



Bentley Wood

High School for Girls

Philosophy Bridging Work

Year 10 into 11 for 2024/25

PHILOSOPHY

1. What might the Church / Christians do to work for peace?

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2. Why do you think there is such a contrast in religion – between those who commit violence in the name of religion and those who make peace?

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Religious people may work for peace between different countries, people of different religious groups, and between any other conflicting people.

Religion has also had a hand in **peacemaking in the contemporary world.** !

Religion and Peacemaking

4. Draw arrows to match the correct religious figure to the correct box (boxes are marked by question marks).
 → Pope Francis
 → The Dalai Lama

? is the leader of Tibetan Buddhism and has encouraged Tibetans not to retaliate with violence against the Chinese who invaded Tibet, because Buddhism promotes **peace** and non-violence.

3. Fill in the gaps. Use the words in the box below.

? is the leader of the _____ Church. He has been influenced by _____' teachings about peace and treating others as _____ would want to be treated. He has helped to negotiate between different _____ parties, such as helping to reconcile the USA and _____.

- you
- Cuba
- conflicting
- Catholic
- Jesus

5. Find a Bible quote that relates to peacemaking and write it here:

Reference: _____

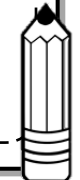
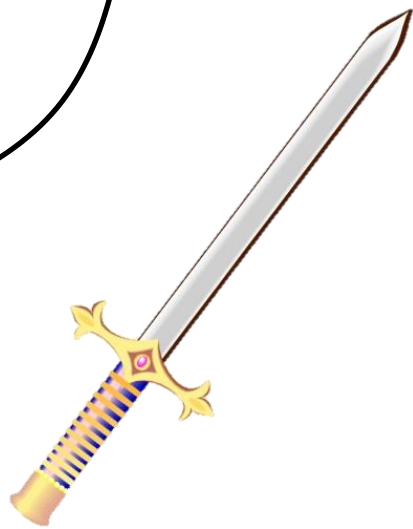
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6. **Extension:** 'Religions does more to promote peace than to cause violence.' Evaluate this statement. (12 marks)
 Argue for *and* against this statement. You must give religious arguments and you may give non-religious arguments. Reach a conclusion which follows from your argument. Make some notes here, and then complete the answer in your book or on the back.

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7. **Extension:** Find another example of religious peacemaking and what has been achieved.

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1. Do you think religious people do enough to help the victims of war? What else could they do?

2. What other motivations do Christians have to help victims of war, other than teaching to help others in the Bible?

6. **Extension:** Explain two religious responses to victims of war. Refer to scripture. (5 marks)

Religious Responses to Victims of War

3. Give at least three things which a charity may provide victims of war.

The Christian charity Christian Aid helps victims of war, e.g. from Syria and South Sudan.

They provide things such as:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

4. Fill in the Bible quote:

(Matthew 25:40 NRSV)

5. Fill in the gaps. Use the words in the box below.

- directly
- money
- campaign
- charities
- pray
- shelter

Christians may...

- _____ for victims
- _____ for their government to provide support to victims
- help victims of war _____, by giving clothing, food or _____
- give _____ to _____ so that they can help the victims of war

There are various **religious responses to the victims of war**; many religious people want to help soldiers and civilians who have been harmed or injured or lost their homes or possessions.

Jesus taught his followers to help others.

In the parable of the sheep and the goats he says that people will be **judged** at the end of time according to whether they have helped others. Those who give others food and clothing and look after them will be the ones to go to heaven.

Christians, therefore, try to help others in need, such as victims of war.

7. **Extension:** Think about whether religious people respond to victims of war in these ways for good reasons, or whether they are being selfish in doing so. Note your thoughts.