*03.2 Give two weaknesses of the First Cause argument for God’s existence.*

If everything has a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, who or what caused \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?

Science suggests that the \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was the cause.

*03.3 Explain two contrasting religious beliefs about scripture as a way of understanding the divine.*

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Scriptures tell us a lot about what \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is like. For example in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it says, ‘God created the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_’, this suggests God is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as he was able to create the universe.

Atheists would suggest scriptures are not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as they are written by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. There are too many \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ stories in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ such as the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ birth which break the laws of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, for scriptures to be believable. Therefore they \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_tell us anything about the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

*03.4 Explain two religious beliefs about the nature of the divine.*

*Refer to scripture or sacred writings in your answer.*

In the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it says, ‘God is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_’. Christians believe this means God is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and loves all of us.

Christians also believe \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is one but has \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ persons - the Holy \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, which is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and makes God personal, and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

*03.5 ‘Those who claim to have special revelations are mistaken.’ Evaluate this statement.*

*Students may include some of the following evidence and arguments, but all relevant evidence and arguments must be credited:*

To some extent I agree with this statement. Special revelations are difficult to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and are often only \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by one person who could be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the hope of gaining fame or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Special revelations are also very \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and open to different interpretations as there is no \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ test to prove a special revelation.

However some revelations have led to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ being started, this is unlikely to happen if the revelations were not\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. For example \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ had a special revelation of an ultimate truth when he discovered the Four \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Truths. These are now the basis for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ beliefs and practices such as the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Path. This revelation came to Buddha when he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and achieved enlightenment.

In the Bible is describes how Saul had a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ whilst on a journey to persecute \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. He is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ but has his sight restored by a follower of Jesus as a result Saul converts to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, is baptised and changes his name to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Paul then goes on four long \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ spreading \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and setting up \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Christians would argue that Paul wouldn’t have done this if his revelation was not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Atheists, however, may say that Paul’s vision was an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ perhaps due to heat and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ could have been caused by looking at the sun, therefore not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_evidence that Paul actually had a revelation.

Overall I think some people truly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that they have had special revelations because they have completely \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in positive ways or discovered a spiritual \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.