

'The most important Sacrament is that of Baptism'

For:

- Baptism is the official entry
- It's seen as the first Sacrament
- "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit."
- Jesus said "no one can see the Kingdom of God unless they are born of water and Spirit."

Against:

- ~~Infants~~ Babies are forced into being baptised
- Don't need to show any christian aspects to be baptised.
- ~~The~~ Eucharist is more important.

Some christians would agree with this statement, they would say that Baptism is the first religious experience for a baby and is the official entry for christianity. They would quote Jesus from the Bible saying "no one can see the Kingdom of God unless they are born of water and Spirit". This shows how a person cannot be a true christian without being baptised.

Other christians would agree that sacrament other than Baptism are just as important. Penance or Confession shows devotion and acceptance of their sins however baptism can be done on anyone and be classed as a christian. ~~They~~ They would also agree that God created the 7 seven sacraments ~~to~~ to show different aspects of a perfect christian.

The most important Sacrament is that of baptism.

~~Topic~~

Conclusion :

I think that baptism as an adult is one of the most important Sacrament as it cleanses you of all your sins while at the same time introducing you into the christian church and christian community.

The (ressurrection) is more important for Christians than the crucifixion. Evaluate

For

• What is the resurrection?

- bringing a person back to life after death.

• Explain why people would agree

- for Christians, belief in Jesus' resurrection is central to their belief.

- Christians interpret his resurrection as evidence that Jesus is the Son of God

- Christians believe that they can be resurrected in the same way, if they accept Jesus.

• Quote

"So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown will be raised a spiritual body".

Against

• Explain why people would disagree.

- without the crucifixion there would be no resurrection therefore Jesus' death was necessary so it is more important

- there is no evidence the resurrection took place
- the accounts of the resurrection differ amongst the Gospel writers, the crucifixion does not
- crucifixion made up for the original sin of Adam and Eve so restores relationship with God.

Quote

"for the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Jesus Christ"

Conclusion

'The (trinity) is the most important belief in christianity'

For

- What is the trinity?
- Explain why people would agree
- Develop explanation - detail, examples
- Quotes
- Evaluate argument
 - good argument or not
 - Explain why

- 3 persons in one God; Father, son, holy spirit.
- Trinity was active in the creation
 - existed from the very beginning.
- creation story, incarnation, crucifixion
- 'the word became flesh'
- 'Father into your hand I commit my Spirit'
- This supports statement - involved in key events in christian faith.

Against

- Explain why they would disagree
- Develop - Examples, detail
- Quotes
- Evaluate argument.

- Pilgrimage, prayer.
- Shows full devotion to God
 - builds relationship with God.
 - Closer to God.
- > crucifixion is the most important
 - Started the faith.
- 'Through christ our lord'
- 'bless vs. O'Lord!'
- This supports argument because it shows there is more important beliefs in christianity.

Conclusion

- Justified conclusion
- own opinion
- Explain why.

- For
- allows christians to describe there God.
 - Core belief in the faith.
- Trinity has had a role throughout the the faith/bible. e.g creation and incarnation

against.

- gain relationship.
 - shows devotion.
- more aspects in or Christianity that has allowed the faith to grow.
- God is omnipotent. (nature of God)

'Jesus' crucifixion is more important than the story of his birth. Evaluate.

For

- What is crucifixion?
- Explain why people would agree
 - Jesus' sacrifice was necessary for people's sins to be forgiven and gain entry to heaven
 - Christians understand suffering because of Jesus' suffering
 - All four Gospel writers record the crucifixion
 - Without crucifixion, no resurrection
→ no Christian faith
- Quote
 - 'Father, into your hands I commit my spirit'

Against

- Explain why people would disagree
 - Birth is important because it shows God's omnipotence = virgin birth
 - Birth was important because it shows God's omnibenevolence and incarnate - becoming human flesh.
- Quote
 - "The word became flesh and made his dwelling among us"

Islam beliefs and teachings.

