

Theme D: Religion, peace and conflict

Justice, Forgiveness and Reconciliation

- Forgive 'not seven times but seventy seven times'
- 'let justice roll on like a river'
- Jihad means 'striving for justice.' (Qur'an)
- 'My Lord hath commanded justice' (Qur'an)

Protest, Violence and Terrorism

- 'Thou shalt not kill'
- 'an eye for an eye, tooth for tooth'
- 'Put away your sword. Those who live by the sword die by the sword'
- In protest at the misuse of the Temple, Jesus overturned the merchants' tables
- 'Do not take life, which God has made sacred.' (Qur'an)
- 'If anyone slays a person...it would be as if he slew all people.' (Qur'an)

Causes of War

- 'for the love of money is the root of all evil'
- 'Do not repay anyone evil for evil'
- 'God does not like arrogant, boastful people.' (Qur'an)

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- Sanctity of Life
- 'Thou shall not kill'
- 'an eye for an eye, tooth for tooth'
- 'Do not take life, which God has made sacred.' (Qur'an)
- 'Do not kill each other, for God is merciful to you' (Qur'an)
- 'do not transgress, Allah does not love the transgressors' (Qur'an)
- 'If you have to respond to an attack, make your response proportionate, but it is best to stand fast.' (Qur'an)

Just War and Holy War

- 'It is impossible to conceive of a just war in a nuclear age.' Pope John
- Joshua's army followed God's commands to blow trumpets and bring down the walls of Jericho and were rewarded
- 'Put away your sword. Those who live by the sword die by the sword'
- 'Fight in the cause of God against those who fight you,' (Qur'an)
- 'Those who have been attacked are permitted to take up arms because they have been wronged' (Qur'an)

Helping victims of war

- 'Love thy neighbour'
- 'Treat others how you would like to be treated'
- 'For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink...whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me'
- 'Do not kill your children for fear of poverty – we shall provide for them and for you.' (Qur'an)
- 'None of you truly believe until he wishes for his brothers what he wishes for himself'. (Qur'an)
- 'whoever saved a life, it would be as if they saved the life of all mankind' (Qur'an)

Peace and Pacifism

- 'Love thy neighbour'
- 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God'
- 'overcome evil with good'
- 'If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also.'
- 'Put away your sword. Those who live by the sword die by the sword'
- 'The servants of the Lord of Mercy are those who walk humbly, on the earth, and who when aggressive people address them, reply with words of peace.' (Qur'an)