### Religious Views on Sexuality

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#### Key Ideas
- **Religious Views on Sexuality**
  - The Roman Catholic church teaches that sex between people of the same gender is ‘disordered’
  - They argue that homosexual relationships are banned by the Bible
  - Liberal Christians teach that Jesus wanted people to love each other and show mercy and that we should be accepting of homosexuals
  - Gay marriage is banned in the Catholic Church and Church of England
  - “Do not have sexual relations with a man as one does with a woman” – Leviticus 18:22

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### Sexual Orientation

- **Adultery**
  - Roman Catholics argue that all sex before marriage and after a divorce is unacceptable. Sex should only take place inside a marriage which is a lifelong, loving relationship.
  - Adultery means the act of having sex with someone who is not your husband or wife.
  - It is prohibited by the Bible and Christians argue it is wrong as it undermines marriage involves lies and secrecy.
  - “You shall not commit adultery” - Exodus 20:14

- **Marriage**
  - Marriage is a religious and legal ceremony in which two people make vows (promises) in front of their friends and family and (if in a church) in front of God.
  - During the ceremony you agree to be together for life saying “til death do us part” (Marriage Ceremony)
  - Divorce is the legal break-up of a marriage. It is legal in the UK and many marriages currently end in divorce.
  - Many Christians do not like it as it is seen to break the promises made in a marriage.

- **Sex Outside Marriage**
  - Artificial contraception means using something to stop yourself from getting pregnant. This could be a condom, the pill or a device like the coil.
  - Family planning means using the natural cycle of fertility which women go through to predict when a woman would be least fertile. It is much less effective than artificial contraception.
  - God tells Adam and Eve (the first couple) to “be fruitful and multiply” (Genesis 1:2) which encourages them to have children.

### Artificial Contraception
- The Catholic Church argues that all sexual acts inside marriage must be open to procreation (having babies) and that a baby is a gift from God. They may use family planning as it is a natural method.

### Marriage and Divorce
- The Church of England argues that contraception should be allowed so that couples can take time and consider if they want to have children.

### Family
- Nuclear Family is a family with a mother, father and children – some Christians argue this is the ideal
- Extended Family is a family where grandparents and other relatives are involved
- Single Parent Family is a family where one parent brings up the child

### Purpose of the Family
- Procreation – the family should be for the purpose of having and bringing up children
- Stability – the family should be for providing a secure, stable environment for children
- Faith – the family should be a way of bringing children up as good Christians

### Gender
- Gender equality means that men and women should be equal and given the same rights and opportunities as each other
- In the UK women can face gender prejudice and discrimination where they are not treated equality
- The Catholic Church argues that women have a special role as mothers and they do not allow women to be priests
- The Church of England has allowed women priests since 1994

### Gender Prejudice
- Holding biased opinions about people based on their gender

### Heterosexual
- Sexual attraction to the opposite gender

### Homosexual
- Sexual attraction to the same gender