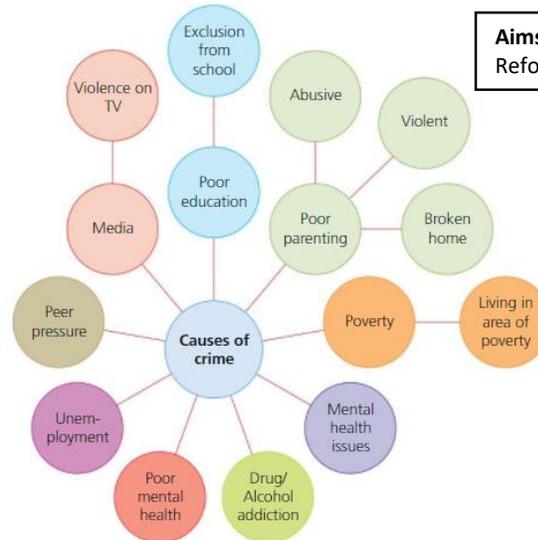


Key Concepts



Good	Characteristics/acts/things that are considered to be morally right. Eg. Kindness
Evil	Characteristics/acts/things that are considered immoral, wicked or wrong.
Forgiveness	To pardon a wrongdoing, to give up the desire to seek revenge.
Free Will	The beliefs that people can make their own decisions and choices, nothing is predetermined.
Justice	Fairness, when everyone is equal and has equal provisions and opportunities. Eg. A fair punishment.
Morality	Principles, values that determine which actions are right or wrong.
Punishment	A penalty given to someone for a crime or wrong they have done. Eg. Prison.
Sin	An act against God, an immoral action breaking a religious or moral law. Eg. Murder.
Suffering	Pain or distress caused by injury, illness or loss. Can be physical, emotional, psychological.



Aims of Punishment: Protection, Retribution, Deterrence, Reform, Vindication, Reparation.

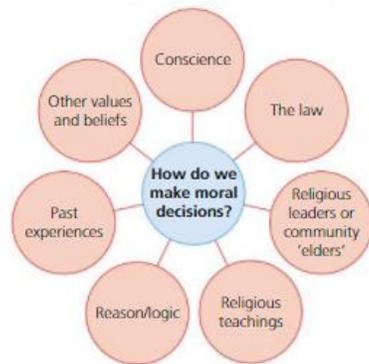
Christianity: Punishment
 Forgiveness is vital – against retribution, punishment should help people **reform**
 Jesus forgave those betrayed him - 'forgive them father'
 Jesus forgave woman committed adultery
 God is the judge 'God will bring into judgement the righteous and the wicked'
 'Do no repay anyone evil for evil'
 'Turn the other cheek'
Restorative justice – Make amends, meeting victim
 apologising
 Address causes of crime
Some become Prison Chaplains (see below), big part in reforming prisons to ensure they are humane



ISSUES OF GOOD AND EVIL



Islam: Punishment
 Forgiveness important but so is the need to protect the Ummah and keep law and order.
Punishment is important Shari'ah Law (straight path) – rules + punishments
 Often Shar'iah Law – deter (eg. Hand cut off for stealing, 100 lashes sex outside of marriage)
 Only God can forgive – punishment to keep law and order – vindication
 Hope offender will repent, reform and ask God for forgiveness
 Allah is just and merciful – judges fairly and forgives if people repent



Forgiveness: Christianity Jesus taught forgiveness + compassion was important. 'Lords Prayer 'forgive our sins, as we forgive those who have sinned against us' – need to forgive others to be forgiven by God
 Jesus forgave those who betrayed him 'Father forgive them for they know not what they are doing' Jesus forgave a woman committing adultery 'let you who is without sin cast the first stone'. Jesus said 'do not judge for you will be judged... why do you see the speck in your brother's eye but miss the log in your own?' Parable of the Lost Son, Parable of the Unforgiving Servant. Catholic sacrament – confession
 Someone asked Jesus how many times to forgive, he replied not 7 but 77 Jesus' sacrifice, atonement so that we can be forgiven by God.

Forgiveness: Islam Allah is merciful, will forgive those who repent, reconciliation is important, one of Allah's names is 'all forgiving'
 'If a person forgives and makes reconciliation, his reward is due from God' Hajj – Day of Arafat, forgiveness Mount of Mercy. Fasting – show your repentance to Allah and ask for forgiveness. 'Would you not love Allah to forgive you?' – forgive others to be forgiven. Shirk – some things unforgiveable, worshiping something/one other than Allah. To get to Heaven on Judgement day – must have shown mercy to others.

Absolute Morality: The idea that an action is always right or always wrong, apply this to everything.
Relative Morality: Decision making is not simple, weight up what is right/wrong - actions can be right and sometimes wrong – it depends.

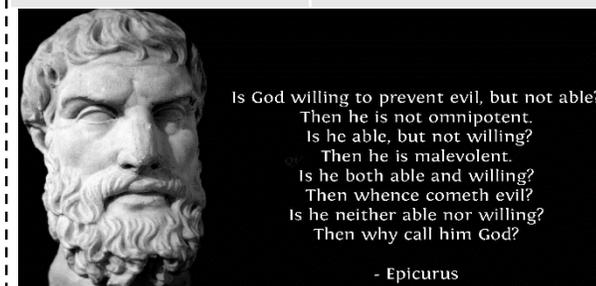
Prison Chaplains a priest/imam provide pastoral care for prisoners.
Counselling
Rehabilitation – help re-enter their community
Support/wellbeing
Show them compassion
Eg. Hele Prejean (Christian): 'by being a chaplain showing Jesus' teaching – compassion, love, kindness... people are more than the worst thing they have ever done'

Prison Reformers (change)
 Prisons in the 1700's – ran privately by anyone, eg. Pubs/dungeons/town halls.
John Howard 1726 – found they were mixed genders, with chains, rats, straight jackets, use of irons. He convinced them to make sure they have: clean water, separate cells (men + women), access to doctors, more prison officers to ensure safety.
Elizabeth Fry 1780 – wanted education in prisons, argued for reform. Taught female prisoners to read and write.

