

Epistemic Framework Worksheet

(Student Version)

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Unit Topic	Proposition/ Judgment (Specific Truth Claims)	Evidence for the claim (type of judgment)	Level of evidence/ certainty	Is there overlap/ conflict?	Ways to resolve
Unit 2: Human evolution and God’s special creation. Big Question: What is the origin of human beings?	1) All biological life, including the human being, is connected to each other in terms of their origin through a lineage and common ancestry.				
	2) The father of humankind, Adam (pbuh), was a special creation of God and not a product of evolution.				
	3) There were ‘pre-human’ beings on Earth before Adam (pbuh).				

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Unit 3: What does it mean to be Human? Neuroscience, Artificial Intelligence, and Human Nature. Big Question: What is the nature of human beings?	1) We can know the existence of the soul through self-introspection.				
	2) The world only consists of physical objects and things that can be measured.				
	3) Consciousness can be simulated by artificial intelligence.				
Unit 4: Human Enhancement and Transhumanism: Are we changing/ should we change our being? Big question: Are human beings moving towards post-transhumanism?	1) Human bodies are changing over time as a result of natural processes.				
	2) Human immortality is achievable.				
	3) Biomedicine induces changes in our being.				

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Unit 5: Are We Programmed or Do We Have Free Will? Discussions on Fate and Genetic Determinism Big Question: To what extent are human beings’ actions fated?	1) Some aspects of human life, such as genetic composition and date of birth, are pre-determined.				
	2) Free choice is granted with the faculty of intellect (<i>ikhtiyār</i>).				
	3) Certain genes <i>are associated</i> with criminal behaviors and same-sex behaviors.				
Unit 6: How do Science and Theology inquire about extra-terrestrial intelligent life and human exceptionalism? Big question: Are human beings unique in the universe?	1) Extra-terrestrial intelligence exists.				
	2) Existence of ETI challenges the notion of human uniqueness.				
	3) There is a multiplicity of worlds and realms.				