Sunday Morning Live Topic Ideas

**Religious Topics**

* What is the Jewish festival of Rash Hashanah?

[**https://toriavey.com/what-is-rosh-hashanah/**](https://toriavey.com/what-is-rosh-hashanah/)

* How religion is stopping people getting vaccines due to spiritual healing beliefs
* Bradford Teaching Hospitals unveils new spiritual, pastoral and religious care team to ensure staff and patients of all beliefs, including all major and minor world religions and those with worldviews that are more humanist or individual in nature are looked after.

[**https://www.bradfordhospitals.nhs.uk/bradford-teaching-hospitals-unveils-new-spiritual-pastoral-and-religious-care-team/**](https://www.bradfordhospitals.nhs.uk/bradford-teaching-hospitals-unveils-new-spiritual-pastoral-and-religious-care-team/)

* Fasting during Ramadan may lead to lower blood pressure.
* Swiss Jews join Muslims in protesting referendum banning face covering veils.
* Should Religious schools accommodate transgender students with transgenders toilets/changing rooms.

[**https://theconversation.com/the-transgender-bathroom-controversy-four-essential-reads-72635**](https://theconversation.com/the-transgender-bathroom-controversy-four-essential-reads-72635)

* The impact of Male circumcision within modern masculinity due to religious reasons.

[**https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-47292307**](https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-47292307)

* Jehovah’s witnesses church says its elders struggle with ever-growing secular laws.
* Freedom to express: essentials of teaching children about race, religion and respect.

**Ethical Debate topics**

* Can torture ever be justified?
* Jesus was a Feminist and so am I.
* Should assisted suicide be legal for able minded terminally sick Adults?

[**https://features.dignityindying.org.uk/noel-conway/**](https://features.dignityindying.org.uk/noel-conway/)

* Has man been good for the planet?
* Is sex education a proper subject for teenagers?
* Love marriage versus arranged marriage

<https://yourdost.com/blog/2016/08/arranged-vs-love-marriage.html?q=/blog/2016/08/arranged-vs-love-marriage.html&>

<https://metro.co.uk/2020/12/19/i-had-an-arranged-marriage-and-i-grew-to-love-him-13772006/>

* Is Transhumanism, right?

<https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2018/may/06/no-death-and-an-enhanced-life-is-the-future-transhuman>

* The Concept of sin
* Is it ethical to travel right now?
* How Important is forgiveness to faith?
* Ethics must be at the centre of AI technology as a review of laws needed when systems malfunction or cause harm to users.
* Designer babies: an ethical horror waiting to happen?

<https://www.theguardian.com/science/2017/jan/08/designer-babies-ethical-horror-waiting-to-happen>

**Ethics on Contraception**

* Why contraception is a feminist issue?

[**https://www.msichoices.org.uk/news/why-contraception-is-a-feminist-issue/**](https://www.msichoices.org.uk/news/why-contraception-is-a-feminist-issue/)

[**https://www.theguardian.com/society/2020/sep/10/women-in-uk-struggling-to-access-contraception-as-result-of-underfunding**](https://www.theguardian.com/society/2020/sep/10/women-in-uk-struggling-to-access-contraception-as-result-of-underfunding)

[**https://theconversation.com/birth-control-continues-to-fail-women-so-why-has-nothing-changed-164195**](https://theconversation.com/birth-control-continues-to-fail-women-so-why-has-nothing-changed-164195)

* Doctors and nurses can ‘conscientiously object’ to prescribing contraception based on religious views and beliefs, new guidelines say.

[**https://www.independent.co.uk/news/health/contraception-birth-control-pill-coil-sex-christianity-doctors-nurses-nhs-a8097746.html**](https://www.independent.co.uk/news/health/contraception-birth-control-pill-coil-sex-christianity-doctors-nurses-nhs-a8097746.html)

* Contraceptive Justice: Why we need a male pill.

