

A Level Philosophy. Religion and Ethics Reading List

Background Fiction

These books are all fiction books, some of them are connected with the topics that we study and some of them will just make you think hard, reflect on what it is to be human, what is real and what matters. You might wish to read some of these before starting the A Level or instead of your own reading for pleasure.

| <u>Title/Author</u> | <u>Areas of the course</u> | <u>Central themes/issues</u> |
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| The Brothers Karamazov | Mainly Ethics | <i>The Brothers Karamazov</i> is a murder mystery, a courtroom drama, and an exploration of erotic rivalry in a series of triangular love affairs involving Karamazov and his three sons - the impulsive and sensual Dmitri; the coldly rational Ivan; and the healthy young novice Alyosha. Through the gripping events of their story, Dostoevsky portrays the social and spiritual strivings in what was both a golden age and a tragic turning point in Russian culture. |
| The Unbearable Lightness of Being By Milan Kundera | General | In this novel - a story of irreconcilable loves and infidelities - Milan Kundera addresses himself to the nature of twentieth-century 'Being' In a world in which lives are shaped by irrevocable choices and by fortuitous events, a world in which everything occurs but once, existence seems to lose its substance, its weight. We feel, says the novelist, 'the unbearable lightness of being' - not only as the consequence of our private acts but also in the public sphere, and the two inevitably intertwine. Juxtaposing Prague, Geneva, Thailand and the United States, this masterly novel encompasses the extremes of comedy and tragedy, and embraces, it seems, all aspects of human existence. It offers a wide range of brilliant and amusing philosophical speculations and it descants on a variety of styles. In this classic novel Kundera draws together the Czechoslovakia of the Prague Spring and the Russian invasion, the philosophy of Nietzsche, and the love affairs of a number of heartbreakingly familiar characters. |
| Zen And The Art Of Motorcycle Maintenance: An Inquiry into Values By Robert M. Pirsig | General | <i>Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance</i> caused a sensation when it was first published in 1974. The story of the narrator, his son Chris and their month-long motorcycle odyssey from Minnesota to California profoundly affected an entire generation. Both personal and philosophical, this book is a compelling study of relationships, values, madness and, eventually, enlightenment |
| Ishmael By Daniel Quinn | General | Quinn (Dreamer) won the Turner Tomorrow Award's half-million-dollar first prize for this fascinating and odd book--not a novel by any conventional definition--which was written 13 years ago but could not find a publisher. The unnamed narrator is a disillusioned modern writer who answers a personal ad ("Teacher seeks |

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| | | pupil. . . . Apply in person.") and thereby meets a wise, learned gorilla named Ishmael that can communicate telepathically. The bulk of the book consists entirely of philosophical dialogues between gorilla and man, on the model of Plato's Republic. |
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| <p>A Little History of Philosophy By Nigel Warburton</p> | <p>Philosophy</p> | <p>Philosophy begins with questions about the nature of reality and how we should live. These were the concerns of Socrates, who spent his days in the ancient Athenian marketplace asking awkward questions, disconcerting the people he met by showing them how little they genuinely understood. This engaging book introduces the great thinkers in Western philosophy and explores their most compelling ideas about the world and how best to live in it. In forty brief chapters, Nigel Warburton takes us on a chronological tour of the major ideas in the history of philosophy. He provides interesting and often quirky stories of the lives and deaths of thought-provoking philosophers from Socrates, who chose to die by hemlock poisoning rather than live on without the freedom to think for himself, to Peter Singer, who asks the disquieting philosophical and ethical questions that haunt our own times. Warburton not only makes philosophy accessible, he offers inspiration to think, argue, reason, and question in the tradition of Socrates. "A Little History of Philosophy" presents the grand sweep of humanity's search for philosophical understanding and invites all to join in the discussion.</p> |
| <p>The Young Atheist's Handbook By Alom Shaha</p> | <p>General</p> | <p>The story of a man who lost his faith, but found much, much more. Growing up in a strict Muslim community in south-east London, Alom Shaha learnt that religion was not to be questioned. Reciting the Qur'an without understanding what it meant was simply a part of life; so, too, was obeying the imam and enduring beatings when he failed to attend the local mosque. But Alom was more drawn to science and its power to illuminate. As a teen, he lived between two worlds: the home controlled by his authoritarian father, and a school alive with books and ideas. In a charming blend of memoir, philosophy and science, Alom explores the questions about faith and the afterlife that we all ponder. This is a book for anyone who wonders what they should believe and how they should live. It's for those who may need the facts and the ideas, as well as the courage, to break free from inherited beliefs. In this powerful narrative, Alom shows that it is possible to live a compassionate, fulfilling and meaningful life without God.</p> |
| <p>A History of God By Karen Armstrong</p> | <p>Philosophy and Islam</p> | <p>The idea of a single divine being - God, Yahweh, Allah - has existed for over 4,000 years. But the history of God is also the history of human struggle. While Judaism, Islam and Christianity proclaim the goodness of God, organised religion has too often been the catalyst for violence and ineradicable prejudice. In this fascinating, extensive and original account of the evolution of belief, Karen Armstrong examines Western society's unerring fidelity to this idea of One God and the many conflicting convictions it engenders. A controversial, extraordinary story of worship and war, <i>A History of God</i> confronts the most fundamental fact - or fiction - of our lives</p> |
| <p>Everything I Know I Learned From TV: Philosophy For the Unrepentant Couch Potato: Philosophy</p> | <p>Philosophy and Ethics</p> | <p><i>Everything I Know I Learned From TV</i> uses characters we all know and love and their TV worlds to explain the great questions of philosophy. The only qualifications you need to join in are ownership of a sofa, a remote control, a sense of humour and an enquiring mind. The philosophy discussed is very much 'life' philosophy, answering the questions we all want to know: How do you define what is a good life to lead? The Simpsons disagree over the right way to live with Nietzsche and Diogenes on hand to take sides. What is real happiness?</p> |

