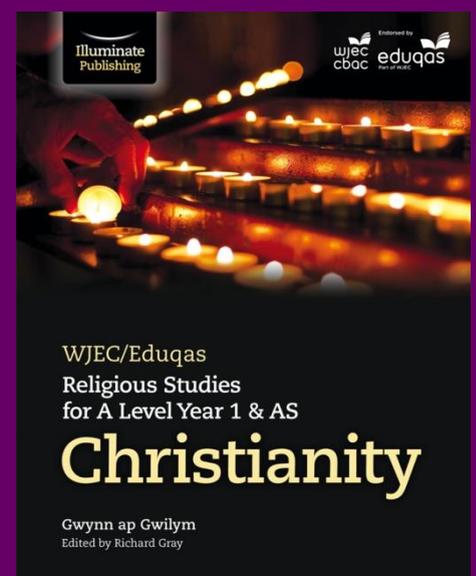
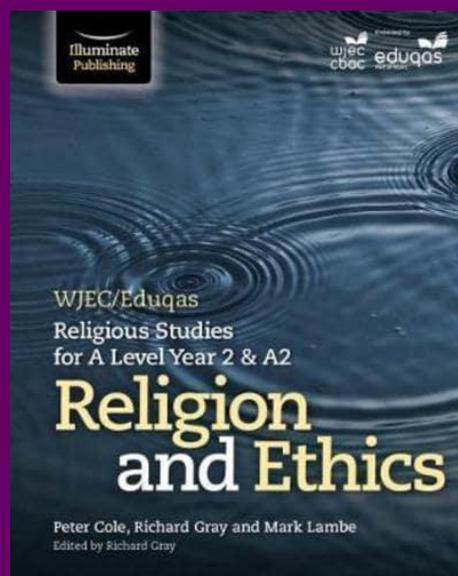
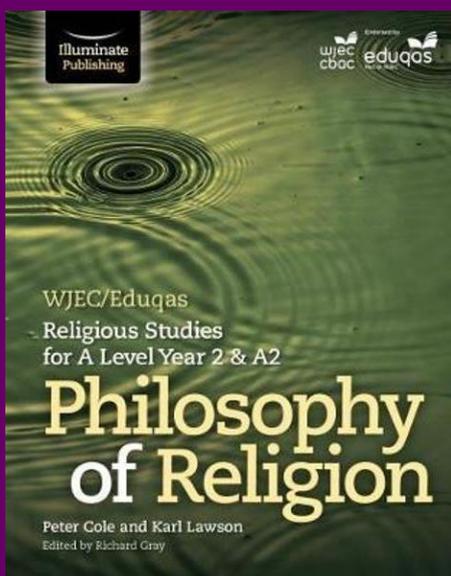


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**Religious
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**A Level
Preparation
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Key Information

Subject: Religious Studies

Head of Department: Mrs McGrath & Miss Carr (Acting)

Exam Board: Eduqas (Part of WJEC)

What will I learn?

The Religious studies A Level is broken down into three areas of study:

- Philosophy of Religion
- Religion and Ethics
- Christianity

Specific topics can be found in the specification link below

Specification: <https://www.eduqas.co.uk/media/i4tjifbc/eduqas-a-level-religious-studies-spec-from-2016-e-200219-pdf.pdf>

How will I learn? You will have 9 hours of contact time per fortnight. This is split into three hours per area of study. Each area of study is taught by a different Religious Studies Teacher.

How will I be assessed? At the end of Year 13 you will three 2 hour papers. One for each area of study. Each paper requires you to answer two questions with a part A and B. In these papers you are assessed on two key assessment objectives.

Assessment Objectives:

AO1 (40%): Application of Knowledge

AO2 (60%): Critical Evaluation

Research Task: Philosophy of Religion

Objective: To understand some key arguments for the existence of God

Tasks:

1. Find out what is meant by the cosmological argument.
2. Watch these two videos on the cosmological argument

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=2&v=yyiNbJlqcJo&feature=emb_logo

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WLKwImYuEKU>

Create a summary mind-map to show your understanding of the cosmological argument so far.

3. Research Aquinas and create a fact file on him.
 - a. Who was he?
 - b. When and where did he live?
 - c. What were his 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th ways?

This video might be useful for this task

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TgisehuGOyY&feature=emb_logo

4. In your opinion does the Cosmological argument convince you of the existence of God? Why/why not?

Challenge: Some people argue against the existence of God. We also look at this in the A level. Find out who J.L.Mackie was and why he argued God doesn't exist.

<https://philosophydungeon.weebly.com/scholar-mackie.html>

Who has the better argument. Aquinas or Mackie?

Research Task: Christianity

Objective: To understand some of the social developments of Christianity, with particular reference to the role of men and women.

Tasks:

1. Find out what is meant by feminist theology and why some Christians may argue it is needed in Modern society.
2. Find out who Mary Daly was and her contribution to Feminist Theology.

You may find this website useful for this.

<http://www.philosopherkings.co.uk/Radicalfeministtheology.html>

3. Create a mind map of her key contributions.
4. Find out what is meant by ordination and why it is a significant Christian ceremony.
5. Research the changing views of ordination by different Christian denominations. How have things changed over time?
6. What might be some arguments for and against the ordination of women?

You may find this website useful for this task:

<http://www.philosopherkings.co.uk/Priesthood.html>

Challenge: In your opinion, do you think ordination is moving with the times of modern Christianity or going against the Bible?

Research Task: Ethics of Religion

Objective: To understand what is meant by Utilitarianism and how useful it is as an ethical theory

Tasks:

1. Research Jeremy Bentham and create a fact file on him.
 - a. Who was he?
 - b. When and where did he live?
 - c. What is Act Utilitarianism and the Hedonic Calculus?

2. Research Jeremy Bentham and create a fact file on him.
 - a. Who was he?
 - b. When and where did he live?
 - c. What is Rule Utilitarianism and how is this different to Act Utilitarianism?

You might find this video useful for tasks one and two
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-a739VjqdSI>

3. Find out what is meant by vivisection. What are arguments for and against vivisection.

You may find this BBC Teach clip useful for this
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GziMVUFTWes>

4. Apply Rule and Act Utilitarianism to vivisection.

Challenge: Based on your research of Utilitarianism and vivisection. Do you think vivisection can be justified using this ethical theory?

