

Component Two: Thematic Studies – Theme E: Religion, Crime and Punishment Knowledge Organiser



The Big Picture:



- **What** are Crime and Punishment?
- **What** are the Reasons for Crime?
- **Is** Crime Ever Evil?
- **What** are Attitudes Towards Lawbreakers?
- **What** are the Different Types of Crime?
- **What** are the Three Main Aims of Punishment?
- **What** are the Religious Attitudes Towards Suffering and Causing Suffering to Others?
- **What** are the Forms of Punishment for Criminals?
- **What** are Religious Attitudes Towards Forgiveness?
- **What** are Religious Attitudes to the Death Penalty?

Religious Attitudes to Crime and Punishment			
Source	Where?	Christianity Quotes	Meaning
Bible	Mark 12:30-31	Love your neighbour	Christian love (agape) should be shown to all people.
Bible	Exodus	Ten Commandments	A law code that guides behaviour.
Bible	Exodus 24	Eye for an eye	If someone has done wrong against you, do wrong against them.

Contrasting Beliefs		
Corporal Punishment	CHRISTIANITY: As a rule, Christians do not support the use of corporal punishment.	CHRISTIANITY: Some Christian groups allow parents to physically chastise their children for misbehaviour.
Death Penalty	CHRISTIANITY: Christians generally do not support the death penalty. The Church of England was at the forefront of the move to end its use in the UK.	CHRISTIANITY: Some Christians believe it is right to use the death penalty for those criminals who have committed the worst crimes.
Forgiveness	CHRISTIANITY: Forgiveness is a central teaching of Jesus and is seen in the Lord's Prayer.	CHRISTIANITY: Some Christians, who have been victims of serious crimes, do not see a way to forgiveness.

CEIAG Link:

For this topic we are studying, we can make links to a variety of professions:
 -Criminologist
 -Probation Officer
 -Prison Officer

If these are something you are interested in, do some research on the profession or speak to Mrs Ackroyd!

Glossary of Key Terms:

- capital punishment
- community service order
- conscience
- corporal punishment
- crime
- deterrence
- duty
- evil
- forgiveness
- hate crime
- imprisonment
- justice
- law
- order
- parole
- probation order
- protection
- reformation
- reparation
- retribution
- victim
- vindication
- young offenders

