**YEAR 10 RELIGIOUS STUDIES –T6 Week 2 and 3**

Please try and complete all the activities. If you do not have online access, complete the not online activities. **If you do have online access complete both sets of work**. Thank you 😊 you can email me at any time at [lbeng@staldhelms-academy.co.uk](mailto:lbeng@staldhelms-academy.co.uk) or complete the work on teams.

**ONLINE**

**WEEK 2 8th June 2020**

**Case study for Life after death - Ian McCormack**

For this task you need to research about Ian McCormack. Use the suggested links and complete a case study summary on him, use the prompts below to help you.

<http://www.aglimpseofeternity.org/>

<https://www.near-death.com/experiences/exceptional/ian-mccormack.html>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HoATZcKtDnc>

**What happened to him? Set out a summary of the key events**

**Reasons against what happened – reasons not to believe it?**

**Reasons for what happened – reasons to believe it.**

**Your personal view, do you believe him or not?**

**WEEK 3 15th June 2020**

**Case study for Euthanasia – Diane Pretty**

For this task you need to research about Diane Pretty the suggested links and complete a case study summary on her use the prompts below to help you.

<https://www.dignityindying.org.uk/story/diane-pretty/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Po6JRDZqjPA>

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/programmes/panorama/1957456.stm>

**What happened to her? Set out a summary of the key events that led up to her death. What was she trying to fight for?**

**Reasons against her assisted death?**

**Reasons for her assisted death? Why should she of been allowed to die in dignity?**

**Your personal view, do you think she should have been allowed to die?**

**NOT ONLINE**

You can email these answers to me directly, or write these down on paper. If you would like to you can take a picture of the work you have done and email me the photo of it you can do that too. My direct email is [lbeng@staldhelms-academy.co.uk](mailto:lbeng@staldhelms-academy.co.uk)

**WEEK 2 8th June 2020**

**Read the summary of Ian McCormack and answer the questions below.**

*In 1982, Ian McCormack was an adventurous 26-year-old. He was diving for lobster on the island of Mauritius (in the southwest Indian Ocean) one evening and was stung by five box jellyfish one of the most venomous creatures in the world. Its poison can kill a person in four minutes. When an ambulance came, his body was completely paralyzed, and necrosis had started to set into his bone marrow.*

*On the way to the hospital, McCormack began to see his life flash before him. He knew he was near death. He was an atheist and didn’t know whether or not there was an afterlife. As he lay dying, he saw a vision of his mother, who was the only Christian in his family, praying for him. She encouraged McCormack to cry out to God from his heart and God would hear him and forgive him. He didn’t know what to pray, so he cried out that if God was real, God would help him pray. Instantly, God showed McCormack the Lord’s Prayer.*

*DEATH AND THE VERY DARK PLACE*

*The ambulance reached the hospital and they brought McCormack inside. The doctors tried to save his life by injecting anti-toxins and dextrose into his body, but it didn’t help. Within a few minutes, hisbody lay lifeless for about 15 minutes.*

*During this time, McCormack was in a very dark place, and he didn’t know where he was. As he reached out, he found he wasn’t touching anything. When he tried to touch his face, his hand would go right through it. McCormack began to sense that it wasn’t just a physical darkness, but a spiritual darkness. He had a cold eerie feeling that there was something or someone else there, and it or he was looking at McCormack.*

*INTO THE LIGHT*

*Then, a luminous beam of light radiated through the darkness and started to lift him upward. He found himself being translated up into it. McCormack then entered an opening and found himself inside a long narrow tunnel. At the far end of the tunnel he could see the source of the light. Then he watched as a wave of the light broke off the source and moved up the tunnel towards him. This light passed through McCormack, and he could feel a wave of warmth and comfort flood his soul.*

*Coming out of the end of this tunnel, he found himself standing in the presence of awesome light and power. He wondered if this was just an energy source in the universe or if perhaps there could be someone standing in the midst of this light. A voice immediately responded to his thought and asked him, "Ian, do you wish to return?" McCormack responded, "I don't know where I am, but if I am out of my physical body, I wish to return."*

*The voice then said, "If you wish to return, you must see in a new light." " Words appeared in front of him, "God is light and in Him is no darkness at all (1 John 1:5)." McCormack had never read a Bible before in his life so he didn't know these words came straight out of it.*

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**Read the summary of Diane Pretty and answer the questions below.**

***First reading***

***Diane Pretty makes final 'death with dignity' plea Wednesday March 20, 2002*** [***The Guardian***](http://www.guardian.co.uk)

*Diane Pretty, the terminally ill woman who wants her husband to be allowed to help her commit suicide, made a final plea for the right to die with dignity at the European court of human rights yesterday. The bench of seven judges in Strasbourg is Mrs Pretty's last hope after her plea was rejected by the high court, the court of appeal, and the House of Lords. Paralysed from the neck down by motor neurone disease and with only months to live, she insisted on making the 12 hour journey from her home in Luton, Bedfordshire, through the Channel tunnel in a private ambulance with paramedics and an intensive care nurse in attendance. "They said it wasn't possible for her to make it. Well, we're here," said her husband, Brian. She listened intently as her QC, Philip Havers, argued that her 45-year-old husband should be allowed to help her take her life without fear of prosecution. After the hearing Mrs Pretty, 43, who can speak only with the help of a voice synthesizer, said: "I just want my rights." The couple, who have two children, said the visit to Strasbourg was their first trip abroad. "It is very poignant," said Mr Pretty. "Our very first trip abroad is to come here to ask for Diane's right to die." … [ ]Backed by the human rights group Liberty, she took her case to the high court after the director of public prosecutions, David Calvert-Smith, refused to rule out prosecuting Mr Pretty for aiding and abetting a suicide, which carries a 14 year maximum jail sentence if he helped his wife to die. Her lawyers argue that under the European convention, which guarantees the right to respect for private life and bans inhuman and degrading treatment, she should be allowed to die with dignity, rather than face the distressing final stages of the disease. They contend the right to life safeguarded by the convention includes the right to die, and that she is suffering discrimination because her physical condition denies her the right an able bodied person would have to end her own life. Mr Havers said her case was about life, imminent death and incurable illness. "Most of all, a case about an individual, a courageous and determined and dying woman, and the extent to which her individual rights are protected under the convention." Mr Havers said Mrs Pretty was facing a humiliating and degrading death which would be "distressing and undignified". He went on: "She wishes to avoid such a death. In English law she would be free to do so if she were physically capable of taking her own life, unassisted." …*

***Second reading – from Dignity in dying Website***

*Diane Pretty had Motor Neurone Disease (MND). She wanted to control the time and manner of her death. Because of her condition, she needed help from her husband to die. She asked the government to guarantee that her husband would not be prosecuted if he helped her die.The House of Lords rejected Diane’s case. They said that the right to life did not include a*[*right to die*](https://www.dignityindying.org.uk/assisted-dying/our-position/)*. They also said that the right to private life did not include a right to decide when and how to die.Diane took her case to the European Court of Human Rights. She argued that the right to life included a right to choose whether to carry on living. The court disagreed. They said that right to life was not determined by quality of life so could not be interpreted as also giving a right to die.Unlike the House of Lords, they did say that Diane’s right to choose how to end her life came within her right to respect for private life. But, they said that the ban on assisted suicide in the UK could be justified to protect vulnerable people.*

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