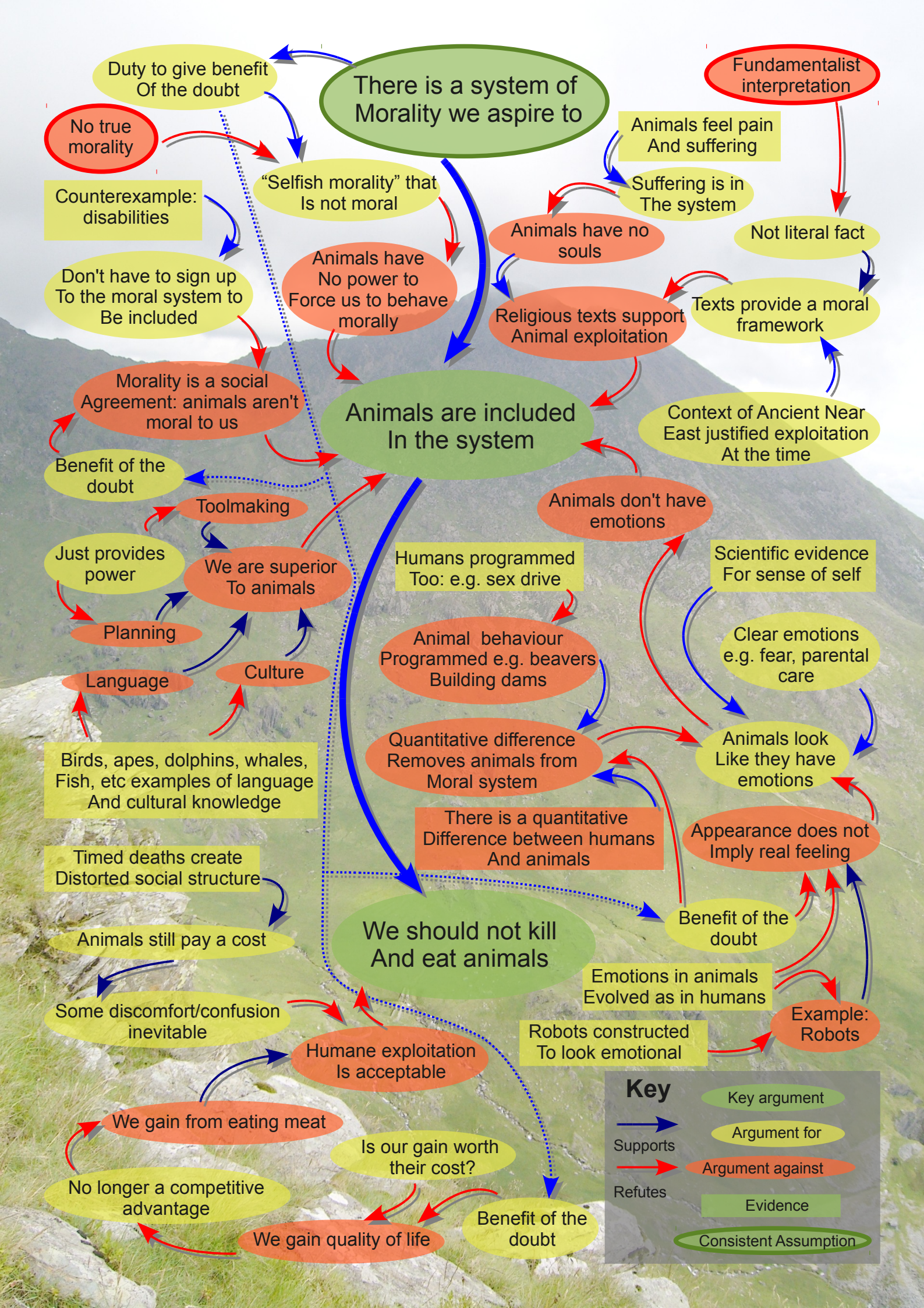
There is a system of Morality we aspire to
Duty to give benefit Of the doubt
No true morality
Fundamentalist interpretation
Animals feel pain And suffering
Suffering is in The system
"Selfish morality" that Is not moral
Counterexample: disabilities
Animals have no souls
Not literal fact
Don't have to sign up To the moral system to Be included
Animals have No power to Force us to behave morally
Religious texts support Animal exploitation
Texts provide a moral framework
Morality is a social Agreement: animals aren't moral to us
Animals are included In the system
Context of Ancient Near East justified exploitation At the time
Benefit of the doubt
Toolmaking
Animals don't have emotions
Just provides power
We are superior To animals
Humans programmed Too: e.g. sex drive
Scientific evidence For sense of self
Planning
Animal behaviour Programmed e.g. beavers Building dams
Clear emotions e.g. fear, parental care
Language
Culture
Quantitative difference Removes animals from Moral system
Animals look Like they have emotions
Birds, apes, dolphins, whales, Fish, etc examples of language And cultural knowledge
There is a quantitative Difference between humans And animals
Appearance does not Imply real feeling
Timed deaths create Distorted social structure
Benefit of the doubt
Animals still pay a cost
We should not kill And eat animals
Emotions in animals Evolved as in humans
Some discomfort/confusion inevitable
Example: Robots
Robots constructed To look emotional
Humane exploitation Is acceptable
Key
Key argument
Supports
Argument for
Refutes
Argument against
Evidence
Consistent Assumption
We gain from eating meat
Is our gain worth their cost?
No longer a competitive advantage
Benefit of the doubt
We gain quality of life