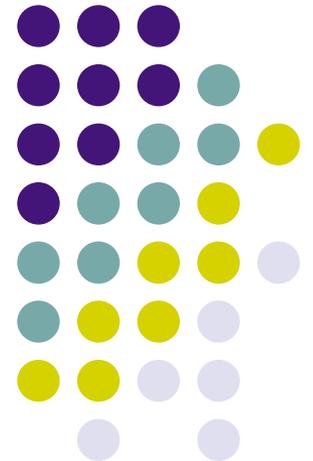
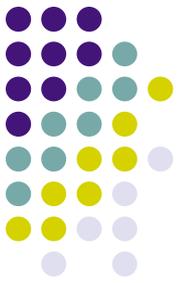


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Animals and Environment

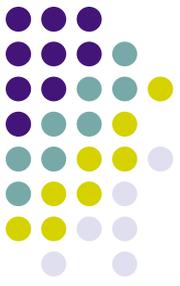


Issues



- Conservation
- Recycling
- Global Warming
- Ozone Layer
- Deforestation
- Hunting
- Animal Experimentation
- ...and many more

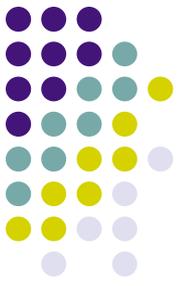
You could get asked a question regarding any of these issues. You have to know the basic religious beliefs and attitudes and be able to apply them!!



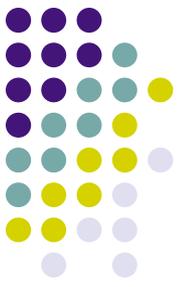
Key Beliefs - Christian

- God created the world and everything (natural) in it
- God created humans and gave us the role of stewardship
- Genesis teaches that God created the world in a perfect form
- Humans have a responsibility to care for God's creation
- Human abuse is destroying God's creation

The Environment - Christianity

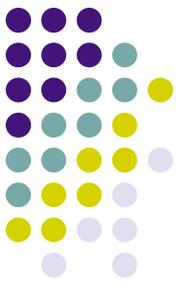


- Responsibility to care for the environment
- Christian Ecology Link (1991) – newsletters and conferences raising awareness regarding environmental issues
- Any protest should be non-violent
- Christians should be concerned about the environment
- Respect for God and his creation
- Honour of being made stewards



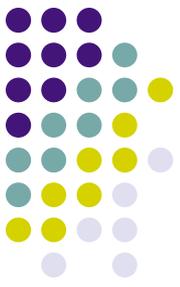
Animals - Christianity

- Human life is especially sacred as we are made in the image of God (Genesis)
- Animals are still part of God's creation and not just there for our use/abuse
- Genesis teaches that we are stewards, this gives us a responsibility, not the freedom to do whatever we choose
- Is it acceptable to use animals (e.g. experimentation) if it is for the benefit of human life?



Animals - Christianity

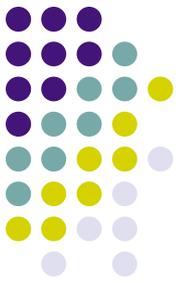
- Exploitation of animals would be against God's will
- Unnecessary cruelty would always be seen as wrong
- Opinions divided over less clear issues e.g. vegetarianism, hunting, experiments etc.
- Most Christians would be concerned to protect endangered species and many animal sanctuaries and charities are Christian run



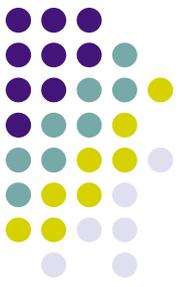
Key Beliefs - Muslim

- Allah made the world and everything (natural) in it
- Humans are Allah's most important creation
- He has given us the role of khalifah (steward)
- This means that we have a responsibility to care for and protect the whole of Allah's creation
- One of the things we will be questioned about on judgement day is our role as steward regarding the Earth and its resources

The Environment - Islam



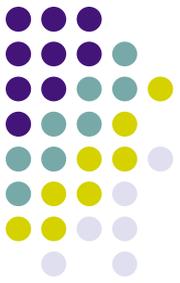
- Massive responsibility to care for the Earth and all of its resources
- Fear of judgement day
- Respect for Allah and duty to obey his will
- Water is seen as a very precious resource
- Allah has created the world with a fine balance – Muslims must do everything to preserve this



Animals - Islam

- Muhammad taught that no creature, however small, should ever be harmed
- He once put out a fire to save some ants
- Even animals are given a purpose by Allah and a plan for their lives
- Muhammad told many stories stressing the importance of caring for animals
- Hunting only allowed for food – never for pleasure
- Scientific experiments have to be cruelty-free and not for cosmetics

The Assisi Declarations



On 29 Sept 1986 leaders from the six major world religions held a large conference. At the conference they all stressed their concern for the care of the environment, and regarding the treatment and protection of animals. All of the religions consider it a duty to care for and live harmoniously with the world around them.