[**https://journalofethics.ama-assn.org/article/contraceptive-justice-why-we-need-male-pill/2012-02**](https://journalofethics.ama-assn.org/article/contraceptive-justice-why-we-need-male-pill/2012-02)

* Should condoms be distributed in schools?
* Should contraceptive recommendation for underaged girls be taught within religious schools.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/in-pictures-36277031>

**Children/Forced Marriage**

* Survey states young people more likely to pray than over 55s.

[**https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-58681075**](https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-58681075)

* 800m Children still not fully back in classes.
* Child Marriage ‘thriving in UK due to legal loophole.’

[**https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2021/may/04/child-marriage-thriving-in-uk-due-to-legal-loophole-warn-rights-groups**](https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2021/may/04/child-marriage-thriving-in-uk-due-to-legal-loophole-warn-rights-groups)

* North Carolina: A destination for child marriage and how a new bill could change that.

[**https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2021/aug/15/north-carolina-child-marriage-new-bill**](https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2021/aug/15/north-carolina-child-marriage-new-bill)

* FGM survivor providing women who suffer from cutting and forced marriages a lifeline in Leeds

[**https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2021/aug/25/im-one-of-them-the-fgm-survivor-providing-a-lifeline**](https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2021/aug/25/im-one-of-them-the-fgm-survivor-providing-a-lifeline)

* Knots: A forced marriage – A documentary providing an insight into how the US legal system offers little protection for woman and forced marriages.
* Pandemic forcing girls in south-east Asia and Pacific out of school and straight into marriage.
* Predatory Marriage: New safe groups are needed as families back law change demand.

**Feminism**

* Xianzi: The #METOO icon China is trying to silence.

[**https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-china-58629102**](https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-china-58629102)

* What is the gender pay gap and how is it different from equal pay?

<https://www.epi.org/publication/womens-work-and-the-gender-pay-gap-how-discrimination-societal-norms-and-other-forces-affect-womens-occupational-choices-and-their-pay/>

<https://www.cnbc.com/2020/03/31/how-the-gender-pay-gap-affects-womens-mental-health.html>

* Finn Mackay: The writer hoping to help end the gender wars.

<https://www.theguardian.com/lifeandstyle/2021/oct/05/finn-mackay-the-writer-hoping-to-help-end-the-gender-wars>

* How modern-day sexism still damages the police in 2021.

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2021/oct/02/breaking-up-the-boys-club-how-sexism-still-damages-the-police>

* Religious personal autonomy for women contradicts other religious teachings. For example: Sanctity of life principle.

**Environmental Ethics**

* Extinction Rebellion: climate activists block entrances to airport over private jet flights in protest for climate change.
* ‘Eat figs not pigs’ – Animal right protests linked to Extinction Rebellion.

[**https://news.sky.com/story/animal-rebellion-hundreds-of-animal-rights-protesters-linked-to-extinction-rebellion-stop-traffic-in-london-12393173**](https://news.sky.com/story/animal-rebellion-hundreds-of-animal-rights-protesters-linked-to-extinction-rebellion-stop-traffic-in-london-12393173)

* Thousands demonstrate against proposed legislation which gives police power to shut down protests.
* Most UK fashion brands ‘moving too slow on transparency’ over ethical practices – carbon emissions, textile waste and fair pay for workers.
* World Christian leaders first joint statement on climate change demanding urgent action for people to “listen to the cry of the earth.”

[**https://news.sky.com/story/climate-change-worlds-christian-leaders-release-first-joint-statement-demanding-urgent-action-12401415**](https://news.sky.com/story/climate-change-worlds-christian-leaders-release-first-joint-statement-demanding-urgent-action-12401415)

**LGBT**

* Three Polish regions scrap anti-LGBT resolutions.
* Conversion therapy delay frustrates campaigners as LGBT groups have expressed frustration at the delay, with the founder of one calling it "incredibly disappointing.**”**

[**https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-58683038**](https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-58683038)

* The Methodist church will not change its stance on same – sex marriage.
* New LGBT students share their hopes and concerns as analysis reveals the extra challenges they face. “I worried Oxford wouldn’t accept me.”
* A man whose fiancé took his own life after his religious family refused to accept his sexuality is pleading with religious leaders to help improve relationships between LGBT+ children and their parents. “Treated him like a disease.”