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| <p>Explained Through Our Favourite TV Shows By Mark Rowlands</p> | | <p>Aristotle fights Descartes for the heart and mind of <i>Sex and the City's</i> Carrie Bradshaw. Can a good person do a bad thing? Kant and Socrates pay a call on Tony Soprano and his latter-day Mob to talk moral philosophy. Where does love end and friendship begin? Rachel and Ross ask Plato about the philosophy of emotions and wonder if they're just good friends. Is the pursuit of self-knowledge a good thing? Socrates helps Niles and Frasier Crane and their dad deal with the relative merit of the examined and the unexamined life. And much more</p> |
| <p>Nausea By Jean Paul Satre</p> | <p>Philosophy and Ethics</p> | <p>Jean-Paul Sartre's first published novel, <i>Nausea</i> is both an extended essay on existentialist ideals, and a profound fictional exploration of a man struggling to restore a sense of meaning to his life.</p> <p><i>Nausea</i> is both the story of the troubled life of an introspective historian, Antoine Roquentin, and an exposition of one of the most influential and significant philosophical attitudes of modern times - existentialism. The book chronicles his struggle with the realisation that he is an entirely free agent in a world devoid of meaning; a world in which he must find his own purpose and then take total responsibility for his choices. A seminal work of contemporary literary philosophy, <i>Nausea</i> evokes and examines the dizzying angst that can come from simply trying to live</p> |
| <p>Plato's Republic: A Biography (A Book that Shook the World) (BOOKS THAT SHOOK THE WORLD) By Simon Blackburn</p> | <p>Philosophy specifically but Plato feeds into the whole course</p> | <p>Plato is perhaps the most significant philosopher who has ever lived and the ""Republic"", composed in Athens in about 375BC, is widely regarded as his most famous dialogue. Its discussion of the perfect city - and the perfect mind - laid the foundations for Western culture and, for over two thousand years, has been the cornerstone of Western philosophy. In this book, Simon Blackburn explains the judicial, moral and political ideas in the ""Republic"" and examines its influence on the modern world. He shows why, from St Augustine to twentieth - century philosophers such as Whitehead and Bergson, Western thought is still conditioned by this most important of books.</p> |
| <p>Not in God's Name: Confronting Religious Violence By Jonathan Sacks</p> | <p>General with some links to Islam</p> | <p>In this powerful and timely book, Jonathan Sacks explores the roots of violence and its relationship to religion, focusing on the historic tensions between the three Abrahamic faiths: Judaism, Christianity and Islam.</p> <p>Drawing on arguments from evolutionary psychology, game theory, history, philosophy, ethics and theology, Sacks shows how a tendency to violence can subvert even the most compassionate of religions. Through a close reading of key biblical texts at the heart of the Abrahamic faiths, Sacks then challenges those who claim that religion is intrinsically a cause of violence, and argues that theology must become part of the solution if it is not to remain at the heart of the problem</p> |
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Suggested General Internet resources and radio/TV programmes

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| http://www.edugas.co.uk/qualifications/religious-studies/as-a-level/ | Exam board website. Useful for specifications and past papers. |
| http://philosophyade.blogspot.co.uk/2016/07/guide-to-labels.html | Website designed to help students with our A Level course. Presently only has AS material but it may be developed over time. Has lots of examples of past question. |
| http://thesagetrain.co.uk/ | Website to go with the book The Sage train. Has useful information on the philosophers included in the book. |
| https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCtOLJIWPWAcxFa37iQOUtOA | MrMcMillanREvis YouTube channel for A Level RS. Mostly useful for Philosophy. This may not be for our exam board – so use with your specification to check that you are learning relevant material. |
| http://thepanpsycast.com/episodes-by-category/ | A collection of Podcasts that are regularly updated, mostly suited to Philosophy and Ethics |
| http://www.rsrevision.com/contents/index.htm | A collection of revision materials – not exam board specific and so you need to check which information is relevant. |
| http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006qykl | In our Time is a Radio 4 programme which looks at influential ideas and people. It often takes complex ideas and makes them easy to understand. As well as watching out for new episodes the archives are useful. There is a religion section and philosophy section. |
| http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b09v6xx3 | The Moral maze is particularly useful for Ethics and Theme 3 Christianity. Each week a panel discusses an ethical issue. The archives are full of useful episodes. |
| https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006s6p6/episodes/player | Beyond Belief is radio 4's weekly programme that looks at faith in the modern world, probably most useful for the Christianity side of the course. |

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/b007zpll?suggid=b007zpll>

The Big Questions is on every Sunday morning, an audience discuss moral issues. Mostly relevant to Ethics and Christianity Theme 3.

Suggested books for Islam (General)

| <u>Title/Author</u> | <u>Central themes/issues</u> |
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| An Introduction to Islam by David Waines | <p>This wide-ranging account of the history and theology of one of the world's most dynamic religions tells the story of Islamic beliefs and practices as they developed from the earliest times down to the present day. For this revised and updated second edition, David Waines has added a long section tackling head-on the issues arising from Islam's place in the changing world order at the turn of the new millennium. The wars in Bosnia, Afghanistan and Israel, and the terrorist attacks on New York and Washington, have raised global awareness of Islam at a superficial level - but little has been written which considers Islamic political and military extremism in relation to mainstream Muslim history and theology. Coming at the end of a book which has explored the ideas and traditions of Islam in depth, this new section offers thought-provoking reflections on the place of religion in the current conflicts.</p> |
| Islam: The Basics by Colin Turner | <p>Now in its second edition, <i>Islam: The Basics</i> provides an introduction to the Islamic faith, examining the doctrines of the religion, the practises of Muslims and the history and significance of Islam in modern contexts. Key topics covered include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the Qur'an and its teachings• the life of the Prophet Muhammad• gender, women and Islam• Sufism and Shi'ism• Islam and the western world• non-Muslim approaches to Islam. <p>With updated further reading, illustrative maps and an expanded chronology of turning points in the Islamic world, this book is essential reading for students of religious studies and all those new to the subject of Islam.</p> |
| Islam: A Short History by Karen Armstrong | <p>Karen Armstrong's elegant and concise book traces how Islam grew from the other religions of the book, Judaism and Christianity; introduces us to the character of Muhammed; and demonstrates that for much of its history, the religion has been a force for enlightenment that promoted liberties for women and allowed the arts and sciences to flourish.</p> |

