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| SUFFERING | “I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.” (Romans 8:18)Book of Job | Christians believe that suffering is the testing of a person’s faith and it is re-assurance that God is still in control. | “Shaytan cannot harm them in the least, except as Allah accords; and on Allah let the believers put their trust.” (Qur’an)One of Allah’s 99 names is ‘Ar-Rahim’ – The Compassionate | There is a reason for suffering but Allah ensures that no-one has to endure more suffering than they can bear. |
| WAR | “Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called sons of God” (Matthew 5:9)“There is a time for everything […] a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.” (Ecclesiastes 3)Just War Theory | Christianity condones war if it is fought in a certain way and for certain reasons. However, peace is to be sought first. | “Paradise is for those who curb their anger.” (Qur’an)“The person who struggles so that Allah’s word is supreme is the one serving Allah’s cause.” (Hadith)Lesser Jihad | War is acceptable as long as it follows the criteria for a lesser jihad. |
| PEACE + FORGIVENESS | “If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also […]” (Jesus)“Forgive us the wrongs we have done, as we forgive the wrongs that others have done to us.” (Matthew 6:12) | Forgiveness is important and conflict should be avoided as much as possible in order to demonstrate qualities like love and mercy. | “[..] If you have saved a life, it is as if you have saved all of mankind.” (Qur’an)“Good deeds and evil deeds are not equal. Requite evil with good, and he who is your enemy will become your dearest friend.” (Qur’an) | These two qualities are important as all people could be treated well and differences are to be accepted – not fought about. |
| RELIGIOUS PEACE WORKERS | “Abandon your right to retribution” (Desmond Tutu)EAPPI works to help bring peace in Israel and Palestine. | This shows how having a faith may encourage a Christian to establish peace in practical ways. | The Muslim Peace Fellowship is the 1st Muslim organisation specifically devoted to the theory and practice of Islamic nonviolence | Shows how they can put their beliefs into practice |

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| RELIGIOUS CLOTHING | “I also want women to dress modestly, with decency and propriety, […] with good deeds, appropriate for women who profess to worship God.” (1 Timothy 2:9-10)Salvationists wear a dark-coloured uniform that looks like a military uniform. (Salvation Army) | In the New Testament, there were expectations of how women should adorn themselves (not with elaborate jewellery but with their character).It symbolises that they are soldiers of Christ who fight against the evils in the world. | The Ihram is worn during Hajj.Some Muslim females choose to wear the hijab. | That Muslims are equal before Allah.They may do this to retain modesty, morals and freedom of choice. They may also do this to express their beliefs. |
| PLACES OF WORSHIP | “For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.” (Matthew 18:20)Churches may have stained-glass windows of important events and people in the past | This shows that corporate worship is good and doesn’t necessarily require a decorative place. However, stained-glass windows may help remind Christians of certain events and inspire them to take action | Words from the Qur’an can be seen in a Mosque, written in calligraphy.The Mosque has a Mihrab (an alcove showing that the people are praying/ facing Mecca). | Helps them meditate and focus on the Word of Allah.Some believe that the shape of the alcove symbolises the ear of Allah being always open to Muslims’ prayers. |
| PILGRIMAGES | “Now His [Jesus’] parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of Passover.” (Luke 2:41)Pilgrimage to Lourdes. | Shows that even significant biblical figures went on pilgrimages – to show their obedience to God and possibly for a spiritual adventure. | Hajj (a pilgrimage to the holy city of Mecca) – The Fifth Pillar of Islam | To show a Muslim’s obedience and willingness to dedicate their life to Allah and his commands. |
| RELIGIOUS ORGANISATIONS | “Our mission is to promote human development and social justice in withness to Christian faith and Gospel value” (CAFOD) | They were inspired to take practical action to show their faith. | Islamic Relief bases their work on: “Whoever saved a human life shall be regarded as having saved all mankind.” (Qur’an 5:32) | They demonstrate their beliefs to show their dedication. |

