

Philosophy of Religion exemplar questions

“Plato’s “Form of the Good” is a more plausible concept than Aristotle’s Prime Mover.”
Discuss

Critically assess Aristotle’s views on the soul as the form of the body.

“The theory of evolution successfully challenges the teleological argument.” Assess this claim.

“As existence is not a predicate, it cannot be a predicate of God.” Discuss

“For humans to have genuine free will, it is necessary for there to be evil in the world.”
Discuss

“Religious experiences are best understood as the product of a physiological effect.” To what extent do you agree?

“It is not necessary to resolve the apparent conflicts between divine attributes.” Assess this claim

“Aquinas’ analogical approach is a more useful approach to religious language than Tillich’s symbolic approach.” Discuss

Critically assess Hare’s views on religious language.

Religion and Ethics exemplar questions

‘Something can be judged good if it achieves the purpose for which it was created (telos).’
Discuss

Critically assess the claim that Fletcher’s approach to agape is not really religious.

Critically assess Kant’s concept of duty.

“Rule utilitarianism is an improvement on act utilitarianism.” Discuss

“Corporate social responsibility is nothing more than ‘hypocritical window-dressing’ covering the greed of a business intent on making profits.” To what extent do you agree?

Critically assess the claim that, in the context of euthanasia, the best way to make moral decisions is to apply the principle of agape.

Critically assess the belief that the belief that basic moral truths are indefinable but self-evident.

How persuasive is the view that God plays no role in the workings of the conscience?

To what extent does Kantian Ethics provide useful guidance for moral decision-making when it comes to sexual ethics?

Developments in Christian Thought

To what extent are Augustine's views on pre-Fall human nature plausible?

"It is more plausible that heaven is a spiritual state than a physical place." Discuss

"Full and perfect knowledge of God is revealed in the person of Jesus Christ." Assess this claim

"There is plenty of evidence to suggest that Jesus thought of himself as divine." To what extent do you agree?

Critically evaluate the claim that there is nothing distinctive about Christian ethics.

Evaluate Bonhoeffer's views on the cost of discipleship.

Critically assess the view that some non-Christians will receive salvation.

"Migration is the main reason for the development of contemporary multi-faith societies." Discuss

Assess the claim that Christians should have a mission to convert people from other faiths.

"Official Christian teaching should resist current secular views of gender." Discuss

"Only women can develop a genuine spirituality." To what extent do you agree?

Critically assess the claim that Christianity has much to contribute to public life.

"Christianity tackles social issues much more effectively than Marxism." Assess this claim