

Remote Learning Lesson

- You need to answer each question. Follow on from the sentence starters.
- Anything you research must be put into your own words **DO NOT COPY AND PASTE FROM THE INTERNET!**
- Once you have completed all the tasks you need to save your work with your name



Who am I?

I sailed to the Galapagos, islands
My ship was the Beagle and my
theories have led to controversy!

Beagle

Finch

Galapagos



The Origins & Value of Human Life



To understand the Theory of Evolution and Christian responses to this.

- **8-9– evaluate the argument between science and religion with reference to the value of human life, and a personal justification.**
- **6-7– analyse the argument between science and religion, with reference to SOA.**
- **4-5– explain the scientific explanation for the origin of human life, and a Christian response.**

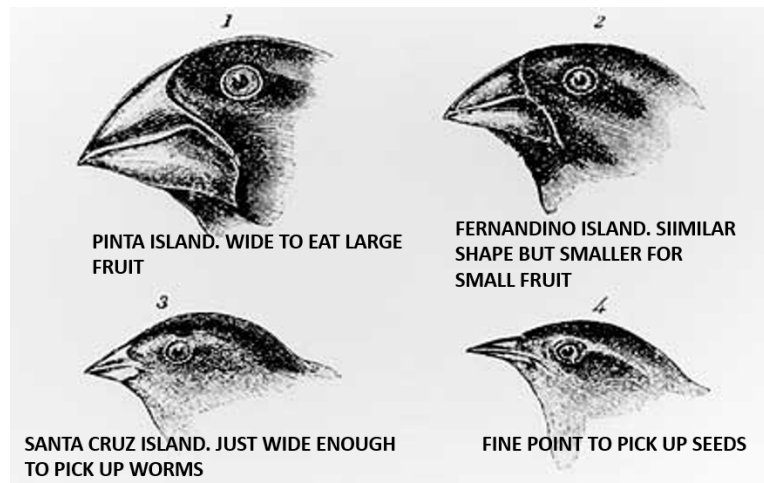
What is The Theory of Evolution?



Darwin's Theory in Summary

1. There is a variation in species.
2. Far too many young are produced so there is a competition for food water and those best adapted will survive 'survival of the fittest'.
3. Those that survive pass on their genes (in nucleus).
4. Over millions of years it may lead to a new species. The less adapted may become extinct.

Can you think of any other animals that have adapted to suit their environment?

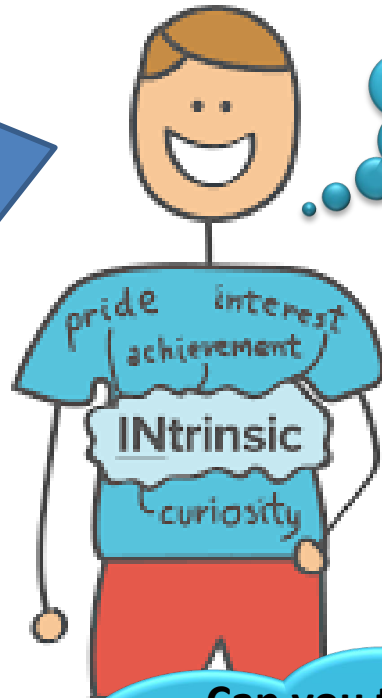


Can you think of any animals that have become extinct?

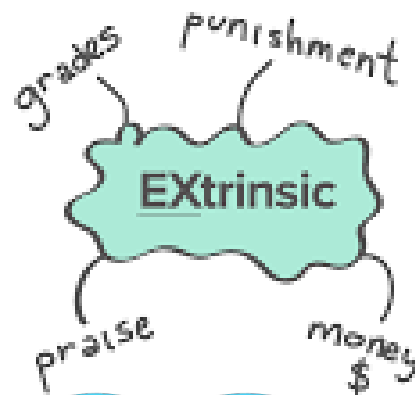
The Value of Human Life

INTRINSIC VALUE:

Human life is worth something just for simply existing.



Does this mean that EVERY life has value if we evolved from apes?



EXTRINSIC VALUE:

Human life is worth something because of the effect it can have on others.

Can you think of any examples of how the UK shows appreciation of each? They can be religious or non-religious.

Christian Responses

Read the arguments Christians give in response to the theory of evolution.

Which argument do you agree/disagree with the most and why?

Read the arguments Christians give in response to the theory of evolution, including The Special Agenda IV Diocesan Synod.

Do you think it is possible to be a Christian AND believe in the scientific theory of evolution? Why/why not?

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Which Christian response has the strongest argument and why? You must give reasons and examples linked to the intrinsic/extrinsic value of human life.

Christian Responses

Christians believe it is extremely important to respond to scientific and non-religious explanations because:

- *There is strong evidence behind scientific explanations, and ignoring them would suggest Christians are not willing to accept or able to respond to these challenges.*
- *Christians need to understand how their religious views and science can often be compatible.*
 - *Christians can be 'enriched' by shared knowledge.*

Some Christians reject the theory of evolution because the Bible says God created human life, and that he created humans in his own image. To claim that humans share common ancestry with apes, and that we evolved over time, completely contradicts what the Bible says and undermines the importance that God gives to human beings. Human life is extremely valuable to God, and is holy.

Some Christians believe that the theory of evolution and the Bible are compatible. They believe that God can use any method of creation, including evolution. Therefore God can still be personally involved in the process, even if it took millions of years. The following core principles are compatible with science:

- **God is responsible for bringing order out of chaos**
- **God's creative work is perfect and purposeful**
- **There is harmony between all aspects of creation**
- **Human beings are given special responsibilities and callings**

The Special Agenda IV Diocesan Synod (SOA)

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Why is this so important to Christianity in the modern day?

c) Explain how the Christian account of the origin of human life shows we have intrinsic value (refer to SoA)

- Christians believe our lives have intrinsic value because... For example... This is shown in the...
- Furthermore, Christians also believe our lives have intrinsic value because... For example...

The Value of Human Life

In one sentence summarise what you think the value of human life is.