

Animal Testing



Main Bible Quotes

‘God blessed them and said to them, ‘Be fruitful and increase in number, fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground.’ Genesis 1:28

‘The earth is the Lord’s and everything in it, the world and all who live in it.’ Psalm 24:1

Many animals have been used in the development of drugs and medical treatments, and it is fair to say that we would not have got as far as we have without this happening. However we need to think about whether we have the right to do this, as we are meant to be the protector /steward of the animals and the earth.

Teachings- General

- Humans are the main and most important part of creation (Adam and Eve were the last to be created, made in the image of God and have the responsibility to rule over and control animals.
- Animals do not have a soul, and therefore they are not as important as humans who are referred to as being the *'temple of the Holy Spirit'*.
- Humans can therefore use animals for human benefit, however they are also responsible to care for them and make sure that the animals are treated responsibly as everything in the world really belongs to God.

For a change both RC and C of E agree!

Both groups feel that it is morally acceptable to use animals in testing as long as it is to help human kind and the animals are well looked after and there is minimum suffering.

Key Points!

- Man is more important than animals as we have a soul
- Man was given animal to rule over and can therefore use animals as they wish
- Animals should also be cared for, however, and they should have a minimum amount of suffering. You are not to make them suffer unnecessarily
- There must be good reason for the testing – medical and scientific testing only

