

Key Words & Definitions: Good and Evil	
Beatitudes	The blessings listed by Jesus in the sermon on the mount
Conscience	An inner voice which keeps a person on the right track; a sense of right and wrong; an instinct (some think given by God) to help us make the right choices
Good	That which is considered morally right; beneficial and to our advantage
Evil	That which is considered extremely immoral, wicked and wrong
Exoneration	Means that a conviction for a crime is reversed, either because a person is innocent or there was an error with the trial that led to conviction
Fate	A power or force that determines the future. The idea is that the outcome is predetermined or unchangeable
Forgiveness	To grant pardon for a wrong doing; to give up resentment and the desire to seek revenge against a wrong doer
Free Will	The ability to make choices voluntarily and independently. The belief that nothing is pre-determined
Humane	Showing kindness and compassion
Justice	Fairness; where everyone has equal provisions and opportunity
Quaker	A Christian denomination who central belief in that all humans contain a reflection of God
Morality	Principles and standards determining which actions are right or wrong
Moral Evil	Evil that is the result of human actions
Natural Evil	Evil that has nothing to do with humans and is to do with the way the world is, for example natural disasters such as floods and earthquakes
Parole Officer	A person who supports a prisoner on their release from prison and their return to the community
Persecution	Persistently cruel treatment, often due to religion or belief
Predestination	The belief that all events have been willed by God. The idea that God has already chosen who will receive salvation and enter heaven
Prison Chaplain	To provide pastoral care for prisoners. They can be religious or non- religious
Punishment	A penalty given to someone for a crime or wrong they have done
Reconciliation	Accepting an apology, forgiving and moving forward together in harmony
Reformer	Someone who lobbies or pressurises for change
Restorative justice	A system of justice that enables criminals to make amends for the behaviour by meeting with their victim and apologising
Sanctity of life	The belief that all life is sacred, God given and only God can take it away
Shari'ah Law	Muslim law based on the Quran
Sin	Deliberate immoral action, breaking a religious or moral law
Suffering	Pain or distress caused by injury, illness or loss. Suffering can be physical, emotional/psychological or spiritual
Utilitarianism	The belief that a good act is one that brings the greatest good for the greatest number. Also known as the principle for the greatest happiness