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| HUMAN RIGHTS | “We are all made in the image of God” (Genesis 1:27) | All humans should be treated equally and this can possibly be achieved through human rights. | “All people are equal […] as the teeth of a comb” (Hadith)One of the 99 names of Allah is ‘Al-Hakam’ – The Judge | Humans should not be discriminated against and people should act as stewards until Allah returns and judges them accordingly on the Day of Judgement. |
| RELIGIOUS LEADERS WHO WORKED FOR PEACE | “The world can be better if there’s love, tolerance and humility” (Irene Sendler)Irene Sendler helped harbour Jewish children on WWII | She worked for human rights by going against the Nazi’s violation of these and helping the victims. | Shirin Ebadi is an Iranian Lawyer who promoted democracy and human rights, despite a corrupt state authority. | She is willing to do what it takes to help bring about justice for people who need it, because of her personal conviction. |
| CAPITAL PUNISHMENT | “Do not commit murder” (10 Commandments)“For we have all sinned and fallen short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23)“Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established.” (Romans 13) | That some believe any form of murder (including the death penalty) are not acceptable as it goes against God’s Law and his power. However, the Bible also teaches that each person deserves the chance to be forgiven, for nobody is perfect. | “Do not take the life which God made sacred except in justice” (Qur’an)“We decreed that whosoever kills a human [...] it would be as if he killed all mankind.” (Qur’an)Shari’ah Law permits times for when the death penalty can be used. | Therefore, they should not take human life (due to the sanctity of life) but it is acceptable if it is done to keep society safe and to bring about an adequate punishment to the wrongdoer. (Shari’ah Law is open to interpretation) |
| BIBLE + QUR’AN | “All Scripture is God-breathed” (2 Timothy 3:16) | That the Bible is sacred and is to be taken seriously for it came from God – the ultimate source of authority for Christians. | “This indeed is a Holy Qur’an, in a book well-guarded, which none shall touch but those who are clean [..]” (Qur’an)“Guide us to the straight path” (Qur’an) | The Qur’an is of high importance and to be revered greatly because Allah has deemed it sacred. The Qur’an is also believed to be the direct words of Allah, thus, it comes from the greatest source of authority. |

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| SANCTITY OF LIFE | “Don’t you know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourselves but to God.” (1 Corinthians 6:9) | Human life is sacred and is a gift from God. Defiling it, or taking it away without God’s permission is wrong. | “No-one dies unless God wills.” (Qur’an 3:145) | Allah is in total control of everything – including life. He created it and gave it as a gift that is not to be taken lightly. |
| ABORTION | “For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb.” (Psalm 139:13)“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart.” (Jeremiah 1:5) | Christianity is completely opposed to abortion. This is because the baby is already a human being with the same rights as the mother – or anyone else – at the moment of conception. | “Kill not your children for fear of want; it is We who provide sustenance for them as well as for you; for verily killing them is a great sin.” (Qur’an)“Each of you is constituted in your mother’s womb [for 120 days] then the angel is sent and he breathes the soul into it.” (Prophet Muhammad) | Muslim scholars may condone abortion under certain circumstances before ensoulment (120 days). However, if the reason were because of worries about the quality of life the child will have, they are not valid in determining if the child should die. |
| EUTHANASIA | “God blessed them and said to them, ‘Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it.” (Genesis)“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die;” (Ecclesiastes 3) | This shows that human life is important and of value, as God has given them a reason to live (to carry out his will). By taking away life, it would be going against one of God’s orders.This shows that the spiritual realms determine when a person should die – it is not the human’s choice. | “No-one has the right to decide when they will die.” (Qur’an)“Destroy not yourselves. Surely Allah is ever merciful to you.” (Qur’an) | Human life is a gift from Allah and should not be taken for granted. Moreover, taking this away would be indirectly/directly defying and challenging Allah’s authority and mercy. |
| IVF | Abraham and Sarah(Bible)“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father […]”( James 1:17) | God brings happiness to infertile couples by giving them a child.As children are a gift from God, IVF can be a method of helping one get that gift. God gave us the medical knowledge, why don’t we use it? | Under Islamic law, an adulterer is to be ‘flogged 100 times’“[…] and it may be that you dislike a thing which is good for you and that you like a thing which is bad for you. Allah knows but you do not know.”(Qur’an) | If the gametes are from the non-biological parents, this would be seen as adultery (which is wrong).This shows how it could be Allah’s will for you not to have children – and you simply have to trust him. |