

Candidate 14 – Origins (Question 1)

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1.	<p>Whilst science offers an explanation for the beginning of life, religious explanations argue that life was created by God. I will look at both sides of the argument however ultimately I believe that science and religion are compatible and whilst science answers the how questions shows, religion answers the why questions. How did life come about? Through the process of evolution. Why did life come about? Because God wanted it to.</p>
	<p>The theory of evolution by Charles Darwin explains tries to explain the origins of life. Darwin theorised that life began and continues to change through a process of evolution. This means that</p>

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	<p>Species continue to adapt to their ever changing environment and then pass on these evolved genes to the next generation and thus the species continue to adapt in order to survive and life continues.</p> <p>However, Darwin argues that it is not the strongest of the species who survive, but those who adapt the best and evolve then to outstand ^{adapt in} and survive in their communities who will survive.</p> <p>For example, birds beaks have ^{evolved} adapted depending on the food available to them in their habitat. I think the scientific explanation of the origin of life is trustworthy as it is based on the scientific method of observation, hypothesis and evidence and I agree with Isaac Asimov who states that 'I'll believe in anything no matter how</p>	

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	wild if there is evidence for it. However,
	the more wild the theory, the more
	solid evidence will have to be. *Therefore,
	I believe in the scientific method
	scientific explanation of the origin
	of life as there is evidence for it.
	Even in human beings. Our appendix
	is no longer needed as we have a
	very different diet now than our
	ancestors did and we can now have
	our appendix removed without any
	cause (harm or effect) on us as
	humans as we no longer need it.
	However, I also agree with Albert
	Einstein who stated that, 'Science
	without religion is lame, religion without
	science is blind'. The theory of
	evolution gives human beings no
	meaning or value in life and thus

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	religious people look to God and the Bible to explain the origins of life.
	<p>Literalist Christians would argue that the Bible is the inerrant word of God and as it does not mention evolution, it simply did not happen. Literal Christians believe that Bible in a literal way in that, 'God created the Man (Adam) in his own image and then from dirt and *then put adam to sleep, removed ^{one of} his ribs and created Eve woman (Eve). * However, as liberal Christians would interpret the Bible in a symbolist way and believe that when God says to create the Bible says 'God created the world in 6 days * thus God clearly created life in the beginning in the eyes of some Christians.</p> <p>*breathed a breathe of fresh air into his lungs.</p>

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	and rested on the 7th, these are not
	The strict 24 hour day periods
	that we have now but could simply
	have been thousands of years before
	the next stage of creation began
	and thus evolution makes sense. ^{* page 7} However,
	literal Christians would believe the
	Bible literally and as they view the
	creation story as 6 24 hour periods,
	they do not believe in evolution and
	disregard the scientific theory.
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	I believe that science and religion
	are fully compatible and argue that
	whilst science explains why how the
	origins of life began - evolution,
	both the religious theory and the Bible
	explains why life came about - because
	God wanted it to.

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	* 'To God a thousand years is like a day, and a day is a thousand years' 2 Peter 3 verse 8,
	This quotation from the Bible supports the symbolic Christian viewpoint that the Bible is a way of explaining the unexplainable and should not be taken so literally.
	* Issac Asimov is stating that the scientific method is so evolved to be valid that as long as there is evidence for something, he will believe it.

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	Religion and science are compatible	
	and that God was ultimately the	
	divine hand that the scientific theory	
	cannot necessarily explain but I believe	
	that God is the reason evolution took	
	place and therefore although	
	evolution is undeniably true, it was	
	God that created this original	
	life which has ultimately evolved into	
	what it has today. I believe that	
	religion and the Bible in particular	
	is a piece of writing which	
	attempts to explain the unexplainable	
	however for a literal Christian who	
	is unsure of believes that God is	
	solely the creator of life, they must	
	stick to their faith as the Bible	
	has no mention of evolution and	
	this and thus it is understood why	

