

🔑 Key Vocabulary

WHY DOES IT MATTER HOW WE LIVE?



Theology (Believing)

- **Commandment:** A rule or law given by God to guide how people live.
- **Tawhid:** The central Islamic belief that there is only one God (Allah).
- **Five Pillars:** Five daily and yearly duties that keep a Muslim's faith strong.

Social Science (Living)

- **Agape:** A Christian word for unconditional, unselfish love for others.
- **Ummah:** The global community or "worldwide family" of Muslims.
- **Zakat:** A compulsory Muslim duty to give 2.5% of your wealth to charity every year.
- **Sadaqah:** Any voluntary, extra act of kindness or charity given out of love.

Philosophy (Thinking)

- **Free Will:** The incredible gift and power to make our own choices. We are not robots!
- **Conscience:** That little inner voice or moral compass that tells you if something is right or wrong.
- **Humanism:** A non-religious worldview where people use reason and empathy to live a good life
- **Judgment:** The Christian belief that God will evaluate our choices at the end of time.

✚ The Christian Answer

*"How we live matters because we are made in God's image (Imago Dei). We have been given **free will** to choose **Agape** (love) over selfishness. At the end of time, we will face **Judgment**, where our choices ripple into eternity."*

🕌 The Muslim Answer

*"How we live matters because this life is a temporary test of our **free will**. Allah wants us to choose the straight path out of love, supporting the global **Ummah** through **Zakat** and **Sadaqah**. Our choices are recorded and weighed up in the afterlife (**Akhirah**)."*

🌐 The Humanist Answer

*"How we live matters because this is the only life we have! We must use our **free will**, **empathy**, and **conscience** to do good right now. Our choices matter because they create a lasting **legacy** that shapes the future of our planet"*

🔑 The Three Lenses (How We Look at Religion)

- **Theology (Believing):** Looking at holy books to see what religious people believe about God.
- **Social Science (Living):** Looking at real people to see how their beliefs change the way they live in the world.
- **Philosophy (Thinking):** Asking deep questions about right, wrong, and how our brains make tricky choices.

Christians say Judgment. Muslims say Akhirah.
Humanists say Legacy