"The Qur'an is not more important than other muslim holy books."

Evaluate.

The Qur'an is:

- a sacred muslim text
- it was revealed by God
- Historical accounts

For:

- Some would agree as all the other holy books have been revealed by God and are all important.
- The scrolls of Ibrahim are considered to be one of the earliest texts in Islam, therefore as the most accurate and has the most significance, rather than the Qur'an.
- Some think that all holy books have God's word in therefore they are all equally important.

Against:

- Some would disagree with this as the Qur'an was revealed by God and it's the foundation of the Islam faith.
- The Qur'an is considered to be the exact word of God, therefore the most important.
- It is the highest source of authority and includes information on all of the aspects within Islam eg. prayer, law, teaching and practice
- "This is truly a glorious Qur'an written on a preserved tablet."

Me: conclusion

- I would agree because:
 - > they all contain God's word
 - > they were all revealed by God in some way.
- I would disagree because:
 - > it's the highest source of authority
 - > The exact word of God.

Exam practice

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"Jesus was God (incarnate)" Evaluate, 12 markers.

Christians believe:

- Jesus was God in human form
- Jesus was the son of God, one person of the trinity.
- God showed himself as a human (Jesus) for 30 years.
- Pregnant through the Holy spirit.
- Jesus is the Messiah, spiritual one.
- God shows God's benevolence - sending Jesus to earth
- He showed he was incarnate through the resurrection.

Bible quote supporting this:

"The word became flesh and made his dwelling among us".

What is incarnation?

When someone embodies in a flesh, spirit or quality.

Others believe:

- Jesus was born, lived as a man and died. He was simply an historical figure.
- Some people (eg Muslims) believe that Jesus was an important prophet but not God incarnate.
- There is no evidence that Jesus rose from the dead.
- Some people believe that Jesus did not perform miracles.

Conclusion (my opinion)

- Although Jesus may not have been 'the' Messiah, he was still an extremely important figure in Christianity.
- Still known as a main figure to this day.

CHRISTIANITY: Beliefs & Teachings

A loving God would not allow suffering.



Omnipotence - say what it means, say that it is

↳ give examples of how God has shown his love for us.

- Created the world, and us in his image
- Gave us Jesus who died for our salvation → remove sin

↳ if he would sacrifice his only son, and is omnipotent, why is he not preventing natural ~~disasters~~ disasters and intervening to prevent suffering

To support → "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son"



God can be, and is, omnipotent without any of those things not being true

- God loved us so gave us Free Will, and it is up to us whether we do good or bad things in the world - God cannot undo our own actions. This is Moral evil
- In the case of things like natural disasters (Natural evil) many would argue that it is a test.

↳ tests our faith

↳ tests whether we will go and help.

- Either way, through Jesus' crucifixion we have been granted access to eternal paradise in Heaven - if we do the right thing - where there is no suffering, as a reward for the suffering we experience on Earth

To support → From parable of sheep and goats 'take your inheritance' or other.

The final paragraph should be your opinion!

Remember to recap evidence & develop fully to give a good conclusion

The most important role of a christian is helping others (12)

FOR:

- Agape (Jesus taught it) ✓
- Street Pastors patrol streets at night helping people, they hand out sandals and lollipops to keep them safe after a night out. They do this to follow Jesus' example
- Food banks give food to people who can't afford it. Food banks are run by christians, and run on donations.
- Churches offer youth clubs to help younger people get out of troubling times, have fun and socialize, or offer a way into christianity.
- God is omnibenevolent

Bible quotes FOR:

- "love thy neighbour"
- agape
- "faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead"
- The parable of the Sheep and goats.

Against:

- Some christians may think that prayer is more important
- Because prayer gets you closer to god ✓
- You can pray for god to forgive others / yourself ✓
- Prayer individually or in a group ✓
- God made the world and is omnipotent, so should be worshipped as he created life.

Bible quotes against:

- "Our father, who art in heaven..."

