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Environmental issues and Animal Rights SACRE: - KS3 (Y9) Unit 5: The Influence of Beliefs on the Lifestyle of Believers - KS3 (Y7/8) Unit 5: Applying Religious Teachings to an Issue: the Environment - SACRE: this RE modules has its basis in the Edexcel / AQA exam syllabus Theme B Religion and life and therefore 'The religions and worldviews studied in such syllabuses will be deemed to have met the Agreed Syllabus'.	This module helps students learn about key beliefs linked to a religious duties to care for the environment and animals, the actions they would take and the impact on their lives and religious practice.	What are the key environmental concerns? The value of the world and	Global warming, climate change, ozone layer, pollution, scarcity of natural resources, renewable resources, finite resources, Fossil fuels solutions Stewardship (khalifahs),	Textual study and interpretation Independent research and study. Extended writing in various forms Comparison of view points Discussion and debate Application of faith
		the duty of human beings to protect it, 3. How religious teachings about stewardship affect attitudes to the environment.	creation, responsibility, control, judged. Preserve, fair sharing, duty, support, conservation, impact.	
		Can animals have rights and how do humans use animals.	Animal rights, exploited, self- conscious, autonomous Companionship, assistance, neglect, ill-treatment.	
		5. Should animals be used in experiments or for food?6. How do religious people respond to animal right issues?	Abused, welfare, humane, cruelty, suffering, omnivorous, Stewardship, duty, care, control, rights	

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Summer Aspects of Philosophy and the problem of evil and	This module helps students to pose critical questions about the existence of God and how religious and non-religious people respond to ultimate questions.	Does God exist? The argument for design and belief in God	Theism, atheism, agnosticism, evidence, faith, experience, logic, proof, Designed, designer, purpose, evidence, laws, evolution	Textual study and interpretation. Independent research and study. Extended writing in various forms. Comparison of viewpoints.
SACRE: - KS3 (Y9) Unit 5: The Influence of Beliefs on the Lifestyle of Believers - KS3 (Y9) Unit 3: Applying Religious Teachings to an Issue: Suffering - KS3 (Y7/8) Unit 6: Looking for Evidence of God - SACRE: this RE modules has its basis in the Edexcel / AQA exam syllabus Theme B Religion and life and therefore 'The religions and worldviews studied in such syllabuses will be deemed to have met the Agreed Syllabus'.		3. The argument for causation and belief in God4. What is the problem or evil and suffering?	Cause, caused, affect, first cause Suffering, moral evil, natural evil, unfair, fault, existence	
		5. Why does the existence of evil and suffering cause religious people problems?	Doubt, omni-benevolent, omnipotent, omniscient	Discussion and debate. Application of
		How do religious people respond to the problem of evil and suffering?	Respond, comprehension, remove, fault, misuse, free will, plan	faith.