

RELIGIOUS STUDIES & PHILOSOPHY

GCE A LEVEL

OCR Religious Studies H573

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Taught hours per week: 6 lessons

Course Features

Philosophy of religion

- ancient philosophical influences.
- the nature of the soul, mind and body
- arguments about the existence or non-existence of God
- the nature and impact of religious experience
- the challenge for religious belief of the problem of evil
- ideas about the nature of God
- issues in religious language

Religion & Ethics

- normative ethical theories (Utilitarianism, Kant, Situation Ethics and Natural Law)
- the application of ethical theory to two contemporary issues of importance (Euthanasia and Business Ethics)
- ethical language and thought (Meta Ethics)
- debates surrounding the significant idea of conscience
- sexual ethics and the influence on ethical thought of developments in religious beliefs.

Developments in religious thought

- religious beliefs, values and teachings, their interconnections and how they vary historically and in the contemporary world
- sources of religious wisdom and authority
- practices which shape and express religious identity, and how these vary within a tradition
- significant social and historical developments in theology religious thought
- key themes related to the relationship between religion and society



One two hour written exam on each unit. Each exam worth 1/3 of A level grade

Typical Learning Activities

- Project and research work
- Essay writing
- Debating
- Questioning
- Critical thinking
- role-play
- Presentations

Entry requirements

Grade 6 or above in GCSE English and a GCSE Humanities subject

