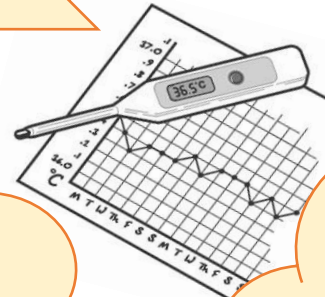


# CONTRACEPTION

## TYPES

**Natural contraception:** This can include *Natural Family Planning*. This is when a person doesn't have sex during the time of the month when they are most likely to become pregnant. Natural contraception also includes the *Withdrawal Method*, where the man 'pulls-out' before he ejaculates. However this is an extremely unreliable method of contraception.

**Artificial contraception:** These methods include the pill, injection or condom to prevent conception.



## DEFINITION

**Contraception:** Methods used to prevent a woman from becoming pregnant during or following sexual intercourse



## ROMAN CATHOLIC

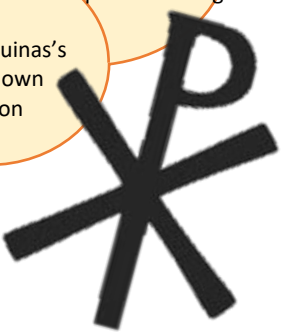
- The Roman Catholic Church opposes artificial contraception. However, population growth is currently a debate throughout the planet, so some Catholics will consult their consciences when making a decision about using contraception
- Many Catholics also want to enjoy sex without the worry of having more children that they can't look after or afford.

St. Thomas Aquinas developed a theory on Natural Law, which many Catholics consult when making moral decisions. Aquinas said there are some fundamental laws laid down by God and are the basis of how human should live and carry out their lives.



AQUINAS

- There are five primary precepts:
  - Self-preservation/preservation of the innocent
  - Continuation of the species through reproduction
  - Education of children
  - To live in society
  - To worship God
- From these primary precepts, Aquinas set out secondary precepts that fulfil and maintain the primary precepts. For example, the second precept says that we should reproduce, therefore contraception is wrong as it would prevent reproduction.
- The Catholic Church takes an absolutist view of Aquinas's Natural Law, meaning that the rules Aquinas laid down should always be followed. Therefore, contraception should not be used as it goes against Natural Law.



## HUMANISM

Contraception is allowed so that people can enjoy their lives and limit the size of families.

Sex is regarded as an **expression of human affection** and love between two people and it has no religious or sacred aspect.

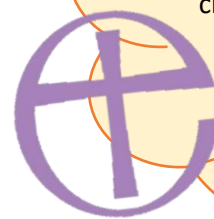
Science should be used to improve the quality of life for human beings, therefore the use of contraception limits the size of families and leads to an improvement in the quality of life it should be used.



## CHURCH OF ENGLAND

**Natural Law** is not an absolute set of laws, but a relative set of laws. God gave humans intelligence and creativity so that they can use their consciences to decide what is right in any given situation. There might be some situations where using contraception is **the moral and responsible thing to do**, e.g. where the parents already have children and cannot afford any more, or when considering global over-population.

In addition, contraception doesn't just prevent pregnancy, but the spread of STIs/STDs, so it is a good thing for this reason



## CHRISTIANITY