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| <p>Islam: The Straight Path by John Esposito</p> | <p>Now in a new edition, this exceptionally successful survey text introduces the faith, belief, and practice of Islam from its earliest origins up to its contemporary resurgence. John L. Esposito, an internationally renowned expert on Islam, traces the development of this dynamic faith and its impact on world history and politics. Lucidly written and expansive in scope, <i>Islam: The Straight Path</i>, Fourth Edition, provides keen insight into one of the world's least understood religions. It is ideally suited for use in courses on Islam, comparative religions, and Middle Eastern history and culture.</p> |
| <p>Muslims: Their Religious Beliefs and Practices by Andrew Rippin</p> | <p><i>Muslims: Their Religious Beliefs and Practices</i> offers a survey of Islamic history and thought from the formative period of the religion to the contemporary period. It examines the unique elements which have combined to form Islam, in particular, the Qur'ān and perceptions of the Prophet Muḥammad, and traces the ways in which these ideas have interacted to influence Islam's path to the present. Combining core source materials with coverage of current scholarship and of recent events in the Islamic world, Bernheimer and Rippin introduce this hugely significant religion, including alternative visions of Islam found in Shi'ism and Sufism, in a succinct, challenging, and refreshing way. The improved and expanded fifth edition is updated throughout and includes new textboxes. With detailed illustrations and a new companion website, <i>Muslims</i> is the ideal introduction for students who wish to explore the key issues of Muslims, from the Qur'ān to Islamic feminism, to issues of identity, Islamophobia, and modern visions of Islam.</p> |
| <p>A History of God by Karen Armstrong</p> | <p>The idea of a single divine being - God, Yahweh, Allah - has existed for over 4,000 years. But the history of God is also the history of human struggle. While Judaism, Islam and Christianity proclaim the goodness of God, organised religion has too often been the catalyst for violence and ineradicable prejudice. In this fascinating, extensive and original account of the evolution of belief, Karen Armstrong examines Western society's unerring fidelity to this idea of One God and the many conflicting convictions it engenders. A controversial, extraordinary story of worship and war, <i>A History of God</i> confronts the most fundamental fact - or fiction - of our lives.</p> |
| <p>Muhammad: A Biography of the Prophet by Karen Armstrong</p> | <p>Most people in the West know very little about the prophet Muhammad. The acclaimed religious writer Karen Armstrong has written a biography which will give us a more accurate and profound understanding of Islam and the people who adhere to it so strongly. Muhammad also offers challenging comparisons with the two religions most closely related to it - Judaism and Christianity.</p> |
| <p>Muhammad: A Prophet For Our Time by Karen Armstrong</p> | <p><i>Muhammad: A Prophet For Our Time</i> is a 2006 non-fiction book by the British writer Karen Armstrong. It is part of the "Eminent Lives" series, which are short biographies of famous people by well-known writers. It is Armstrong's second biography of Muhammad. Her first biography <i>Muhammad: a Biography of the Prophet</i> earned her the Muslim Public Affairs Council Media Award. <i>Muhammad: A Prophet For Our Time</i> is a short biography that shows how most Muslims understand Muhammad and their faith. In the book, Armstrong depicts Muhammad as both a mystic and a wise political and social reformer.</p> |
| <p>Reasoning with God: Reclaiming Shari'ah in the Modern Age by Khaled Abou El Fadl</p> | <p>In <i>Reasoning with God</i> renowned Islamic scholar Khaled Abou El Fadl explores the role of Shari'ah in today's world, for both Muslims and non-Muslims. After a prologue that explains Shari'ah in depth, Abou El Fadl wrestles with the moral trajectory of contemporary Islam and highlights the way Shari'ah can revitalize and reengage Islam today.</p> |

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| <p>The Shi'a Revival by Vali Nasr</p> | <p>Iranian-born scholar Vali Nasr has become one of America's leading commentators on current events in the Middle East, admired and welcomed by both media and government for his "concise and coherent" analysis (<i>Wall Street Journal</i>, front-page profile). In this "remarkable work" (Anderson Cooper), Nasr brilliantly dissects the political and theological antagonisms within Islam, providing a unique and objective understanding of the 1,400-year bitter struggle between Shias and Sunnis and shedding crucial light on its modern-day consequences.</p> |
| <p>The Battle for God: Fundamentalism in Judaism, Christianity and Islam by Karen Armstrong</p> | <p><i>The Battle for God: Fundamentalism in Judaism, Christianity and Islam</i> is a book by author Karen Armstrong published in 2000 by Knopf/HarperCollins which the New York Times described as "one of the most penetrating, readable, and prescient accounts to date of the rise of the fundamentalist movements in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam". The Battle for God traces the history of the rise of fundamentalism in the three major monotheistic faiths. Armstrong's analysis starts with developments in Judaism and traces it through the creation of fundamentalism in Christianity to adoption of a similar approach to modernity in Islam.</p> |
| <p>Islam in the World by Malise Ruthven</p> | <p><i>Islam in the World</i> has long been considered one of the best books for gaining an understanding of modern Islam. In this updated edition, Islamic expert Malise Ruthven adds a new preface and new chapters analyzing the major issues of today, including the impact of 9/11, the meaning of "the war on terror," and the overthrow of Saddam Hussein. New material also explains important differences within Islam that many Westerners are just beginning to learn about, including the rivalry between Sunnis and Shias, the relationship between Sufism and modern Islamism and the debates about democracy raging throughout the Muslim World.</p> <p>This invaluable introductory guide presents a full overview of Islam in its historical, geographic, and social settings and explains how the quest for spiritual fulfillment is inevitably bound up with political aspirations.</p> |

General Philosophy Suggested Books

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| <p>Access to religion and philosophy: Philosophy of Religion By P Cole</p> | <p>This book examines key issues including the proofs for the existence of God, the problem of evil and suffering and the relationship between mind, body and religious language. It provides a solid basis for those who are starting A level courses in Religious Studies or Philosophy. Features include:- Key questions throughout the chapters to help students focus on the key issues- Key terms defined and explained throughout the chapters- Profiles of key individuals - their contribution and significance - More summary diagrams throughout to aid revision- Revision checklists at the end of chapters- exam-style questions and tips at the end of each chapter</p> |
| <p>Philosophy of Religion: Towards a More Humane Approach By J Cottingham</p> | <p>John Cottingham's Philosophy of Religion opens up fresh perspectives on the philosophy of religion, arguing that the detached neutrality of much of contemporary philosophizing may be counterproductive - hardening us against the receptivity required for certain kinds of important evidence to become salient. This book covers all the traditional areas of the subject, including the meaning of religious claims, the existence of God and the relation between religion and morality, as well as the role of spiritual praxis and how religious belief affects questions about the meaning of life, human suffering and mortality. While preserving the clarity and rigor that are rightly prized in the analytic tradition, the book also draws on insights from literary and other sources, and aims to engage a wide readership.</p> |
| <p>An Introduction to the Philosophy of Religion By B Davies</p> | <p>In this book, Brian Davies provides a critical examination of some fundamental questions posed by religious belief.. The book is highly accessible and covers all the key elements of a course in the philosophy of religion</p> |
| <p>Philosophy of Religion: A Guide and Anthology By B Davies</p> | <p>Is it possible to be both a philosopher and a religious believer? Is philosophy a friend or foe to religious belief? Does talk of God make sense? Does God exist? What is God? Essential for anyone pondering these and similar questions. Carefully edited by Brian Davies, it contains a wide-ranging selection of 65 of the best classical and contemporary writings on the philosophy of religion, together with substantial commentary, introductory material, discussion questions, and detailed guides to further reading. Part I of the book examines the relation between philosophy and religion; Parts II-IV consider the existence and nature of God; Part V addresses the "problem of evil" that has puzzled thinkers for centuries; and Parts VI and VII are devoted to the relationship between morality and religion and to the question of life after death.</p> |
| <p>The Philosophy of Religion By J Hick</p> | <p>Introduction to the philosophy of religion, in the Foundations of Philosophy series, covering the concept of God; arguments for and against the existence of God; the problem of evil; revelation and faith; evidentialism, foundationalism, and rational belief; religious language; the problem of verification; the conflicting truth claims of different religions; immortality and resurrection; karma and reincarnation</p> |
| <p>Philosophy of Religion for A Level By A Jordan, N Lockyer & E Tate,</p> | <p>Text book designed for a previous A Level course. Easy to read and in includes the Ontological argument, Cosmological argument, Design argument, Moral argument, the problem of evil, arguments from religious experience and challenges to religious belief. At the end of the book there are handy revision summaries.</p> |
| <p>An Introduction to Philosophy of Religion By M B Wilkinson</p> | <p>Aimed at A Level students this book look ion detail at the attributes of God, arguments for and against the existence of God, religious language, realism and anti-realism, religious experiences and the afterlife.</p> |