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-london-58499900>

* Same-sex couples can now have their marriage blessed by the Church in Wales after a vote was held. However, the church will still not marry same-sex couples. The Evangelical Fellowship opposed the move, saying it did not uphold the "standard of Christian marriage between one man and one woman".
* LGBT in Afghanistan: 'I could be killed on the spot'

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/newsbeat-58271187>

Strand Ideas/ Adjustments for show

Culture of the week

Each week the show delves into a different culture from around the world. Exploring their encompassing language, religion, cuisine, social habits, music, and arts.

This could aim to help educate the British public on the different cultures around the world in order to help promote and build a better sense of tolerance within the older generation.

Interactivity on social media could help within this segment in an attempt to try and improve engagement with the show. For example, one week a Thai Buddhist could demonstrate the method of Dhammakaya meditation. The show could then ask for photos and videos of the audience partaking in said activity and then the presenters can go through of the social media activity the next week.

Introduction of youth

A way in which the show could slightly improve in order to reach a slightly younger audience could be through the use of younger representation within the debates. This can help achieve a sense of relatability for a younger audience that may have an interest in the show.

Youth Activists:

* Thandiwe Abdullah

Helped launch the next generation of Black rights activists—the Black Lives Matter Youth Vanguard. Now, Abdullah is sixteen and she’s hailed for playing a tremendous role in getting the BLM message around the world.

* Xiuhtezcatl Roske-Martinez

Youth director of Earth Guardians, a worldwide conservation organization (that he founded!) that brings together activists and artists with an environmental streak. He’s also taking his activism to court: he’s one of the 21 people who have sued the federal government and Donald Trump for failing to act on climate change.

* Sonita Alizadeh

Sonita Alizadeh has taken a slightly less traditional but no less effective route to fighting against the patriarchal policies of forced marriages in her home country of Afghanistan: rap. Alizadeh was almost married twice, once at 10 years old and again at 16, before she rebelled by releasing a rap video titled “Brides For Sale” about the experience of women being sold into marriage by their families.

* Payal Jangid

After escaping child slavery in India, Jangid became a children’s rights advocate, and is currently the leader of her village’s Child Parliament, an organization that holds meetings to discuss “various issues like lack of separate toilets for girls in schools and the need to stop child marriage.”

Social Media Focus

* Due to the fact that social media is a major part of life within today’s society. The show could really use this to its advantage. For example, within the debates throughout the show the audience can pick a side of the debate by using a twitter poll. This would allow the show to demonstrate the audience’s overall opinion within the show.
* This also provides the audience within interactivity during a live show which might encourage more people to watch it live, as they enjoy getting involved within the debates

Religious Journeys

* Each a week a follower of a different religion could come on the show and tell their story on how the became a follower of that religion and where their religious journey has led them. Through delving into uncommon religious this helps increase the diversity of the show will bringing focus to a subject that would get focus on most other shows.

Cultural Awakening

* This could be a weekly segment within the show in which one of the presenters are sent on a journey to experience first-hand what different culture are like throughout the world. For example, Sean Fletcher could embark on journey to Greenland to see how Inuit culture is thriving in the year of 2021.
* In addition, the segment could either focus on one culture throughout the whole series. Thus, Sean would discover different aspects of the Inuit culture each episode. Or it could tackle a different culture each week so one week is Inuit culture the next week is Indonesian culture.

Highlighting Charity Work.

* Within the show a highlight could be shown on certain charities of NGOs that either work with or help the people who are affected by whatever this episode’s ethical debate is. For Example, Rape Crisis: a sexual abuse charity.

Constant Weekly Segments

* Tighter control over the shows schedule by keeping similar segments each week such as video of the week, The Day That Changed My Life and review of the week. As within series 12 some episodes lacked these 3 segments.