Me:

?

↑ develop each of these points into the first paragraph for the 'others' section of (second) your answer.

I : I believe that...

- ① Give your own opinion.
- ② Weigh up both sides of the argument from the previous paragraphs.
- ③ Come to a justified conclusion.

↑ use your own opinion but remember to refer back to the points you have already used.

'Private worship is more important than public worship'
Definition of 'worship': worship means 'worthiness'.

For

- Personal relationship with God is possible and important, this is achieved through doing it individually. ✓
- Can take place by Christians who may never go to church
- Can praise or honour God in their own home. ✓
- There is no structure and can be done anywhere

Against

- Private worship can be boring which is bad as ~~the~~ worship should be ^{genu.}
- Private worship doesn't take place in church where Christians would be closer to God.
- Public worship has a religious atmosphere rather than praying in ~~the~~ home.
- Public worship has a structure and worshippers know what to expect → security.

Personal opinion

For: Personally, after evaluating both sides, I believe that private worship is more important than public worship.

Against: Personally, after evaluating for and against, I believe that there are more factors of public worship that overlook the importance of private worship.

"Ramadan makes muslims better people"

evaluate (12 marks)

For

- They will become more self disciplined
- Experience poverty
- Feel closer to Allah
- Fasting is the 4 pillar - Swam
- "It was the month of Ramadan that the Qur'an was revealed as guidance for mankind So anyone of you present that month should fast, and anyone who is ill should make up the fast days later."

Against

- not everyone can do it
 - elder
 - pregnant or breast feeding
 - ill physically or mentally
 - under the age of 12
- There are other ways of bringing your self closer to Allah eg Praying - second pillar.
- If Allah was really omnibenevolent, he wouldn't want his children to suffer.

"As long as muslims visit Mecca, they have shown enough devotion to their faith"

Reasoned arguments in support of the statement

- Explain what Mecca is
- Explain why some people would agree (why Mecca is important)
- Include a quote

Mecca is considered, by muslims, to be the holiest city on earth because it is the City of God. Some people would agree with this statements as it is here that Ibrahim was commanded by God, in a dream, to sacrifice his son Ismail. Ibrahim overcame a test when the devil appeared trying to trick him into denying God's word. In the Quran it states, "Pilgrimage is a duty owed to God by people who are able to undertake it" A Good muslim should therefore follow this

Reasoned arguments supporting a different point of view.

- Explain why some people would support a different point of view (other aspects such as prayer or worship that show devotion)
- Include a quote

Other muslims would disagree as they would argue that completing prayer shows enough devotion. This is because it is the most important way to worship God, and is a command to complete 5 times a day in the Quran. They would argue this because it is a physical, mental and spiritual activity that draws believers closer to God.

Conclusion

- Give a justified conclusion
- Include own opinion + reasoning
- Include evaluation. Explain why you think one viewpoint is stronger/equally as strong
- Don't repeat arguments you have already used.

I believe that just completing either of these by themselves is not showing enough devotion to their faith. This is because Pilgrimage and prayer are only 2 of the five pillars which underpin the Islamic religion. I therefore believe that completing all of the five pillars is the best way to show enough devotion to their faith.

12 MARK Question

without prophet Muhammad Islam would not have developed as a religion. (Evaluate 12 mks)

~~argue to christian teaching~~

- give reasoned arguments to support this statement
- give reasoned arguments to support a different point of view
- Reach a justified conclusion

SOME: Some people would agree with this statement because...

- ① Muhammad is the most important prophet in Islam, as he is God's Messenger ✓
- ② He received the Qur'an from God, which all Muslims use as the basis of their faith
- ③ He is remembered for helping to fully establish the religion by conquering Makkah. ✓

↑ develop each of these points into the first paragraph of the 'Some' for your answer.

OTHERS: Other people would disagree with the statement because...