General Philosophy suggested websites

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| https://hwb.gov.wales/resources/tree?sort=created&language=en&tags=Religious%20education&tags=A/AS&nodeId=19ab0f1b-6b90-4fb0-b593-15391564bb31 | Challenging Religious Issues magazine |
| www.dialogue.org.uk | Dialogue: a journal of religion and philosophy |
| http://www.philosophers.co.uk/ | The Philosophers' Magazine |
| www.philosophypages.com | Provides basic philosophical information |
| http://peped.org/philosophicalinvestigations/ | Peter Baron's A level Religious Studies site |
| http://peped.org/philosophicalinvestigations/teachers/ | Provides detailed resources for key themes |

Philosophy Theme 1 Suggested Books

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| <p>God and Proof (Philosophy of Religion) By J Lee</p> | <p>Small pamphlet – easy to read and a great summary for this theme.</p> |
| <p>The Question of God: An Introductory Commentary and Sourcebook. By M Palmer</p> | <p>This important textbook introduces the six great arguments for the existence of God, as found in a wealth of primary sources from classic and contemporary texts. It requires no specialist knowledge of philosophy, and is ideally suited to students and teachers at school or university level. Sections include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * The Ontological Argument (Anselm, Haight, Descartes, Kant, Findlay, Malcolm, Hick) * The Cosmological Argument (Aquinas, Taylor, Hume, Kant) * The Argument from Design (Paley, Hume, Darwin, Dawkins, Ward) * The Argument from Miracles (Hume, Hambourger, Coleman, Flew, Swinburne, Diamond) * The Moral Argument (Plato, Lewis, Kant, Rachels, Martin, Nielsen) * The Pragmatic Argument (Pascal, Gracely, Stich, Penelhum, James, Moore). <p>Additional features include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * revision questions * key reading for each chapter and an extensive bibliography * illustrated biographies of key thinkers and their works * marginal notes and summaries of arguments. |
| <p>The Puzzle of God By P Vardy</p> | <p>A clear, well-written guide to philosophical thinking about God. Starting with the question of what it means to say we believe in God, and looking at the nature of truth, Peter Vardy goes on to examine ideas about God and their influence on Christian thinking.</p> <p>Peter Vardy takes the reader through the arguments, using amusing illustrations and analogies. He writes for the lay person or student, not assuming any specialist knowledge, and not imposing any particular view.</p> |
| <p>The Thinker's Guide to God By P Vardy and J Arliss</p> | <p>The attempt to define what we mean by God, and indeed goodness, has been the central pre-occupation of western religion and philosophy. Can one have goodness without God? Is goodness real or do we create it? Does the understanding of God change through our own scriptures? Where does our understanding of God and goodness come from? How does it relate to other virtues, particularly those of beauty and truth? What is the role of reason? What about the ways other cultures approach reality, and how can traditions live peaceably together? Peter Vardy concisely explores the range of approaches to God that has influenced the western Christian tradition in an easy-to-read, popular style.</p> |

Philosophy Theme 1 Suggested Websites

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| https://www.reasonablefaith.org/ | Website on Craig/Leibniz/Cosmological argument |
| http://www.talkorigins.org/ | Scientific responses to creation/evolution debate |
| http://www.philosophers.co.uk/ | A guide to famous philosophers |
| http://www.iep.utm.edu/ded-ind/ | A detailed overview of inductive and deductive argument |

Philosophy 2 Theme Suggested Books

| <u>Title/Author</u> | <u>Central themes/issues</u> |
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| <p>Atheism: A Very Short Introduction (Very Short Introductions) By J Baggini</p> | <p>Atheism is often considered to be a negative, dark, and pessimistic belief which is characterized by a rejection of values and purpose and a fierce opposition to religion. <i>Atheism: A Very Short Introduction</i> sets out to dispel the myths that surround atheism and show how a life without religious belief can be positive, meaningful, and moral. It also confronts the failure of officially atheist states in the Twentieth Century. The book presents an intellectual case for atheism that rests as much upon positive arguments for its truth as on negative arguments against religion.</p> |
| <p>The Oxford Handbook of Atheism By S Bullivant. & M Ruse</p> | <p><i>The Oxford Handbook of Atheism</i> is a pioneering edited volume, exploring atheism—understood in the broad sense of 'an absence of belief in the existence of a God or gods'—in all the richness and diversity of its historical and contemporary expressions. Bringing together an international team of established and emerging scholars, it probes the varied manifestations and implications of unbelief from an array of disciplinary perspectives (philosophy, history, sociology, anthropology, demography, psychology, natural sciences, gender and sexuality studies, literary criticism, film studies, musicology) and in a range of global contexts (Western Europe, North America, post-communist Europe, the Islamic world, Japan, India). Both surveying and synthesizing previous work, and presenting the major fruits of innovative recent research, the handbook is set to be a landmark text for the study of atheism.</p> |
| <p>The God Delusion By R Dawkins</p> | <p><i>The God Delusion</i> caused a sensation when it was published in 2006. Within weeks it became the most hotly debated topic, with Dawkins himself branded as either saint or sinner for presenting his hard-hitting, impassioned rebuttal of religion of all types.</p> <p>Dawkins attacks God in all his forms. He eviscerates the major arguments for religion and demonstrates the supreme improbability of a supreme being. He shows how religion fuels war, foments bigotry and abuses children.</p> |
| <p>Evil and the God of Love By J Hick</p> | <p>"If God is all-powerful, then he must be able to abolish evil; if God is all-loving, then he must wish to abolish evil; but evil exists, therefore God cannot be both all-powerful and all-loving." So runs the traditional statement of the problem of evil.</p> <p>John Hick's classic <i>Evil and the God of Love</i>, first published in 1968, set the contours for all subsequent discussion of the problem. He was responsible for identifying two different responses in the Christian tradition. The first and major response, expounded by Augustine, places all the blame for evil on fallen creatures (both human and angelic). Because of their disobedience the creation has been marred. On this view, evil serves no purpose in the plan of God. The second response is found in Irenaeus. Here evil and suffering are among God's means for creating souls fit for heaven. Humanity was created immature; and life is a vale of soul-making. Hick is a passionate advocate of the second view.</p> |
| <p>Problem of Evil (Philosophy of Religion) By R Luhman</p> | <p>This is a booklet that is specifically written with AS level students in mind. It presents a clear and concise introduction to the main issues surrounding the problem of evil, including the initial definition of the problem as well as sections on the Freewill defence, Irenaean/Augustinian/process theodicies, animal suffering and the argument from the greater good. The booklet concludes with examples of possible exam questions as well as recommending further reading.</p> |
| <p>The Twilight Of Atheism: The Rise and</p> | <p>A former atheist who is now one of Christianity's foremost scholars, McGrath traces the history of atheism from its emergence in eighteenth-century Europe as a revolutionary worldview that offered liberation from the rigidity of traditional Christianity and the oppression of tyrannical monarchs, to its golden age in the first half of the twentieth century. Blending thoughtful, authoritative historical</p> |

