



## Year 8 RS Revision Sheet Creation, Design & Life After Death

### Key Words (Learn these!)

- **Creation:** How the world began / made by God
  - **Theory:** A system of ideas to explain something
  - **Evolution:** Species change over time to survive
  - **Adaptation:** Changing to suit the environment
  - **Teleological Argument:** The world is designed, so there must be a designer (God)
  - **Cosmological Argument:** Everything has a cause → there must be a first cause (God)
  - **Agnostic:** Unsure if God exists
  - **Afterlife:** Life after death
  - **Soul:** Spiritual part of a person
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### Christian Beliefs About Creation

- God created the world (Genesis story)
  - Creation shows God's power and purpose
  - Some Christians take Genesis **literally (7 days)**
  - Others believe the "days" are **long periods of time**
  -  **Simple idea:** God made everything.
  -  **Developed idea:** Creation may not be literal and could fit with science.
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### The Design Argument (Teleological)

**Main idea:** The world is ordered and complex → it must have a designer.

#### Paley's Watch Analogy:

- If you find a watch, you assume it has a maker
- The world is even more complex → so God must exist

#### Strengths (AGREE):

- The world looks ordered and purposeful
- Everything works together

#### Weaknesses (DISAGREE):

- There is suffering and natural disasters
  - The designer might not be God
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### Cosmological Argument

**Main idea:** Everything has a cause.

- You can trace causes back
- There must be a **first cause (God)**
- Otherwise → **infinite regress** (never-ending chain)

#### Problems:

- Who caused God?
  - Could there be more than one creator?
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### Charles Darwin & Evolution

- Darwin developed **evolution by natural selection**
- Humans evolved and share ancestry with animals
- He was **agnostic**

#### Some Christians accept:

- God **guided evolution**
- Genesis is symbolic

#### Others reject:

- Humans should not be linked to animals
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### Life After Death (Christian Beliefs)

- There is an **afterlife**
- **Heaven** = happiness with God
- Soul continues after death

#### This belief affects life:

- Encourages good behaviour
- Gives hope