

Psalm 139  
You knit me together in my mother's womb

When does life begin?

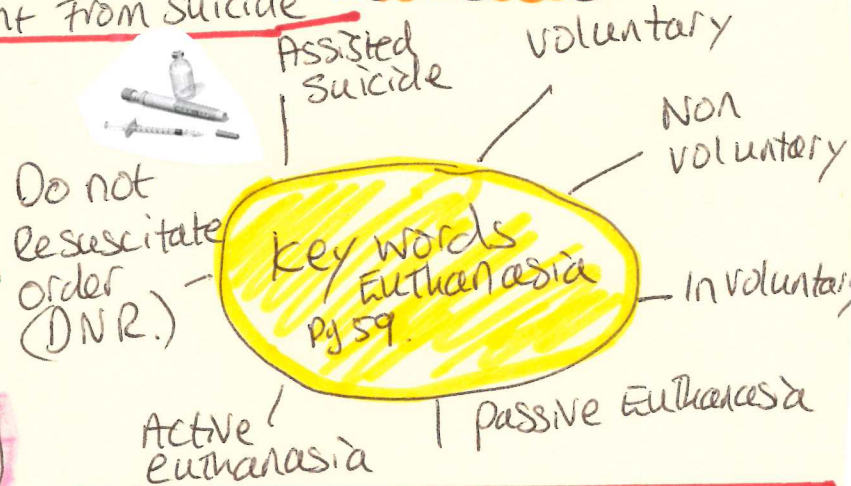
- From conception?
- From birth?
- Week 25?

Euthanasia - A good death - mercy killing  
- Illegal in the UK  
- Different from suicide

You shall not murder  
Exodus 20.13



Sanctity of life  
a belief that life is sacred and should be looked after.



Abortion is deliberately ending a pregnancy.  
it can only happen if

- woman's life is at risk
- Disability of foetus
- other family will be affected.
- under 24 weeks
- it must be done medically

Abortion + Euthanasia.

For Euthanasia

- Die with dignity
- quality of life
- Right to die
- People should be able to die pain free
- Kind/compassionate

Against Euthanasia

- sanctity of life
- murder.
- slippery slope
- you might get better?
- suffering is part of life
- Trust God's Plan.

Christian views on Abortion.

- catholic - NO it is always wrong.
- "other views" - "lesser of two evils"
- love your neighbour

Islamic views

- okay if life of mother at risk
- Does the baby have a soul before 4 months.

Islamic views Euthanasia

- To end life early goes against Allah
- on the whole wrong but do not keep people alive for longer than is natural.

Why have an Abortion?



Double Effect  
An action has more than one consequence  
save life of mother - Foetus dies

