

Key Concepts



<b>Censorship</b>	Limiting or preventing access to materials that are considered obscene, offensive or a threat to security. Eg. Restrictions on freedom of speech.
<b>Discrimination</b>	Treating groups of people or individuals different based on prejudice. Eg. Paying a woman less than a man.
<b>Extremism</b>	Believing in or supporting ideas that are very far from what most people consider correct or reasonable.
<b>Human Rights</b>	The basic things that are entitled to all human beings, simply because they are human. Eg. A right to life.
<b>Personal Conviction</b>	Something a person strongly feels or believes in.
<b>Prejudice</b>	Pre-judging someone to be inferior or superior without reason. Eg. Believing women are better than men.
<b>Relative Poverty</b>	A standard of poverty measured in relation to the standards of a society in which a person lives. Eg. Comparing someone's poverty to the average of the place they <u>live</u> .
<b>Absolute Poverty</b>	A severe state of deprivation, where a person does not have access to their basic human needs. Eg. No clean water.
<b>Social Justice</b>	A fair society, where everyone has equal access to equal provisions, opportunities and rights.

**Human Rights:** 1948 after the horrors WW2, United Nations  
 Eg. *The right to a home*  
*The right to a decent amount of food*  
*The right to clean water*  
*The right to an education*  
*The right to medical care*  
*To protect people, and ensure all have equal opportunities in life*

**Amnesty International: 1960**  
 works, campaigns for human rights. Marches, letters, media, school programmes, events

**1977 Nobel Peace Prize**



**ISSUES OF HUMAN RIGHTS**



**Oscar Romero**

El Salvador  
**Archbishop**  
 Injustices in El Salvador – poverty, corrupt government. Made many speeches/inspire many – crowd in cathedral to hear him. Help meetings banned by government/spoke on radio. ‘voice of voiceless’ 1980 assassinated. Believed you need to fight for justice – example of Jesus.



**Malala Yousafzai**

2012, shot Taliban  
 School bus travelling to school. Wrote blog about the injustices in Pakistan. Campaign for women rights/right to an education. Speech/wrote a book. Nobel Peace Prize 2014. Travels and campaigns for the rights of all children to go to School and against extremist Islamic regimes like the Taliban.



**MLK Jr**

Believe all equal in eyes of God. fought racism/segregation in USA. Led civil rights movement. Pacifist – no violence. Speeches ‘I have a dream’ ... All Gods children that deserve equal rights. Bus Boycott, sit-ins, marches (Selma). Assassinated.



**Censorship:** Article 19 Human Rights ‘freedom of opinion’. Should we control free speech?

**UK** – Free to express views about any religion unless likely to incite violence or discrimination against followers.

**Extremism:** religious, interpret texts, believe they will get rewarded afterlife, influenced (radicalised) believe they are doing the work of God.

**Should people be free to express their opinion?**

Yes	No
Human Right Article 19 Government shouldn't control opinions – eg. Hitler If people cant share extreme views they will never be challenged	Offensive/violent/prejudice Can offend Can lead to extremism? Spread of extremist beliefs Need a balance of free speech and censorship

**Christian beliefs about prejudice and discrimination**

Parable of the Good Samaritan. “So God created human beings, making them to be like himself. He created them male and female, blessed them....” (Genesis 1:27)  
 Sanctity of life – equal and sacred. ‘made in the image of God’ (all)  
 Beliefs in Human Rights (above)  
 ‘for God so loved the world, that he gave his only son’ – the world, not just some.  
 Jesus spent time with those marginalized – healed lepers, befriended a tax collector (hated at the time) ‘So there is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ’ – no discrimination – all equal in eyes of Christ.  
 ‘God shows no partiality’  
 Still some prejudice/discrimination in Christianity: homosexuals ‘abomination’, women and being priests ‘I do not permit a woman to teach or to assume authority over a man’

**Muslim beliefs about prejudice and discrimination**  
 All created from one soul. Creation talks of how angels collected different types of soil to create Adam – soil different colours/different parts of the earth – people after Adam destined to be different. Part of Gods plan.  
 ‘All mankind is descended from Adam and Eve, an Arab is not better than a non-Arab and a non-Arab is not better than an Arab; a white person is not better than a black person, nor is a black person better than a white person’  
 Ummah ‘every Muslim is the brother of every other Muslim and that Muslims form on brotherhood’  
**‘All equal as teeth of a comb’**  
 Farid Esack – South African Muslim, fought apartheid ‘call of Islam’ – protest meetings  
 Hajj – Ihram, equality.  
 Still some inequality in Islam – women (Saudi Arabia) – women not being able to lead prayer in a mixed congregation. Teachings are against homosexuality.

**Racism**  
**Christianity**  
 Equality of all races, MLK  
 Jesus showed how important it was to treat all races as equal  
 Agape  
**Islam** ‘A white person is not better than a black person, nor is a black person better than a white person’.

2006 – Christian – Muslim interfaith group. Get them working together and finding common ground. Work together to try and find peace.  
 Bring them together around the country to build good relationships.  
 Create safe spaces for discussions, activities.  
 Educate and campaign for greater understanding between religions.

**Christian Muslim Forum**

**Does money bring happiness?**

Yes	No
Freedom Better opportunities Charity – ability to help others Buy your basic needs Security Everything in life costs Pursue hobbies/your talents Look after your friends or family	Happiness is complex Money doesn’t last forever Love, relationships are more important Make you greedy Depends how you have earned it – laziness etc.

Wealth and Poverty	
Christianity	Islam
Gift from God to help others– not the most important thing in life. Cannot buy your place in Heaven ‘it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God’ Often no gambling/lending money/no greed – gaining at the expense of others. Jesus ‘you cannot serve both God and money’ Must help those in need – true generosity involves sacrifice God will judge on how you have helped others/shared your wealth Parable of Sheep and Goats – judged on actions/helped the poor Parable of the rich man and Lazarus Tithe 10% income to charity	Money is a gift from Allah Humans are caretakers of Gods wealth Judge by how you use it Duty to care for the poor Zakat 2.5% - pillar of Islam, Sadaqah Interest forbidden Gambling forbidden – earning without hard work Wrong to accept money that has been made from lottery ‘if you have saved one life it is as though you have saved all of humankind’ - charity “And be steadfast in prayer and regular in charity” “O you who have believed, indeed, intoxicants, gambling.... alters [to other than Allah], the work of Satan, so avoid it so that you may be successful”

**Christian Aid**

Christian charity  
 Over 60 countries  
 Help those in need n  
 Aims to stop poverty and challenge systems that favour the rich over the poor

Fight causes of poverty  
 Eg. Ebola – medicine  
 Building hospitals  
 Supporting schools  
 Supporting clean water/development

Jesus promised ‘good news’ for the poor and ‘freedom’ for the oppressed, calling us to action.

Jesus called his followers to ‘love God and love your neighbour’.

**Islamic Relief**

Aims to help those in need through Islam  
 Started in 1984  
 Works in over 40 countries  
 Disasters  
 Emergencies  
 Provide long-term support with development  
 Eg. Shelter, health care and education

People donate their Zakat to the charity, or volunteer.

*“Inspired by our Islamic faith and guided by our values we envisage a caring world, where communities are empowered”*

*“And whoever saves one it as if he had saved all of mankind” (Qur’an)*