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| <p>Fall of Disbelief in the Modern World By A McGrath</p> | <p>analysis with incisive portraits of such leading and influential atheists as Sigmund Freud, Marx and Richard Dawkins, McGrath exposes the flaws at the heart of atheism and argues that the renewal of faith is a natural, inevitable and necessary response to its failures.</p> |
| <p>Freud and Jung on Religion By M Palmer</p> | <p>Michael Palmer provides a detailed account of the theories of religion of both Freud and Jung and sets them side by side for the first time. In the first section of the text Dr Palmer analyses Freud's claim that religion is an obsessional neurosis - a psychological illness fuelled by sexual repression. The second section considers Jung's rejection of Freud's theory and his own assertion that it is the absence of religion, not its presence, which leads to neurosis. <i>Freud and Jung on Religion</i> is suitable for general and specialist reader alike, as it assumes no prior knowledge of the theories of Freud or Jung and is an invaluable teaching text.</p> |
| <p>God, Freedom and Evil By A Plantinga</p> | <p>In <i>God, Freedom, and Evil</i> Alvin Plantinga (AP) attempts to rebut the logical problem of evil [i], which posits that the following two propositions [i] are inconsistent:</p> <p>(1) God (an omnipotent and perfectly good being) exists (2) Evil exists</p> |
| <p>God and the Problem of Evil By W Rowe</p> | <p><i>God and the Problem of Evil</i> brings together influential essays on the question of whether the amount of seemingly pointless malice and suffering in our world counts against the rationality of belief in God, a being who is said to be all-powerful, all-knowing, and perfectly good.</p> |
| <p>Jung: A Very Short Introduction By A Stevens</p> | <p>In this concise introduction, Anthony Stevens explains clearly the basic concepts of Jungian psychology: the collective unconscious, complex, archetype, shadow, persona, anima, animus, and the individuation of the Self. He examines Jung's views on such disparate subjects as myth, religion, alchemy, 'synchronicity', and the psychology of gender differences, and he devotes separate chapters to the stages of life, Jung's theory of psychological types, the interpretation of dreams, the practice of Jungian analysis, and to the unjust allegation that Jung was a Nazi sympathizer. Finally, he argues that Jung's visionary powers and profound spirituality have helped many to find an alternative set of values to the arid materialism prevailing in Western society.</p> |
| <p>Where Was God: Evil, Theodicy, and Modern Science By G Stillwell</p> | <p>Why is there evil in a good God's world? Why do bad things happen to good people? Does the fact of evil in the world prove that God does not exist? Can modern science help us answer those questions? These are the subjects of: <i>Where was God: Evil, Theodicy, and Modern Science</i>.</p> |
| <p>Freud: A Very Short Introduction By A Storr</p> | <p>Sigmund Freud, the founder of psychoanalysis, developed a totally new way of looking at human nature. Only now, with the hindsight of the half-century since his death, can we assess his true legacy to current thought. As an experienced psychiatrist himself, Anthony Storr offers a lucid and objective look at Freud's major theories, evaluating whether they have stood the test of time, and in the process examines Freud himself in light of his own ideas. An excellent introduction to Freud's work, this book will appeal to all those broadly curious about psychoanalysis, psychology, and sociology.</p> |

Philosophy Theme 2 Suggested Websites

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| http://ethiconline.co.uk/product/the-problem-of-evil/ | Film by Joe Jenkins available to buy on DVD or download. |
| http://www.reasonablefaith.org/the-problem-of-evil | The Stanford Encyclopaedia of Philosophy - The Problem of Evil |
| https://www.iep.utm.edu/n-atheis/ | Information about New Atheism |

Philosophy Theme 3 Suggested Books

| <u>Title/Author</u> | <u>Central themes/issues</u> |
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| Miracles By N Cantwell | Short pamphlet giving an overview aimed at A Level students, easy to read. |
| Access to Religious Studies: Religious Experience by P Cole | Religious Experience looks at the ways we can define religious experience and at religious experience as a basis for faith. It looks at religious experience within the major world religions and explores the role of mystery in religious practice along with the ways in which a sense of the supernatural is created in worship. The book compares the views of those who believe that religion centres around personal experience against those who believe that too great a stress on personal experience leads toward a spiritual elitism. Religious Experience includes quotations from primary sources, including sacred texts, suggestions for further reading, and practice questions for the various awarding bodies. |
| Religious Experience, by W Dossett | This comprehensive new introduction looks at spiritual experiences from past to present, from the experiences of the founders of the major world religious traditions to events in the lives of ordinary people today. Mystical and Near Death Experiences are included. Examples are drawn from a variety of sources, including original accounts from the Alister Hardy Religious Experience Research Centre Archive at the University of Wales, Lampeter as well as many given to the author in person. Interpretations of these experiences follow, from religious, philosophical and scientific viewpoints. Various questions are considered. Is there a common core to spiritual experience? Do these experiences offer proof of the existence of God or of the possibility of survival of death? |
| The Evidential Force of Religious Experience By C. Franks-Davis | This study examines the nature of religious experiences and whether they can be used as evidence for religious beliefs. Davis discusses the important philosophical issues raised by religious experience, such as the role of models and metaphors in descriptions of religious experience, and the way experiences in general are used as evidence for claims about the world. Using contemporary and classic sources from the world religions, she gives an account of different types of religious experience and, drawing extensively on psychological and sociological as well as philosophical literature, deals with skeptical challenges about religious experiences. |
| The Varieties of Religious Experience: A Study in Human Nature By W James | The American psychologist and philosopher William James penned the classic The Varieties of Religious Experience in 1902, establishing a uniquely scientific and charitable method of thinking about religion. Originally delivered as a series of the renowned Gifford lectures, the chapters of the Varieties examine the lives of more than two hundred believers who had known profound religious transformation. Philosophy. It is still in print today, more than 100 years later. Focusing on individual experience and respectfully analysing common themes and elements in believer's own powerful words, James changed the way generations of scholars and Christians alike have thought about the elements of faith |
| Miracles Coursebook & Study Guide, By C. Jarmy | Looking through history and across cultures with explanations of theories by leading thinkers - both scientific (Hume) and theological (Wiles) - this guide explores the philosophical concepts used to interpret miracles, their religious significance, and how they are viewed around the world. |

