

The Right Life? Knowledge Organizer

1. Key People

Extremist groups	They believe in and support ideas that are very far from what most people consider correct or reasonable, sometimes appealing to a sense of cultural identity to recruit members.
The media	While many accuse media outlets of bias, the media's ability to accurately inform and bring people together is as strong as ever.
John Hick	A philosopher who said we can't become fully good and be God-like without experiencing evil.
William Paley	A philosopher who argued that the natural world shows evidence of design, and therefore a designer (God).
J. L. Mackie	A philosopher who argued that the presence of evil in the world disproves the existence of an all-loving, all-powerful god.
John Locke	A philosopher who said we can only know things through experience.

4. Concepts

Living a Good Life	relationships 	morality 
Ultimate Questions		divinity 

2. You need to know...

- Usually, **extremist** groups seek out disaffected young people who feel they don't fit with the family or society they live in, and who may well find a sense of **belonging** in that group.
- There are two types of **jihad**; **greater** jihad is trying to live a good Muslim life, **lesser** jihad is defending other Muslims and/or Islam itself, in line with Islamic "**Just War**" criteria.
- Some Christians say that bad things happen because when humans first **disobeyed** God, the natural world and humans were damaged. Jesus' death enables Christians to seek **forgiveness** for their **sinfulness**. Other Christians say that bad things happen so that humans can **develop**, to become more God-like.
- There are three classic **arguments** for the existence of God; the **cosmological or first cause** argument says everything is caused by something and God "caused" the universe, the **teleological or design** argument says the world shows evidence of a designer, God, and the **ontological or existence** argument says that if God is the greatest thing then it must exist, as it has to exist to be the greatest thing!
- Empiricists** say that we can only know things through our **senses** **Rationalists** say that we can only know things through **thinking**
- Others say that we need a **combination** of empiricism and rationalism in order to understand and know our world
- Newspapers and some TV channels aim their content towards certain **groups** in society. They have their own "**narrative**". Most newspapers support a particular political party and their writing reflects this.

5. Contexts

Free speech has led to "the freedom of the press" in many places. Media outlets can give their opinions and interpret events as they wish. Sometimes, this causes confusion over what's reliable.

In philosophy, the 20th Century saw a renewed interest in discussing the existence of God. This was a time of great conflict; people asked why so many bad things could happen across the world.

The use of the word "Islamist" relates to "Islamization", a tactic first used by Middle Eastern extremist groups in the second half of the 20th Century. To justify trying to overthrow governments, they claimed that culture and traditions, including Islam, were being destroyed

3. Key vocabulary

tolerance	Willingness to accept behaviour and beliefs that are different, although you may not agree with or approve of them.
theodicy	Explaining how God can exist when there's evil in the world.
fake news	News that is unintentionally or deliberately false.
free speech	The idea that people have the right to say whatever they want.
media	Methods or ways of expressing ideas.
jihad	Arabic for "struggle".
deduction	To argue that something is completely correct.
induction	To argue that something is probably correct.