposing views on humanity's role in world: care for/rule over and use for own benefit              | Stewardship  |   |  |  |
| Stewardship   | Duty given by God to humankind to look after the created world, and all life within it.             |  |   |  |  |
| (4) Treatment of Universe—Pollution and Resources   |   | (5) Use of Animals—Should we test and use animals?   |   | (6) The Value of the World - Awe and Wonder  |  |
| <ul> <li>Pollution: environmental damage caused by waste.</li> <li>Air pollution: caused mainly by fumes from factories and vehicles.         Long term exposure can lead to asthma attacks, lung cancer and diseases. Causes global warming, climate change and acid rain.     </li> </ul> |   | <ul> <li>Agree</li> <li>Animals are believed souls and the sanct does not count for</li> </ul> | tity of life that animals should be entitled to   | The world has an intrinsic value because God created it. That  |  |
|   |   | will not access Hea  | iven. Animals from <b>abuse</b> by humans. In the UK,   | means that the world is incredibly <b>important</b> no matter what we  |  |

- Global Warming: the is world getting hotter at a dangerously fast rate due to greenhouse gasses such as CO2 being released.
- Land pollution: caused by the ineffective disposal of waste. When chemicals enter the earth this can poison wildlife, make farming less efficient and result in contaminated food.
- Water pollution: caused by dumping waste into the sea. It has a devastating effect on marine life. The Deepwater Horizon oil spill released over 750 million litres of oil, killing many fish and birds.
- Natural resources: parts of the world which can be used to produce energy or for the manufacture of goods. These can be renewable (re-usable without causing loss) such as solar and wind, and non-renewable (use causes loss) such as coal and gas.

- will not access Heaven. Animals are inferior—dominion.
- In the 'Miracle of the five loaves and two fish', Jesus Christ famously feeds meat in the form of fish to a gathering of 5,000 people, showing people they can eat meat.
- Testing on animals can create life saving medical treatments. Human lives are more valuable.

from **abuse** by humans. In the UK, there are laws designed to protect

animals from cruelty.

- Animals are a gift from God and should be protected.
- It is illegal to test **cosmetics** (beauty products) on animals.

- think about it or what is happening to it.
- **Numinous experiences** are those where the power and mystery of God are revealed to us in ways that can be hard to express or put into words. Perhaps the hairs stand up on the back of your neck as you see the sunset.

## The Parable of the Mustard Seed

Jesus explained to his disciples (followers) that the **Kingdom of God** was like a mustard seed. It was so small that it could blow away or be missed by someone looking for it. However, if found and cared for, it would grow into a large and powerful

