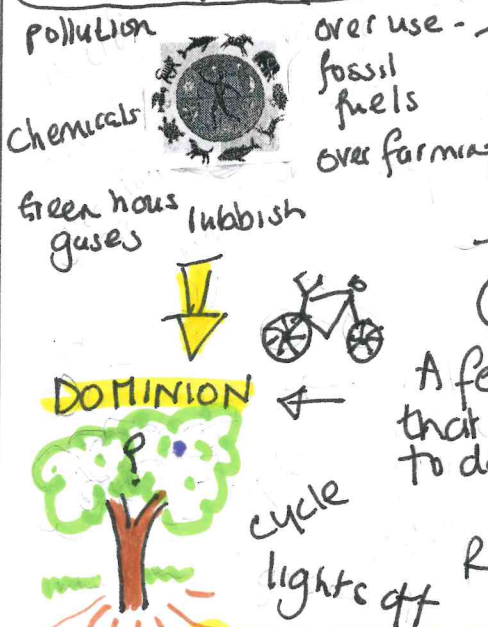


# The Environment

# Treatment of animals

## KEY WORDS

- **Environment** - The natural world.
- **Non renewable resources** - things the earth provides that will run out i.e. oil
- **Renewable energy** - energy from a source that won't run out i.e. solar/sun.
- **Stewardship** - taking responsibility for the natural world, including animals.
- **Animal experimentation** - using animals to test for chemicals or medicine.



Both Muslims + Christians believe **God created the world** and it is **valuable**. Both believe we have a **duty** to care for it. We are **stewards** or **khalifah** in Islam.

A few Christians believe that we have the **power** to do what we like with world.

## ANIMAL EXPERIMENTATION

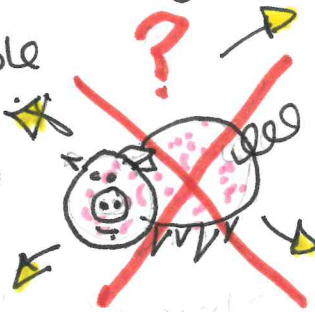


CHRISTIAN RESPONSE	TEACHINGS	MUSLIM RESPONSE
Some Christians - acceptable. Human life more important. Other Christians - NOT acceptable. Believe it is <b>unfair + inhuman</b> .	'Go God created human kind in his image. Treat others as you wish to be treated'. 'Whoever kills... a sparrow... without a just cause, God will hold him accountable on the Day of Judgement'.	Some Muslims - may <b>approve</b> if it improves human lives but should cause least suffering. Other Muslims - <b>not acceptable</b> . Quran tells Muslims not to abuse animals. Muhammad was said to be kind to animals.

Most Christians **eat meat**. Bible not against it. 'Eat anything, that moves' Genesis 9.

But animals should **not be created**

**cruselly** - against factory farming.



ANIMALS FOR FOOD?

Muslims have **strict laws**. **HALAL** = acceptable i.e. chicken. **HARAM** - forbidden i.e. pork. Muslims are allowed to eat what is good, pure, clean, wholesome and nourishing.

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