- ① Ibrahim proclaimed belief in only one God at a time when people worshipped many different Gods ✓
- ② Ibrahim fulfilled all the tests and commands given to him by God. ✓
- ③ Muhammad was one of Ibrahim's descendants through his son Ishmael. ✓

'For Muslims the greatest act is to give Zakah'

In Support of the argument

- Explain why some people would agree

- Develop your explanation

- Use quotes from the Quran

- Evaluate the arguments

Zakah is charitable giving where Muslims are required to give Zakah ✓

By doing Zakah Muslims fulfill a duty to Zakah ✓

Muslims acknowledge that everything they own comes from Allah and belongs to him

Quote to support 'What ever you give should be for your parents, close relatives, orphans, the needy and travellers'

Against the argument

- Explain why some people will disagree

- Develop your explanation with more detail

- Use a quote from the Quran to support

- Evaluate the arguments

Sawm: fasting during Ramadan showing focus of faith, obedience & dedication to God. ✓

The Night of Power Significance Ramadan can be completed no matter what financial capability

Quote to support "The night of glory is better than a thousand months" Quran

Conclusion

- Give a justified conclusion

- Use your own opinion with your own reasons

- don't repeat arguments you have already used

- Pick either argument

I believe that all of the 5 Pillars of Islam including Sawm are important as they allow Muslims to show complete devotion to God.

'muslims should be more concerned about this life than the next' (12 marks)

After life is: - going to heaven (paradise) ^(janna) to be with Allah
or hell (jahannam)

- All muslims believe when they die they will
✓ be judged for their actions on the day of judgement.

For

Who would believe
this statement?

• A small number of muslims
& atheist's would agree with
this statement

Explain?

= because they believe you only
get one life and therefore the
✓ after life isn't important because
it's not real

Against

Who would disagree?

• The majority of muslims
would disagree with this
statement.

Explain?

*"every small and great
thing is recorded"*

= because they follow the 5
pillars of islam to gain access
to heaven (janna). ✓

Conclusion ~~Atheist~~ Atheist

I agree with statement because
I am an atheist so therefore
can't believe in heaven or hell
without the belief of God (Allah).

~~Muslim~~ Muslim

I disagree with this statement
because I follow the 5 pillars
of islam to gain entry to heaven,
It also allows me to spend my
days on this earth thinking about
Allah and my duties as a muslim.

'All muslims Should Fast'

For

• What is Fasting?

• explain

• biblical quote

• Sawm - muslims don't eat or drink in daylight hours during the month of Ramadan.

• It teaches muslims self-discipline and appreciation for what God has given them

• Allows muslims to remember the presence of God

• "everyone who is present should fast"

Against

• Who doesn't and can't fast?

• Other options of fasting

• biblical quote

• The elderly, ill and breast feeding mothers shouldn't and wouldn't be able to fast

• They should pay for a person to be fed for the days they aren't fasting

• Travellers have to make on a later date what they have missed.

• "anyone who is ill should make up the fast days later"

Conclusion

• own opinion

For

• Brings Muslims closer to Allah

• teaches Self discipline

Against

• Ill, elderly and breast feeding mothers will either pay for a poor person to be fed or catch up at a later date.

Christianity Beliefs and teachings

'Christians should focus on living life here and not on focusing on the after life.' Evaluate (12 marks)

~~After~~ After life is:

- Heaven (being with God)
- Hell (without God)
- All Christians will be judged on their actions on judgement day which will decide if they go to heaven or hell.

For:

- Some would agree as they believe it is their only life.
- Atheists don't believe in the after life, therefore it isn't important.
- Many believe you only live once and therefore afterlife isn't real.

Against:

- Some would ~~agree~~ disagree as they need to make good decisions in their life to ensure they go to heaven.
- Christians need to focus on the after life as they want to be with God in heaven.
- If they don't focus on the afterlife, they will go to hell because they would perform or take part in actions that God would disapprove of.
- "In my father's house are many rooms. I am going to prepare a place for you."

