



IS IT FAIR

REVISION



How religion fights against injustice (no equality, human rights ignored)

- Prayers
- Fasting
- Organise awareness days
- Hold vigils
- Collect money
- Pressure government
- Campaign



All religions seek to encourage believers to speak out against injustice. It is part of their responsibility to protect all human dignity. Believers will often decide how to act by interpreting the teachings of their holy books to **put beliefs in practice.**

Christianity

Care for others who are in need.

Religious duty to help

Jesus demonstrated this in his own life

Fail to help is to fail God

Not just money – actions are just as good if not more so.

Christian Aid and other charitable organisations etc..

Love and share with one another

Everyone is equal – 'A CHILD OF GOD.'

Islam

To treat people justly

Care for those in need, as Muhammad did

Voluntary payments – sadaqah – or good actions for charity

Zakah – Muslim charity. A pillar of Islam. A duty

All are equal, though not the same

All Gods creation

Religious duty

NOTICE HOW THESE ARE THE SAME AS CHRISTIANITY
(APART FROM JESUS)



‘There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ.’ GALATIANS 3:28

Whenever you did this (helped) for one of the least important of these... you did it for me! MATTHEW 24:40

Islam

To free a slave, or to give food in the day of hunger to an orphan, next of kin, or to some poor wretch in misery.

Surah 90

Believers, stand up firmly for justice, as witnesses for Allah.

Surah 4

GCSE QS ON INJUSTICE

1. Explain what religious believers mean by injustice (2)
2. Explain how having a religious faith might influence actions against injustice (4)
3. 'All religions can do is pray. This cant stop injustice.' Do you agree? Give reasons or evidence for your answer, showing that you have thought of more than one point of view. You must include reference to religious beliefs in your answer. (8)

PRIDE / SELFISHNESS
Thinking only of self or self interest; failing to consider the needs of others (jealousy)

IGNORANCE
Not knowing – not wanting to know the facts

FEAR
Being uncertain of the implications of others

Reasons for prejudice

EXPERIENCES

ANGER RETALIATION
Reacting after some event. Thought to be the fault of a particular group of people

PARENTAL / PEER PRESSURE
Accepting the views of others

Prejudice

Christianity

Prejudice is unacceptable and is against Christian beliefs and teachings

God created all humans as equal, whatever race, ability or gender

10 commandments – guides us to live in harmony

Jesus' example – e.g. lepers , good Samaritan

Prejudice

Islam

The act of prayer stresses the importance of equality

The ummah (brotherhood) crosses all national, cultural, political, racial and language boundaries

Muhammad's example of respect for women

Must speak out against injustices

'Everyone is prejudice' (8)

Religious teaching – all are equal in the eyes of God
Jesus taught that all should have dignity and respect

Nature of society – rich and poor.
Religious people know there is an imbalance in the world

Religious people have a duty to overcome their prejudice
All people are equal, though not the same

Nature of humans to judge others; Insecurity does make us pre-judge people

Good examples in society –
Mother Theresa – helping the poor & dying in India

Original sin – religious people say we are born with sin; all have the potential to sin and Christians have to fight against with the help of God

Discrimination against women

Christianity

- Jesus did not discriminate against women
- Men and women seen to be equal before God.
- Today women can be ordained to become vicars, priests and ministers
- Women can not become bishops in some countries
- Women are unable to become priests in ROMAN CATHOLIC traditions

Discrimination against women

Islam

- Men and women seen to be equal before God
- Men and women have the same religious duties
- Men and women face the same judgement
- Women are allowed rights and protection

Discrimination	Reason	Religious Teaching	Action / Outcome
Racism	Fear Ignorance Experiences Indoctrination	All people equal Made in image of God Example of Jesus/	MLK – Bus Boycott Nelson Mandela – SA
Sexism (Gender)	Men are Stronger Women have children	Muhammad Holy Book – Guidance on living in harmony	Jesus treated women well

Discrimination	Reason	Religious Teaching	Action / Outcome
Poverty	Inferior Find a job Look after own Greed Pollution Natural disaster	All people Equal Religious duty to help others Jesus and Muhammad Helped less fortunate Judged on actions	Christian Aid Mother Teresa in India The Salvation Army Help people to gain respect

Media

- Media can influence people for good or bad in many ways.
- Media includes TV, BOOKS, MAGAZINES, GAMES, POSTERS ETC..

Good and Bad Uses of the Media

Good Uses of Media

Informs people of world events. This allows people to respond accordingly

Good Morals and examples of people who do good deeds can be a good influence and encourage others to behave in a similar way

Media advertises and promotes worthwhile campaigns such as Christian Aid. This allows charity's to gain more support from the public

Good and Bad Uses of the Media

Bad uses of Media

Crime and violence shown on films, TV and video games is believed to influence others to act in a similar way.

It can discredit religion and show things in a unfair negative way. An example of this is Christians are shown as old and boring with no sense of humour. Muslims have been shown to be sexist and strict. This gives people a unfair and false understanding of religious organisations

Negative images of celebrities can influence people. Example of this is super thin fashion models.



A Need

A necessity; something that is a requirement, without which a person would be in poverty or extreme hardship.

A Want

A wish or longing for; something that is craved, but which being without would not actually bring hardship.



Religion Teaches

It is a persons attitude towards money that is important.



Money

How they get it?	How they use it?
Gained in an honest way	Share
Not at the expense of someone else	10% Christians and Jews of what they earn
Not to be greedy (think of home life)	2.5% Muslims
	Not on immoral things

Explain why many religious believers think the way wealth is used is important

- to help other people, especially the poor – Jesus said it is a duty
- should not gamble – money received should thank God and spend it wisely
- Christians are judged on their actions – use money only for good

Is it fair?

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
A	Identity	Authority	Injustice	Discrimination	Identity
B	Use of wealth	Faith – stop injustice	Socially responsible	Giving money to charity	Person/organisation justice
C	Discrimination – bad	Religion shown badly in the media	Religious – not wealthy	Prejudice	equality
D	Teaching on equality	Teaching on wealth	Teaching about equality	Person/organisation Justice	Attitudes to charity
E	Religion make a fair society	Humans can never be equal	Religion stop discrimination	Money	Media