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| <p>The Question of God: An Introductory Commentary and Sourcebook. By M Palmer</p> | <p>This important textbook introduces the six great arguments for the existence of God, as found in a wealth of primary sources from classic and contemporary texts. It requires no specialist knowledge of philosophy, and is ideally suited to students and teachers at school or university level. Sections include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * The Ontological Argument (Anselm, Haight, Descartes, Kant, Findlay, Malcolm, Hick) * The Cosmological Argument (Aquinas, Taylor, Hume, Kant) * The Argument from Design (Paley, Hume, Darwin, Dawkins, Ward) * The Argument from Miracles (Hume, Hambourger, Coleman, Flew, Swinburne, Diamond) * The Moral Argument (Plato, Lewis, Kant, Rachels, Martin, Nielsen) * The Pragmatic Argument (Pascal, Gracely, Stich, Penelhum, James, Moore). <p>Additional features include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * revision questions * key reading for each chapter and an extensive bibliography * illustrated biographies of key thinkers and their works * marginal notes and summaries of arguments. |
| <p>Revelation and Religious Experience By J Webber</p> | <p>Short pamphlet giving an easy to read overview of revelation and religious experience. Aimed at A Level students</p> |

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| http://www.uwtsd.ac.uk/library/alister-hardy-religious-experience-research-centre/ | Alister Hardy Religious Experience Research Centre |
| http://www.philosophyofreligion.info/theistic-proofs/the-argument-from-miracles/ | Overview of miracles and Hume's challenges. |
| http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/SocialSciences/ppecorino/INTRO_TEXT/Chapter%203%20Religion/CH-3-Documents/ch3-Swinburne-possibility-Miracles.pdf | Article that presents Swinburne's defence of miracles. |

Philosophy Theme 4 Suggested Books

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| Religious Language By P Cole and J Lee | Short pamphlet aimed at A Level students giving an overview of the ideas and thinkers needed for religious language. |
| Religious Language Coursebook By S Loxton | How can we speak about God, who is wholly "other"? This complex question lies at the heart of a new and insightful analysis of the meaning of analogy, symbol, myth and verifiability as Stephen Loxton sets the empiricists against the insights of modern theologians in the quest for a comprehensible language for God. |
| Religious Language By I. T. Ramsey | In this book, Professor Ramsey attempts to show how the concern of contemporary philosophy with language has implications for theology--its claims and apologetic, its problems and controversies. He argues that, far from being necessarily irreligious, logical empiricism provides us with a tool that can be of the greatest service to theology, making possible, between philosophy and theology, not only a new cooperation but a new venture altogether |
| Religious Language By M Scott | An original and accessible discussion of the nature of religious language that draws on the latest research in the philosophy of language. The historical background to research on religious language is also explored and connections are made with both Continental Philosophy and Theology. |
| Metaphor and Religious Language By J M Soskice | Christian theology has suffered in modern times from an inability to explain its traditional reliance on metaphor to an audience intellectually formed by empiricism. The author argues that what is needed is not a more "literal" theology, but a better understanding of metaphor. Soskice offers here an account of metaphor and religious language that not only illuminates the way in which theists speak of God, but also contributes to our understanding of the workings of metaphor in scientific theory and other disciplines. |

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| https://mrlivermore.wordpress.com/category/a2-level/religious-language-a2-level/ | Religious Language Philosophy of Religion |
| http://www.iep.utm.edu/rel-lang/ | Detailed examination of religious language debate. |
| http://www.philosophypages.com/hy/6s.htm | Overview of Wittgenstein's language games theory. |

General Ethics Suggested Books

| <u>Title/Author</u> | <u>Central themes/issues</u> |
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| Ethical Studies, 2 nd Edition By R A Bowie | A best-selling book written by popular author Robert Bowie, offering trusted and accessible coverage of the Religious Ethics requirements for all major awarding bodies. |
| The Moral Maze By D Cook | Moral decisions present the individual with a maze of possibilities which can be overwhelming. The increasing complexity of modern life makes it difficult for Christians to know what is ethically right and how to make the right choices. David Cook, in this straightforward and very readable book, examines the main causes of the moral dilemmas in which we so often find ourselves. Not only does he provide an excellent introduction to moral philosophy and its leading schools of thought, but he also examines the sources of Christian principles: How can this Christian use the Bible as a guide to ethical problems? What role should the Church and tradition play? Dr Cook concludes that despite the numerous choices surrounding us, Christian values still offer an authoritative alternative. In the final section, a method is suggested for moral decision making at a practical level, drawing on Edward de Bono's innovative thinking techniques, and this is applied to the questions of abortion and euthanasia. The Moral Maze is a first-class textbook for students of ethics in universities and theological colleges, and the ideal introduction to how to make moral decisions for the general reader. |
| Fletcher's Situation Ethics, SCM Briefly series By D M Daniel | This book discusses Fletcher's situation ethics which basically states that sometimes other moral principles can be cast aside in certain situations if love is best served. It is one of the main ethical theories studied in all introductory courses on Christian ethics. |
| Aquinas' Summa Theologica By D M Daniel | Aquinas' "Summa Theologica" is his most famous work. It was intended as a manual for beginners as a compilation of all of the main theological teachings of that time and consists of a summary of the reasoning for almost all points of the Catholic faith. It is the fullest presentation of his views and covers the widest range of subjects - reason, sin, just war to name but a few - in detailed philosophical language. He worked on it from 1265 until the end of his life in March 1274. When he died, he had reached Question ninety of Part III, on the subject of penance. The work is in three parts, dealing firstly with questions of God, then in part II with man's striving for the highest end, and in the third part with Christ and the union between human and divine. Each part is structured as a series of questions and assertions and relies heavily upon key thinkers and writers at that time, including Aristotle, St Augustine, Dionysius and Rabbi Moses. |
| Bentham's An Introduction to the Principles of Morals and Legislation By D M Daniel | In the Introduction to the Principles of Morals and Legislation (1789), Bentham strove 'to cut a new road through the wilds of jurisprudence'. Laws should be socially useful and not merely reflect the status quo; and, that while he believed that human beings inevitably pursue pleasure and avoid pain, Bentham thought it to be a 'sacred truth' that 'the greatest happiness of the greatest number is the foundation of morals and legislation'. <u>New Features:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a new-style Context section with a list of key quotations as a helpful revision aid • a more user-friendly Overview section in bullet-point form • an Index of all the terms in the Glossary, so that students can refer to topics they want to look at more easily |