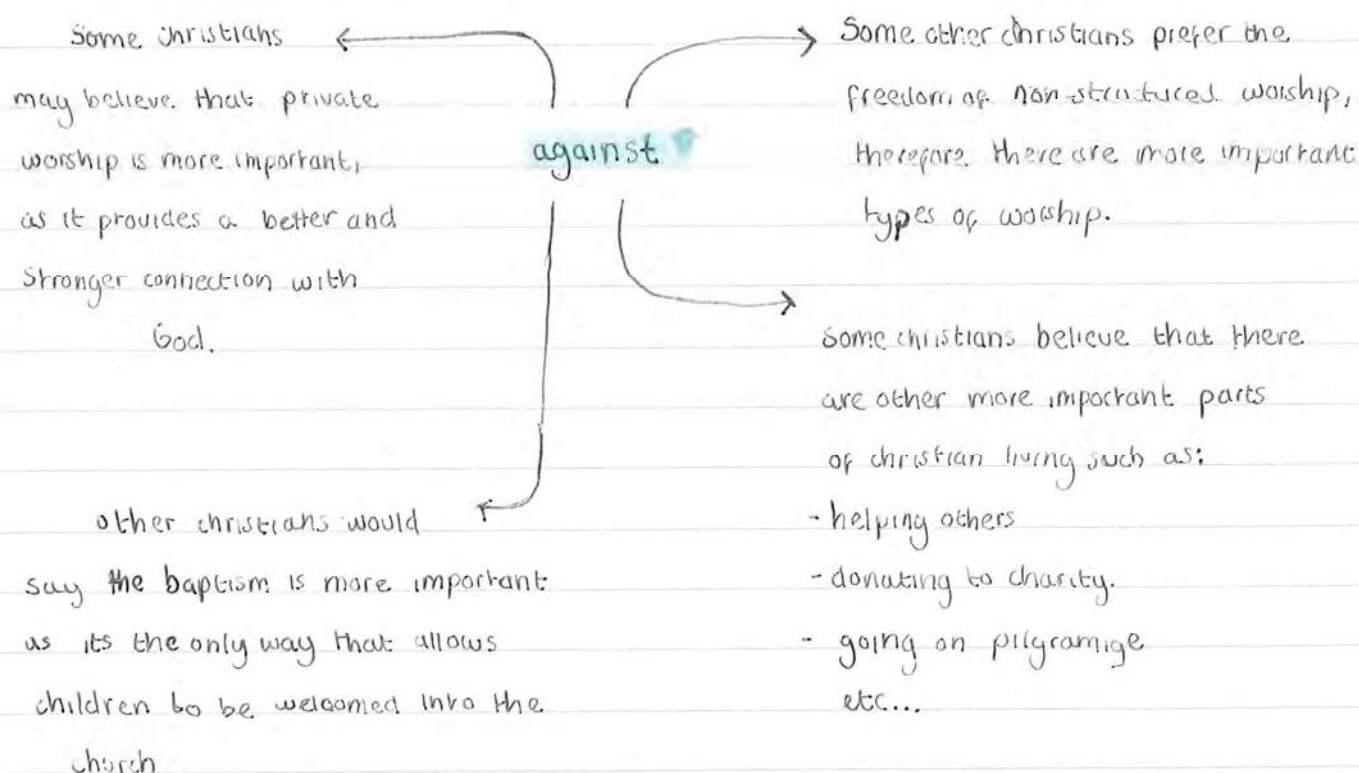
Me: conclusion

- I am an atheist, so wouldn't believe in the afterlife and would agree with the quote.
- If I was a Christian, I would strongly disagree because you need to focus on the afterlife to allow you to join God in heaven.

"The Eucharist is the most important part of christian living"

the eucharist - when christians remember the last supper with bread and wine. ✓

the eucharist is also known as the Holy Communion. ✓



Quotes:

'love thy neighbour' → helping others

'For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes' → eucharist

'no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit' → baptism