



Epistemic Framework Worksheet
(Answer Key)

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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.	Empirical +/- Rational	<i>Ẓannī</i>	Propositions 1 and 2 conflict Propositions 2 and 3 conflict	Epistemic register (weigh the evidences) Difference among specialists in interpreting the empirical evidence
	2) The father of humankind, Adam (pbuh), was a special creation of God and not a product of evolution.	Revelatory	<i>Qaṭī</i>		
	3) There were ‘pre-human’ beings on Earth before Adam (pbuh).	Empirical	<i>Ẓannī</i>		

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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.	Rational	Qaṭī	Claim #2 conflicts with Islamic theology (e.g. belief in angels)	Naturalism cannot say that there is no metaphysical reality, it has to be silent on the matter about things beyond empirical testing.
	2) The world only consists of physical objects and things that can be measured.	Empirical	Ẓannī		
	3) Consciousness can be simulated by artificial intelligence.	Empirical	Ẓannī		
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.	Empirical	Qaṭī	Overlap in #2 - domain of existence	
	2) Human immortality is achievable.	Empirical; Revelatory	Ẓannī, Qaṭī		
	3) Biomedicine induces changes in our being.	Empirical	Qaṭī (if bodies); Ẓannī (for soul)		

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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.	Revelatory	<i>Qaṭī</i>	Conflict with 2 and 3	Epistemic register which side is stronger
	2) Free choice is granted with the faculty of intellect (<i>ikhtiyār</i>).	Empirical; Revelatory	<i>Ẓannī; Qaṭī</i>		
	3) Certain genes <i>are associated</i> with criminal behaviors and same-sex behaviors.	Empirical	<i>Qaṭī</i>		
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.	Revelatory; Empirical	<i>Qaṭī for angels and jinn; Ẓannī</i>	Overlap of 1 and 3	
	2) Existence of ETI challenges the notion of human uniqueness.	Empirical; Revelatory	<i>Qaṭī for angels and jinn; Ẓannī;</i>		
	3) There is a multiplicity of worlds and realms.	Empirical and Revelatory	<i>Qaṭī for angels and jinn; Ẓannī;</i>		