

Year 11 into 12 transition work

Philosophy, Ethics and Developments in Christian Thought

Welcome to A-Level Religious Studies. A level requires you to be an independent learner and this involves you researching and putting information together, evaluating this information and being able to discuss your ideas putting together an informative argument. You will have a project for the 3 components to complete - **Philosophy, Ethics and Developments in Christian thought – ENJOY!**

Philosophy

Life After Death PRESENTATION

Consider the following areas for development:

Types of Life after Death and what evidence there is for each type including religious points of view.

(Include Scholars, images and evidence of wider research/reading from a variety of sources including electronic media)

Remember to use the below sources of research in your presentation.

- a) explain the terms –embodied existence, disembodied existence, reincarnation, resurrection, replica, memes, dualism, monism, materialism
- b) outline the views of Plato and Aristotle AND Dawkins about Life after Death
- c) Watch the movie “**Ghost**” and outline evidence of Life after Death and explain the strengths and weaknesses of each type of evidence to a Philosopher discussing the validity of Life after death. You may consider comparing to other films such as “**Ghost Town**” or “**Constantine**”

The following research is OPTIONAL but will be **essential as evidential material** as we move through the course

d.) Research in detail a Miracle accepted by the Committee at Lourdes- e.g. Jeanne Fretel and Gariel Gargam. Explain what happened and why it might be considered a Miracle. (Refer to the Committee criteria)

e) Research and make detailed notes on St Paul. Know the story of his conversion, being able to compare his life before and after his conversion experience.

f) Research and make notes on Bernadette of Lourdes and Teresa of Avila, knowing the stories of their Religious Experiences

Ethics

To complete this task, you need to know the definition of Ethics and what we mean when we say “it’s an ethical issue”

1. Research an ethical issue that is currently making news headlines, or one that has recently been in the news – the “handling” of the COVID-19 pandemic, or the war in Ukraine, spring to mind, as an example, but there are many others.
2. Make a presentation that shows:
 - a.) Your knowledge of the issue.
 - b.) Why it has become newsworthy.
 - c.) Why it is an ethical issue in the first place.
 - d.) Your opinion.

Each should be written taking the following into account:

- a. Not have **ANY** copy and pasting
- b. Include references to your research (for example, if you use a quote where did it come from?)
- c. Be professionally put together to A level standard (spellchecked, correctly punctuated, clear presentation)
- d. Include YOUR opinions rather than simply writing all about what other people think.
- e. This is much more effective done in the form of a power point presentation as it allows you to effectively insert images and clips!!

Developments in Christian Thought

Research task

What was the Enlightenment period and what were the main ideas which came about from this age?

To watch

Karl Marx - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p003k9jg>

The Enlightenment - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p005479m>

Perspectives on death - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mjQwedC1WzI&list=PL8dPuuaLjXtNgK6MZucdYldNkMybYIHKR&t=0s>

Sexism - https://www.ted.com/talks/laura_bates_everyday_sexism

Augustine - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IZHdjRqiHH4>

Bonhoeffer - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dk7Ti8wmZxk>

D’Costa - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wa7HdJ7FI78&list=PLCE62098E8D4316B8&index=47>

Fact files

Choose from the following list of scholars relevant to the A level and create a fact file on them to include (but not limited to!) key dates, historical and geographical context, key influences, key ideas.

- Karl Marx
- Augustine of Hippo
- Mary Daly
- Rosemary Radford Ruether
- Karl Rahner
- John Hick
- Dietrich Bonhoeffer
- Aquinas
- Richard Dawkins

Films:

Suffragette

The Da Vinci Code

Bonhoeffer: Agent of Grace

The Constant Gardener

The Adjustment Bureau

The Magdalene Sister's (15)

Books – they DO NOT have to be the versions linked to; these are just to make it easier to know the book details.

A McGrath, Christian Theology: An Introduction (6th Edition, September 2016) https://www.amazon.co.uk/Christian-Theology-Introduction-Alister-McGrath/dp/1118869575/ref=sr_1_1?crid=337NVAXJOOXFR&dchild=1&keywords=mcgrath+christian+theology&qid=1589798807&s=books&sprefix=mcgrath+christi%2Cstripbooks%2C133&sr=1-1

Dante Alighieri: The Divine Comedy https://www.amazon.co.uk/Divine-Comedy-Clive-James/dp/1447244222/ref=sr_1_6?dchild=1&keywords=divine+comedy&qid=1589798776&s=books&sr=1-6

Richard Dawkins: The God Delusion

Bonhoeffer: The Cost of Discipleship https://www.amazon.co.uk/Cost-Discipleship-New-Dietrich-Bonhoeffer/dp/0334053404/ref=sr_1_2?dchild=1&keywords=bonhoeffer&qid=1589798850&s=books&sr=1-2c

L Woodhead: Christianity, A Very Short Introduction https://www.amazon.co.uk/Christianity-Very-Short-Introduction-Introductions/dp/0199687749/ref=sr_1_1?dchild=1&keywords=woodhead+a+very+short+introduction&qid=1589798966&s=books&sr=1-1

Mary Daly: Beyond God the Father https://www.amazon.co.uk/Beyond-God-Father-Daly-Mary/dp/0807041653/ref=sr_1_3?dchild=1&keywords=mary+daly&qid=1589799016&s=books&sr=1-3

Rosemary Radford Ruether: Sexism and God-Talk: Towards a Feminist Theology https://www.amazon.co.uk/Sexism-God-Talk-Feminist-Theology-Classics/dp/0334028779/ref=sr_1_1?crid=3FZ7W6QYTAOCT&dchild=1&keywords=rosemary+radford+ruether&qid=1589799052&s=books&sprefix=rosemary+radford%2Cstripbooks%2C131&sr=1-1