



# Yr 9 Matters of Life & Death

## Knowledge Organiser

### Keywords:

<b>Immortality of the soul</b>	The idea that the soul lives on after the death of the body.
<b>Paranormal</b>	Unexplained things which are thought to have spiritual causes, for example, ghosts & mediums.
<b>Assisted Suicide</b>	Providing a seriously ill person with the means to commit suicide.
<b>Voluntary Euthanasia</b>	Ending life painlessly when someone in great pain asks for death.
<b>Foetus</b>	An unborn human more than eight weeks after conception.
<b>Reincarnation</b>	The belief that, after death, souls are reborn in a new body.
<b>Euthanasia</b>	The painless killing of someone dying from a painful disease.
<b>Resurrection</b>	The belief that, after death, the body stays in the grave until the end of the world, when it is raised.
<b>Abortion</b>	The removal of a foetus from the womb before it can survive.
<b>Non-voluntary Euthanasia</b>	Ending someone's life painlessly when they are unable to ask, but you have good reason for thinking they would want you to end it.
<b>Poverty</b>	The state of being extremely poor.
<b>Near Death Experience</b>	When someone about to die has an out of body experience.
<b>Sanctity of Life</b>	The belief that life is holy and belongs to God.
<b>Quality of Life</b>	The idea that life must have some benefits for it to be worth living.
<b>CAFOD</b>	Catholic Agency for Overseas Development
<b>Disease</b>	A disorder that produces specific symptoms or that affects a specific the quality of someone's life
<b>Controversial</b>	Something that may create public disagreement

### Key Knowledge:

#### Life After Death:

Catholics believe that this life is not all there is and God will reward the good and punish the bad in some form of life after death. They believe this because of Jesus's resurrection. They believe in immortality of the soul as it is stated in the Creeds and the Catechism. Many Catholics believe that life after death gives this life meaning and purpose.

#### Non-Religious Beliefs in LAD:

Non religious beliefs about life after death are connected to evidence for the paranormal such as

- 1. Near death experiences**
- 2. Evidence of the spirit world**
- 3. Evidence of reincarnation.**

Some people do not believe in LAD for many reasons such as lack of evidence, contradicting religious beliefs about it, no explanation for where LAD take place and also having a non-religious upbringing.

#### Abortion:

Abortion was made legal in the UK in 1967, and remains a controversial issue

#### Pro-Choice:

Pro-choice is the belief that a women should be able to have control over her own body. Some Christians also argue that it maybe the most loving thing to do.

#### Pro-Life:

Catholics are pro-life and believe that abortion is wrong as they believe that life begins at conception. Also because of their belief in the sanctity of life and the 10 commandments .

#### Euthanasia:

Euthanasia is currently illegal in the UK but not in countries such as Switzerland and the Netherlands. Its is seen as controversial as it may not be what the person really wants, perhaps and cure could be found and doctors are supposed to save lives not take lives

However some argue that quality of life is more important, also modern medicine is keeping people alive longer than necessary and Jesus said Love thy neigh and it may be the most loving thing to do.

#### World Poverty:

There are may cause of world poverty such as

- 1. Natural disasters**
- 2. Debt**
- 3. Wars**
- 4. Unfair trade**
- 5. Diseses**

Organisations such as CAFOD try to remove world poverty though developing programs, helping during disasters and emergencies, raising awareness and speaking out against social injustices.

### Key Quotes:

"I believe... the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting" **Apostles Creed**

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you" **Jeremiah Chap 1 vs 5**

"Love thy neighbour" **Matthew Chp 22 Vs 39**