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| AS & A Level Philosophy and Ethics Through Diagrams By G Dewar | This series builds on the fact that pictures are easier to memorize than words. Each topic is summarized on a single page using annotated diagrams and concise notes with a full index for easy reference. Expert authors have taken the content of the AS and A Level specifications and presented them in a refreshingly clear and concise format. |
| Sophie's World By J Gaarder | This book leads you through a history of the great philosophers' right through to the modern age. With Sophie, the reader is encouraged to question the world around themselves. The teacher-pupil structure enhances the plot, whose mysteries will keep you wondering to the last page. |
| Ethics and Religion – 2nd Edition By J Jenkins | This revised and updated edition for Advanced Religious Studies contains practice exam questions to help succeed in exams and a new section which focuses on students' thinking skills. The book looks at freedom and whether ethics should be absolute or relative. A variety of ethical theories are covered including, Kantian Ethics, Utilitarianism, Situation Ethics and Virtue Theory, |
| Moral Philosophy, A guide to ethical theory By G Jones | An accessible, student-centred guide to the key ideas in moral philosophy. Suitable for both A Level and undergraduate study. There are chapters on Philosophy and Ethics, normative ethics, meta ethics and practical ethics |
| WJEC AS Religious Studies: An Introduction to Philosophy of Religion and an Introduction to Religion and Ethics: Study and Revision Guide By K Lawson and A Pearce | FOR THE OLD COURSE The book contains essential underpinning knowledge to support course study as well as revision. Features to aid study support include: / Numerous diagrams clearly explain each concept / Examiner pointers focus on understanding and using the underpinning knowledge. / Key terms are clearly defined on each page. / Quick-fire questions check and reinforce your understanding. / Features to aid revision support include: / Q&A section provides numerous exam-style questions with two levels of student answers and examiner commentaries and marks so you can see where mistakes are typically made and where marks can be gained. / Exam practice and technique section offers advice on how exam questions are set and marked and how to boost grades./ Grade boost tips help refine exam technique, improve grades and avoid common mistakes. /Unit summaries provide a visual prompt for remembering key knowledge. |
| Ethical Theory and Language By J Lee | Pamphlet in an easy to read format, aimed at A Level students |
| Moral Rules By J Lee | Pamphlet in an easy to read format, aimed at A Level students |
| A New Dictionary of Christian Ethics By J Macquarie & J Childress | A definitive reference work in Christian Ethics and related disciplines |
| Understand Ethics : Teach Yourself By M Thompson | Whether you're a student studying philosophy at any level, or simply want to gain a deeper understanding of this fascinating subject, <i>Understand Ethics</i> is an accessible introduction to all the key theories and thinkers. Fully updated, this latest edition includes contemporary examples and discussion of current debates including terrorism, genetics and the media, helping you to grasp how ethics applies to life today. |

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| <p>Access to Philosophy: Ethical Theory 2nd Edition By M Thompson</p> | <p>Ethical Theory provides essential background reading for those concerned with ethical issues. It gives an outline of major ethical theories, with quotations from original sources and an indication of how such theories may be applied to a range of contemporary moral issues. This second edition includes revisions and additional new material on free will and determinism, conscience, religious ethics, virtue ethics and Kant.</p> |
| <p>Access to Religion and Philosophy An Introduction to Philosophy and Ethics By M Thompson</p> | <p>The second edition of An Introduction to Philosophy and Ethics has been updated in line with the revised 2008 A level specification requirements. It offers students a straightforward and concise outline of the key topics and arguments in the Philosophy of Religion and Ethics and provides a solid basis for those who are starting A level courses in Religious Studies or Philosophy.</p> |
| <p>The Puzzle of Sex By P Vardy</p> | <p>Almost everyone is directly affected by questions involving sex and sexual ethics - yet few are aware of the background to current views on topics such as sex before and after marriage, sex as procreation and fulfilment, homosexuality, sexual abuse, rape and contraception. This new edition offers added and up-to-date material discussion burning current issues in a thoughtful, reflective and challenging way.</p> |
| <p>The Puzzle of Ethics By P Vardy and P Grosch</p> | <p>A guide to the complex subject of ethics explained in clear and entertaining language. This new edition is fully revised and updated.</p> <p>This popular introduction to the subject of ethics poses vital contemporary questions and explores the approach of leading thinkers.</p> <p>The authors take the reader, step by step, through the complex arguments on issues such as animal and human rights, environmental ethics and the morality of war</p> |
| <p>Ethics Matters By P Vardy</p> | <p>How do we know the difference between right and wrong? How can we make decisions about issues from germ-line genetic engineering to the regulation of banking, from nuclear power to ethnic bioweapons, from end-of-life care to global warming? What does it mean to live a good life? Ethics Matters introduces students and general readers to the business of making moral decisions, engaging them in meaningful dialogue and inspiring them to find out more. Beginning with a discussion of the question of truth in Ethics, Peter and Charlotte Vardy outline and evaluate major approaches to doing ethics from Natural Law and Virtue Ethics to Situation Ethics and Postmodernism, considering how these might inform decision making in today's world. Ethics Matters places the latest scholarship in context, clarifying how it relates to today's biggest challenges, without in any sense 'dumbing down'. The style is engaging and accessible; good use is made of examples from film, literature and current affairs to shine a light on the fundamental philosophic questions which underpin practical dilemmas</p> |
| <p>Access to Philosophy: Sex and Relationships By M Wilcockson</p> | <p>Written for the AS and A2 Religious Studies and Philosophy specifications, but also of interest to the general reader, this book deals with the ethical issues surrounding sex and relationships. Looking at recent changes in patterns and opinions alongside traditional approaches and beliefs, the book explores issues such as marriage, cohabitation, divorce and feminism</p> |

General Ethics Original Sources

| <u>Title/Author</u> |
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| Aquinas - Summa Theologica (2015), Leopold Classic Library |
| Aristotle - Nicomachean Ethics (2009), |
| Arminius - Theologian of Grace (2012), by Keith Stanglin |
| Augustine - City of God (2003), Penguin Classics, I |
| Ayer, A. J. (2002) - Language, Truth and Logic, Dover Publications |
| Bentham, Jeremy (2000) - Utilitarianism and Other Essays, Pearson |
| Bradley, F.H. (1988) - Ethical Studies, Oxford University Press |
| Calvin, J. (2007) - Institutes of the Christian Religion, Hendrickson Publishers, |
| Evans, Robert (2010) -Pelagius: Inquiries and Reappraisals, Wipf and Stock Publishers |
| Finnis, J. (2011) - Natural Law and Natural Rights, Oxford University Press |
| Fletcher, Joseph (1997) - A New Morality, (Westminster John Knox Press). |
| Hoose, B. (1987) - Proportionalism: The American Debate and European Roots, Georgetown University Press |
| Mill, J. S. (2006) - On Liberty, Penguin Classics |
| Moore, G.E (2013) - Principia Ethical (Create Space) |
| Singer, P. (1983) - A Companion to Ethics, Blackwell |
| Stirner, Max (2006) - The Ego And His Own, Dover Publications |