Atheist: For	Atheist: Against
Protect society Can work as a deterrent Retribution Only way victims can experience closure 'eye for an eye' – deserve to suffer as made others suffer Why use tax payers money to keep them alive in prison 47% criminals leaving prison reoffend in a year 2010 – Jonathan Vass left prison for the rape of his ex-girlfriend and then murdered her	Doesn't allow the criminal to reform Cases around world where they have killed an innocent Expensive – legal fees etc. \$3 million for death/ \$1.1 life imprisonment Doesn't work as a deterrent when murderers are acting in the moment Violence causes more violence Government need to be better than the person Inhumane Botched lethal injections – can take a long time for the person to die

<p>C: FOR</p> <p>'Eye for an eye, tooth for a tooth'</p> <p>OT – uses DP for 36 offences</p> <p>"Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed." (Genesis 9:6) – God created DP.</p> <p>giving someone the death penalty for murder shows the seriousness of going against the ten commandments/Bible</p> <p>C - AGAINST</p> <p>'Thou shall not murder'</p> <p>Sanctity of life - 'body is a temple of the holy spirit'</p> <p>'God made man in His image'</p> <p>Only God can take life</p> <p>Jesus taught that retribution was wrong ;turn the other cheek' 'love your enemies' – forgiveness</p> <p>Jesus's death – salvation from sin, can't save the condemned</p> <p>Golden Rule</p>	<p>Islam</p> <p>FOR</p> <p>Protect Ummah</p> <p>Justice – Shar'iah Law – uses it as a punishment</p> <p>"...Take not life, which God has made sacred, except by way of justice and Law." – only take life for just cause eg. Murderer someone attacking Islam</p> <p>Muslim countries - Saudi Arabia and Islam – use it for crimes such as adultery, homosexuality, terrorism and treason</p> <p>AGAINST</p> <p>Forgiveness is important in Qur'an – and peace</p> <p>Allah only person who can give or take life</p> <p>Sanctity of life</p> <p>'whoever has spared the life of a soul, it as though he has spared life of all people'</p> <p>Shar'iah Law – out of date, used by controlling governments</p>
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GOOD	
Christianity	Islam
God made world 'and it was good' but gave people free will Original sin/The fall – people can stray from what is good How to live – Bible 10 Commandments Jesus' example of righteous life – tolerance, compassion + love, Parable of Good Samaritan Golden rule – treat others the way you want to be treated	Natural instinct between right and wrong – fitrah but have free will Choice between God and temptations of Shaytan (Satan) Qur'an speaks or how to live a good life. PM is the perfect example, patience, humility and kindness to others Day of judgement – God is the judge. Merciful/Just 5 Pillars – zakat, Sadaqah (voluntary kindness) believe in god – good deeds – Heaven



Is God willing to prevent evil, but not able?
 Then he is not omnipotent.
 Is he able, but not willing?
 Then he is malevolent.
 Is he both able and willing?
 Then whence cometh evil?
 Is he neither able nor willing?
 Then why call him God?
 - Epicurus

If God was omnipotent, omniscient, omnibenevolent then there would be no evil in the world.

Soul-Making: suffering necessary so you can complete your moral soul, allows you to grow. St Irenaeus – humans not made perfect 'image of God' – need to grow into likeness of God – developing moral natures. John Hick – evils didn't exist we would not have means to develop ourselves spiritually. Epistemic distance from God – if we knew God existed and was watching, we would behave out of fear not true goodness.

Free Will: C – God given, up to them whether to follow God or not. Some believe in predestination God already chosen who will reach salvation.
 I – God given, predestination, Allah plan, already chosen who will receive salvation. Sunni – God wrote down what has/will happen in a preserved table. Still have choice but God knows what will happen (Iktisab). Shi'a – don't believe in predestination, Bada – God may change the course of human history as he sees fit, has complete control power over the universe.

Natural Evil: Evil acts that are the result of natural events.

Moral Evil: Evil acts caused by human actions or inactions.

Why does God Allow Evil and Suffering? CHRISTIANITY
 Original sin, the fall. Satan. Life is a test. Part of Gods plan. Free will. Suffering helps you grow (soul making). God prevents terrible events that we cannot see/do not understand. It's a punishment, for sin. Our suffering on earth is temporary – will experience joy in eternal life. Suffering helps you understand Jesus. 'God will wipe away all tears.. There will be no more grief or crying or pain' 'Even if I go through the deepest darkness, I will not be afraid, Lord for you are with me'
Story of Job : Satan challenges God – only reason Job is good and loyal is because he has everything. God allows Satan to test Job. Loses everything he owns, sores over his whole body. Stays loyal and believes in God but eventually asks why God has allowed this to happen to him – God takes explains that Job has no idea what he does 'Can you even being to know my greatness' Job didn't need to know why things happened, just needed to keep trusting God and Gods love for him - 'I have kept his way without turning aside'

Why does God Allow Evil and Suffering? ISLAM
 Allah plan Qadr, reason and plan for why there is evil 'God has power over all things' Qur'an. "With hardship comes ease. Indeed, with hardship comes ease." Qur'an
Never truly understand God's intentions
 Life is a test – Day of judgement
 Helps you grow "You may dislike something although it is good for you, or like something although it is bad for you: God knows and you do not." Qur'an
 Prove your faith and goodness by resisting temptation
 Those who resist Shaytan and follow straight path – Heaven
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