

An introduction to Philosophy and Ethics Knowledge Organiser

<p>1.Key Terms Agnostic - someone who is unsure about God's existence. Atheist - someone who does not believe in God. Global Suffering - an event which affects a large group of people, normally across several countries e.g. war Monotheistic - someone who believes in one God. Moral Evil - a bad act caused by a person. Natural Evil - a bad act caused by nature Omnibenevolent - the belief that God is all kind Omnipotent - the belief that God is all powerful Personal Suffering - an event which affects an individual or small group of people e.g. illness Polytheistic - someone who believes in more than one God. Theist - someone who believes in a God.</p>	<p>2.Reasons why people do / do not believe in God</p> <p>Do believe in God:- Religious Upbringing; Friends / Family; Religious experience; Holy Books; comfort during sad times; belief in life after death; the majority of the world's population does.</p> <p>Do not believe in God:- Science (e.g. the Big Bang and evolution; Suffering and Evil; Friends / Family; Pluralism (the amount of different religions in the world)</p>	<p>3.Cosmological Argument -Thomas Aquinas -Argues that everything can be traced back to 1 cause which is the start of everything. -There has to be a first cause; something which starts everything. -This first cause must always have existed. -According to Aquinas, this is God.</p> <div> </div> <p>-An argument against is the Big Bang.</p>	
<p>4.Teleological Argument -William Paley -The world was not an accident because it works so well e.g. water cycle. -The world is also a beautiful place. -It cannot have been caused by accident. -It must have been designed by someone. -This is 'God' (although not necessarily the Jewish / Christian idea) -Although suffering and evil argues against this.</p>	<p>5.Religious Experience Nicky Cruz -Born in Puerto Rico. -Thrown out of his house and moved to New York. -Became leader of the Mau Mau gang and was a drug dealer. -Threatened street preacher David Wilkerson. -Went to disrupt David's meeting but felt a warmth through his body and a feeling of love. -Became a Christian and opened foster homes.</p>	<p>6. Religious Experience Bernadette Soubirous -Born in France in an uneducated family. -Saw Mary (Jesus' mother) in a series of 18 visions. -After one she washed her face in a muddy puddle, which Mary called a 'stream' -The next day a river had appeared. An elderly blind man washed his face in it and he could see. -Also after Mary's requests, a grotto and church was built. -Thousands visit the site today.</p>	<p>7.Types of Suffering and Evil Global an event which affects a large group of people, normally across several countries e.g. war Moral Evil - a bad act caused by a person e.g. murder Natural Evil - a bad act caused by nature e.g. flood Personal Suffering - an event which affects an individual or small group of people e.g. illness</p>
			<p>8.Problem of Suffering and Evil If God is omnibenevolent then why does He allow suffering & evil? Does He not love the people he created?</p> <p>If God is omnipotent then why does He not stop suffering and evil? Is He not powerful enough to stop it?</p>
<p>9. Suffering and Evil Case Study: Hotel Rwanda Genocide broke out in Rwanda in 1994 with between 500 000 and 1 million Rwandans being killed in 100 days. Some people argue that events like this demonstrate that God does not exist, because thousands of innocent people including children were killed. Others argue that these events happen because people have Free Will meaning they are able to choose how to behave. Some people choose to do bad things (moral evil) whilst others choose to do good (Paul Rusesabagina who saved the lives of 100s of people)</p>			