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|---|--|
| www.philosophypages.com/ph/index.htm | Summaries of ethical theorists and their works |
| www.bbc.co.uk/religion/ | BBC's Religion and Ethics homepage with links to a forum and audio and video links |
| http://www.philosophersmag.com/index.php/games | The Philosophers' Magazine games section -good introduction to ethics activities e.g. Talking with God |
| www.iep.utm.edu | Ethics section of the Internet Encyclopaedia of Philosophy |
| www.theguardian.com/world/ethics | A link to the news stories in the Guardian that have an ethical theme |
| http://faculty.philosophy.umd.edu/PGreenspan/Crs/ETHICAL%20THEORY.pdf | Good overview of ethics – in charts. |
| http://sites.wofford.edu/kaycd/ethical-theory/ | Good overview of ethical theory by Dr. Charles Kay. |
| http://www.miracosta.edu/home/lmoon/ET.html | Good overview of basic ethical theory. |
| http://rsrevision.com/Alevel/ethics/index.htm | Useful material on many of the topics in the specification. |
| https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNUJUJtYwZTSKymLPry08cw | YouTube channel with ethics resources |
| https://podcasts.ox.ac.uk/series/romp-through-ethics-complete-beginners | Excellent set of podcasts on Ethics courtesy of the University of Oxford |
| https://hwb.gov.wales/Resources/tree?sort=created&language=en&tags=Religious%20education&tags=A/AS&nodeId=19ab0f1b-6b90-4fb0-b593-15391564bb31 | A good digital resource from the Welsh government |
| http://peped.org/philosophicalinvestigations/teachers/ | Very good teachers' resources developed by Philosophical Investigations (Peter Baron) |

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| <u>DIVINE COMMAND THEORY</u> | |
| http://www.iep.utm.edu/divine-c/ | Detailed overview of the Divine Command Theory |
| http://www.philosophyofreligion.info/christian-ethics/divine-command-theory/ | A good student friendly overview. |
| https://1000wordphilosophy.wordpress.com/2014/03/31/because-god-says-so/ | An interesting and straightforward overview of the divine command theory. |
| <u>VIRTUE THEORY</u> | |
| http://www.philosophybasics.com/branch_virtue_ethics.html | A basic overview of virtue ethics. |
| http://www.iep.utm.edu/virtue/ | Detailed internet philosophy encyclopaedia overview of virtues |
| http://ethiconline.co.uk/ethical-theory-ii/ | Extract from Ethical Theory 2 by Joe Jenkins available to buy on DVD or download. |
| <u>ETHICAL EGOSIM</u> | |
| http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/ethical_ego.html | A good introduction to ethical egoism |
| www.spunk.org/texts/intro/faq/sp001547/secG6.html | A very good overview of the work of Max Stirner |
| https://www.sccs.swarthmore.edu/users/00/pwillen1/lit/egomax.htm | A good overview of ethical egoism. Meta Ethics |
| <u>META ETHICS</u> | |
| http://www.rsrevision.com/Alevel/ethics/metaethics | Student friendly overview of meta ethics |
| http://www.iep.utm.edu/metaethi/ | Detailed internet philosophy encyclopaedia overview of meta-ethics |
| http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/naturalism.html | A good overview of ethical naturalism |
| http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/intuitionism-ethics/ | A detailed overview of Intuitionism. |

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| http://documents.routledge-interactive.s3.amazonaws.com/9781138793934/A2/Moral/Emotivism.pdf | A summary of Emotivism |
| http://ethicsonline.co.uk/ethical-theory-i/ | Extract from Ethical Theory 1 by Joe Jenkins available to buy on DVD or download |

Ethics Theme 2 Suggested Websites

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| <u>NATURAL LAW</u> | |
| www.aquinasonline.com | A good overview of Natural Law. |
| www.rsrevision.com | A student friendly overview of Natural Law |
| www.newadvent.org/cathen/09076a.htm | Catholic Encyclopaedia article on Natural Law |
| http://ethicsonline.co.uk/ethical-theory-ii/ | Extract from Ethical Theory 2 by Joe Jenkins available to buy on DVD or download. |
| http://ethicsonline.co.uk/abortion/ | Abortion film by Joe Jenkins available to buy on DVD or download |
| <u>FINNIS' NATURAL LAW</u> | |
| https://hughmccarthyawscienceasc.wordpress.com/2015/01/03/a-summary-of-johnfinnis-theory-of-natural-law | A good overview of Finnis' version |
| http://drmyrawilliamson.com/lectures/johnfinnis.pdf | Another good overview of Finnis' version |
| <u>BERNARD HOOSE'S PROPORTIONALISM</u> | |
| http://www.slideshare.net/aquinas_rs/proportionalism | A good introduction to proportionalism |
| http://www.thetablet.co.uk/student-zone/ethics/natural-law/proportionalism | An interesting article on proportionalism. |
| http://www.rsrevision.com/Alevel/ethics/religious_ethics/ | Contains a brief outline of this theory. |

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| <u>SITUATION ETHICS</u> | |
| http://www.allaboutphilosophy.org/situational-ethics.htm | Student friendly overview of Situation Ethics (with some bias). |
| http://www.newworldencyclopedia.org/entry/Situational_Ethics | Ethics Another student friendly overview of Situation Ethics |
| www.christiancourier.com/archives/jesusEthics.htm | An article arguing against the idea that Jesus would approve of Situation Ethics |
| http://ethicsonline.co.uk/ethical-theory-i/ | Extract from Ethical Theory 1 by Joe Jenkins available to buy on DVD or download |
| <u>UTILITARIANISM</u> | |
| http://ethicsonline.co.uk/ethical-theory-ii/ | Extract from Ethical Theory 2 by Joe Jenkins available to buy on DVD or download |

Ethics Theme 4 Suggested Websites

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| www.ewtn.com/library/THEOLOGY/AUGUSTIN.htm | A good resource for Augustine's predestination theory |
| http://www.reformedtheology.ca/calvin.html | A detailed overview of Calvin's predestination theory. |
| • http://www.leaderu.com/theology/augpelagius.html | Considers the debate between Pelagius and Augustine |
| http://www.bible-researcher.com/arminianism.html | A good overview of the beliefs of Arminius. |
| http://jakedoesrevision.blogspot.co.uk/2013/01/a2-religious-studies-free-will.html | A good overview of the different kinds of determinism |
| http://psychology.about.com/od/behavioralpsychology/a/classical-vs-operant-conditioning.htm | A good website on psychological conditioning. |
| http://web.sonoma.edu/users/d/daniels/sartre_sum.htm http://homepages.wmich.edu/~baldner/ehnotes.pdf | Both good summaries of Sartre's free will beliefs |
| https://www.newscientist.com/article/dn17092-possible-site-of-free-will-found-in-brain/ | Good article about Sirigu's scientific look at free will |
| http://www.simplypsychology.org/freewill-determinism.html | Student friendly article that among other things considers the Humanist approach to psychology and its link to free will |
| http://www.lancaster.ac.uk/users/philosophy/courses/100/100determinism3.htm | Student friendly overview of Soft Determinism/compatibilism |