

3. Personal Learning Checklist: Philosophy of Religion H573/01

	<i>Specification focus</i>	<i>Notes complete</i>	<i>Revision notes/ mind-maps</i>	<i>Exam questions answered</i>	<i>Exam ready!</i>
Philosophical Language and Thought	<u>Plato</u> The philosophical views of Plato, in relation to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • understanding of reality • the Forms • the analogy of the cave 				
	<u>Aristotle</u> The philosophical views of Aristotle, in relation to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • understanding of reality • the four causes • the Prime Mover 				
	<u>Soul, mind and body</u> The philosophical language of soul, mind and body in Plato and Aristotle.				
	<u>Metaphysics of consciousness</u> Metaphysics of consciousness, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • substance dualism • materialism 				

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The Existence of God	<u>Arguments based on observation</u> The teleological argument				
	The cosmological argument				
	Challenges to arguments from observation				
	<u>Arguments based on reason</u> The ontological argument				
God and the world	<u>Religious experience</u> The nature and influence of religious experience, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • mystical experience • conversion experience Different ways in which individual religious experiences can be understood				
Developments	<u>Problem of evil and suffering:</u> The problem of evil and suffering: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • different presentations o theodicies that propose some justification or reason for divine action or inaction in the face of evil 				

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Theological & Philosophical Developments	<u>Nature/Attributes of God</u> Developments in the understanding of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • omnipotence • omniscience • (omni)benevolence • eternity • free will 				
Religious language: Negative, Analogical or Symbolic	<u>Religious language: Negative, Analogical or Symbolic</u> The apophatic way – the via negative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • apophatic way – via negative • cataphatic way – the via positive • symbol 				
Religious Language: Twentieth Century Perspectives	<u>Religious Language: Twentieth Century Perspectives and Philosophical Comparisons</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • logical positivism • Wittgenstein’s views on language games and forms of life • discussion about the factual quality of religious language in the falsification symposium 				

Personal Learning Checklist: Religion and Ethics H573/02

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Normative Ethical Theories: Religious Approaches	<u>Natural law</u> Aquinas' natural law, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • telos • the four tiers of law • the precepts 				
	<u>Situation ethics</u> Fletcher's situation ethics, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • agape • the six propositions • the four working principles • conscience 				
Normative Ethical Theories	<u>Kantian ethics</u> Kantian ethics, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • duty • the hypothetical imperative • the categorical imperative and its three formulations • the three postulates 				
	<u>Utilitarianism</u> Utilitarianism, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • utility • the hedonic calculus • act utilitarianism • rule utilitarianism 				

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Applied Ethics	<u>Euthanasia</u> Key ideas, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sanctity of life • quality of life • voluntary euthanasia • non-voluntary euthanasia 				
	<u>Business ethics</u> Key ideas, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • corporate social responsibility • whistle-blowing • good ethics is good business • globalisation 				
Ethical Language: Meta-ethics	<u>Meta-ethical theories</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • naturalism • intuitionism • emotivism 				
Significant Ideas	<u>Conscience</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aquinas' theological approach • Freud's psychological approach 				

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Developments in Ethical Thought	<p><u>Sexual ethics</u> Consideration of the following areas of sexual ethics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • premarital and extramarital sex o homosexuality <p>The influence of developments in religious beliefs and practices on debates about the morality, legality and tolerability of these areas of sexual ethics</p> <p>Application of the following theories to these areas of sexual ethics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • natural law • situation ethics • Kantian ethics • utilitarianism 				

Personal Learning Checklist: Developments in Christian Thought H573/03

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Insight	<u>Augustine's teaching on human nature</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human relationships pre- and post-Fall • Original Sin and its effects on the will and human societies • God's grace 				
	<u>Death and the afterlife</u> Christian teaching on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • heaven • hell • purgatory • election 				
Foundations	<u>Knowledge of God's existence</u> Natural knowledge of God's existence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • as an innate human sense of the divine • as seen in the order of creation Revealed knowledge of God's existence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • through faith and God's grace • revealed knowledge of God in Jesus Christ 				
	<u>Person of Jesus Christ</u> Jesus Christ's authority as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Son of God • a teacher of wisdom • a liberator 				

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Living	<u>Christian moral principles</u> The diversity of Christian moral reasoning and practices and sources of ethics, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Bible as the only authority for Christian ethical practices • Bible, Church and reason as the sources of Christian ethical practices • love (agape) as the only Christian ethical principle which governs Christian practices 				
	<u>Christian moral action</u> The teaching and example of Dietrich Bonhoeffer on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • duty to God and duty to the State • Church as community and source of spiritual discipline • the cost of discipleship 				

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Development	<u>Religious pluralism & theology</u> The teaching of contemporary Christian theology of religion on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • exclusivism • inclusivism • pluralism 				
	<u>Religious pluralism & society</u> The development of contemporary multi-faith societies Christian responses to, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • responses of Christian communities to inter-faith dialogue • the scriptural reasoning movement 				

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Society	<p><u>Gender and society</u> The effects of changing views of gender and gender roles on Christian thought and practice, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christian teaching on the roles of men and women in the family and society • Christian responses to contemporary secular views about the roles of men and women in the family and society <p><u>Gender and theology</u> The reinterpretation of God by feminist theologians, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the teaching of Rosemary Radford Ruether and Mary Daly on gender and its implications for the Christian idea of God 				
Challenges	<p><u>The Challenge of Secularism</u> The rise of secularism and secularisation, and the views that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God is an illusion and the result of wish fulfilment • Christianity should play no part in public life <p><u>Liberation Theology & Marx</u> The relationship of liberation theology and Marx, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marx's teaching on alienation and exploitation • liberation theology's use of Marx to analyse social sin • liberation theology's teaching on the 'preferential option for the poor' 				

