



## NORWICH SCHOOL

### Philosophy, Religion and Ethics Introduction to A Level 2020

The books that you could read are:

1. Philosophy
2. Ethics
3. Philosophy of Religion
4. Christian Ethics
5. Environmental Ethics
6. Medical Ethics
7. Science and Religion
8. Identity
9. Aristotle
10. Thomas Aquinas

A Level Philosophy, Religion & Ethics  
Independent Learning – Academic Books

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#### **History & Development of Religious Belief / World Religions**

A Short History of Myth - Karen Armstrong

History of God - Karen Armstrong

The Great Transformation - Karen Armstrong (*charts the rise of ethics in religion*)

God: A Brief History - John Bowker

Beliefs that Changed the World: The History and Ideas of the Great Religions - John Bowker

The Message and the Book: Sacred Texts of the World's Religions - John Bowker

Islam: A Short History - Karen Armstrong

Muhammad: A Biography of the Prophet - Karen Armstrong

Lives: Buddha - Karen Armstrong

Fields of Blood: Religion and the History of Violence - Karen Armstrong

Fundamentalism: The Battle for God in Judaism, Christianity and Islam

Religion in the Contemporary World - Alan Aldridge

## **The Rise of Secularism and the Science vs. Religion Debate**

The Sea of Faith - Don Cupitt

Taking Leave of God — Don Cupitt

The God Delusion - Richard Dawkins

The Dawkins Delusion - Alister McGrath

Dawkins' God - Alister McGrath

Religion in an Age of Science - Ian Barbour

The Case for God - Karen Armstrong

Pascal's Fire - Keith Ward

Science and Religion: An Introduction - Alister McGrath

God's Undertaker - John Lennox

The Language of God - Francis Collins

The Goldilocks Enigma: Why is the Universe Just Right for Life? - Paul Davies

There is a God - Anthony Flew

God is back: How the Global Revival of Faith is Changing the World - John Micklethwait & Adrian Wooldridge

Faith in the Public Square - Rowan Williams

Heretics - Gilbert Chesterton

Orthodoxy - Gilbert Chesterton

Science and Religion in Quest for Truth - John Polkinghorne

The Miracle of Theism - John Mackie

The Coherence of Theism - Richard Swinburne

## **Theology - General**

The Bible: The Biography - Karen Armstrong

Theology: A very short introduction - David Ford

Invitation to Theology - David Brown

The Story of the Scrolls: the miraculous discovery and true significance of the Dead Sea Scrolls - Geza Vermes

An Introduction to the Bible - John Rogerson

## **Old Testament**

Introducing the Old Testament - John Drane

In the Beginning: A New Interpretation of Genesis - Karen Armstrong

## **New Testament**

Introducing the New Testament - John Drane

Studying the New Testament - Morna Hooker

Beginnings: Keys that open the Gospels - Morna Hooker

The Message of Mark - Morna Hooker

The Gospel of John & Judaism - C.K. Barrett

According to John - A.M. Hunter

Paul: A short introduction - Morna Hooker

The first Christian: St. Paul's impact on Christianity - Karen Armstrong

## **The Person of Jesus**

Jesus the Jew / Jesus in the Jewish World - Geza Vermes

The Authentic Gospel of Jesus - Geza Vermes

The Changing Faces of Jesus - Geza Vermes

Was Jesus God? - Richard Swinburne

Jesus - A.N. Wilson

## **Christian Doctrine and the Development of Christianity**

The Nativity: History and Legend - Geza Vermes

The Resurrection - Geza Vermes

Christian Beginnings: From Nazareth to Nicaea, AD30 - 325 - Geza Vermes

A History of Christianity: The first Three Thousand Years - Diarmaid MacCulloch (*accompanies TV series*)

## **Philosophy of Religion**

An Introduction to the Philosophy of Religion - Brian Davies

Status Anxiety - Alain de Botton

The Philosophy of Religion: A Critical Introduction - Beverly Clack and Brian Clack

## Classics

Why I am not a Christian - Bertrand Russell

Mere Christianity - C.S. Lewis

The Screwtape Letters - C.S. Lewis

The Problem of Pain - C.S. Lewis

Faith, Christianity and the Church - C. S. Lewis

## A Level Philosophy, Religion & Ethics Independent Learning – Online Resources

<https://thepanpsycast.com> (The Panpsycast is an 'informal and informative' philosophy podcast that supports teachers, students and academics in philosophy. We also aim to awaken fellow free-thinkers worldwide and inspire a new generation of philosophers.)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006qykl> (In Our Time - a series of podcasts looking at popular culture, poetry, music and visual arts and the roles they play.)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006s6p6> (Beyond Belief - a series exploring the place and nature of faith in today's world)

<https://historyofphilosophy.net/> (philosophy/philosophy of religion A level)

<https://www.religiousstudiesproject.com> (UG/A level)

<https://www.ted.com/topics/religion>

<https://www.thingsunseen.co.uk> (Things Unseen explores what's beyond the material, visible world. And it does so through an unseen medium – audio podcasts.)

It's here to grapple with a spiritual climate that no longer fits into orderly patterns. Fewer of us are attracted to formal religion but more believe in angels. Or life after death. Or simply some kind of higher power. At the same time, some faith groups are booming like never before.

Things Unseen examines what's most intriguing in this fragmented spiritual landscape: Phenomena on the boundaries of religious experience. Cross-over and unusual faith perspectives. The ethics of the digital age. And insights into the private spirituality of public individuals.)

<https://www.ted.com/read/ted-studies/religion> (TED Studies, created in collaboration with Wiley, are curated video collections — supplemented by rich educational materials — for students, educators and self-guided learners.)

<https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/explore-the-bible/shetoo/> (A seven-part podcast series exploring some of the texts that include violence against women in the Bible. These 'texts of terror' have, at times, been used to oppress women or have just been ignored. But what happens if we take a closer look?

We talk to six theologians from both faith and non-faith backgrounds about their academic and personal approaches to these texts, and what they might have to say to 21st century readers. Can giving voice to these ancient victims open up the means whereby the stories of today's victims can be heard and validated?)

[www.cis.org.uk](http://www.cis.org.uk) (CiS is an international network of those concerned with the relationship between science and Christian faith, open to scientists, teachers, students and all those with an interest in this dialogue.)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SQ3Xr201yrs> (Ian Barbour was a pioneer on discussing science and religion. He was both a physicist and a theologian.)