



## Year 12 A Level Religious Studies Foundational Concepts.

Use your text book (via kerboodle) and the sources of wisdom and authority booklets to find answers to these questions. You will need to learn this information for an assessment once you return to school.

### CHRISTIANITY

#### Revelation and Inspiration in the Bible

Text books pages 24-25

<i>Question</i>	<i>Your answer</i>
Identify the length of the time frame over which the Bible was written, and by how many authors.	
Why is the Old Testament in the Bible?	
Why is the New Testament in the Bible?	
What does it mean to say that there are different literary forms in the Bible?	
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What does it mean to say that the Bible is revelation?	
Why do Christians describe the Bible as inspired?	

How do Catholics believe about the human authors of the Bible?	
What is a literal view of the Bible?	

### The Trinity

Text book pages 42-43 – Anthology Component 1 page 9-11

<i>Question</i>	<i>Your answer</i>
Why is the Trinity considered a “mystery”?	
When was the doctrine of the Trinity fully defined and why?	
What is the importance of the Council of Nicea in understanding the Trinity?	
What does the Nicene Creed say about God the Father?	
What does the Nicene Creed say about God the Son?	
What does the Nicene Creed say about God the Holy Spirit?	

Identify three teachings from the Bible that support belief in the Trinity.	
What analogy did St Augustine offer to explain the Trinity?	

### **The Incarnation**

Text book pages 44-45 - Anthology Component 1 page 9-11

<i>Question</i>	<i>Your answer</i>
What is the Incarnation?	
Identify evidence that Jesus was completely God and completely human.	
Identify why the Incarnation is important to Christians?	
How did St John refer to Christ in John 1?	
Why does St John refer to Christ in this way?	
How does John 1 echo Genesis 1?	

What is the significance of referring to Jesus as the “light”?	
How does John 1 show that God the Son is equal to the Father?	
What is Kenosis?	
Relate the concept of Kenosis to Jesus the Incarnation.	

## Salvation

Text book pages 110-111

<i>Question</i>	<i>Your answer</i>
What do Catholics mean by salvation?	
What do Catholics believe about Jesus’ life and death?	
What do Catholics believe about those who accept God’s gift of salvation?	
What do Catholics believe about redemption?	

What does the parable of the sheep and goats suggest about the relationship between moral behaviour and salvation?	
What events are part of the Paschal Mystery?	
What do Christians recall on Good Friday?	
What do Christians celebrate on Easter Sunday?	
What do Christians celebrate at Ascension?	
Why did God form covenants in the Old Testament?	
How is Jesus presented in the New Testament?	
What is the significance of presenting Jesus as a sacrificial lamb?	
What do Catholics believe about grace?	
How do Catholics believe they can experience God's grace?	

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## **Baptism and Eucharist**

Text book 120-121

<i>Question</i>	<i>Your answer</i>
What is the meaning and effect of the sacrament of Baptism?	
What is the connection between baptism and salvation?	
What is the meaning and effect of the sacrament of the Eucharist?	
Why is the Eucharist described as the 'source and summit' of Christian life?	
Identify three reasons why the Eucharist is important for Catholics.	

## **PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION**

## The Origin of Evil

Text book pages 46-47

<i>Question</i>	<i>Your answer</i>
What types of evil do Christians believe exists? Give examples	
What does Catholic teaching say caused moral evil?	
Explain what Catholics mean by Original Sin.	
What does St Augustine say caused natural evil?	
What does St Augustine say caused moral evil?	
Why does St Augustine argue that God has not created or caused evil?	
What does John Hick argue about the purpose or good that can come from evil?	
Why does John Hick argue that?	

**God's Goodness in Creation and Challenges to God's goodness**

Text book pages 48-49 - Anthology Component 1 page 6-7 and 13-17

<i>Question</i>	<i>Your answer</i>
What does Genesis 1 teach about God?	
What does numinous mean? Give an example.	
What does immanent mean? Give an example.	
How do Catholics know that God is good?	
What is the problem of Evil?	
What did J L Mackie argue the imperfect world?	
What did J L Mackie argue about free will?	
What did J L Mackie argue about suffering?	



What did the philosopher David Hume mean by 'the rock of Atheism'?	
What is the 'inconsistent triad'?	
Summarise the arguments put forward by the 'inconsistent triad'.	

### **The Catholic Response to the problem of evil**

Text book pages 50-51 - Anthology Component 1 page 8-11

<i>Question</i>	<i>Your answer</i>
What argument might an Atheist use to prove God does not exist?	
What argument might a Christian use to prove God does exist?	
Philosopher Brian Davies puts forward the 'free will' defence to argue God exists. Summarise the 'free will' defence.	

Philosopher John Hick puts forward the agape argument to show that God exists. Summarise the 'agape' or 'soul-making' argument.	
Philosophers and theologians St Thomas Aquinas and St Augustine agreed that evil is a privation. Summarise evil is a privation argument for the existence of God.	
How does St Augustine argue that natural evil is not caused by God?	
Summarise philosopher William Alston's argument for God's existence.	
How does the story of Job support William Alston's argument?	
Whose arguments does Pope St John Paul II seem to use in Salvifici Deloris and why do you think that?	

## Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Text book pages 62-63

<i>Question</i>	<i>Your answer</i>
Why is pilgrimage important to Catholics?	
Why is Lourdes an important pilgrimage site for Catholics?	
What sort of religious experience did St Bernadette have? What were the key features of it?	
What other religious experiences have people had at Lourdes? Give an example.	
Why are these religious experiences accepted by the Church?	
What other ways do people experience God at Lourdes?	
What has been the impact of religious experiences at places like Lourdes on believers?	

What do Jews believe about experiencing God?	

## RELIGIOUS ETHICS

### The sanctity and value of human life

Text book pages 16-17

<i>Question</i>	<i>Your answer</i>
What is the Catholic Church's approach to the value of human life and why do they hold this view? Support with a Church teaching.	
What do Catholics believe about abortion? Support with Church teaching.	

### Jesus as a moral authority

Text book pages 54-55

<i>Question</i>	<i>Your answer</i>
Why do Christians believe Jesus is the ultimate source of moral authority?	
What is the Sermon on the Mount?	

What are the Beatitudes? Give an example	
What did Jesus say about following rules?	
In what ways did Jesus reinterpret the Old Testament teachings?	

### **Natural Law and the Virtues**

Text book pages 56-57

<i>Question</i>	<i>Your answer</i>
What is Natural Law and what does it show about God?	
Why does Aquinas say we need our conscience?	
What does Aquinas say we should do when we make moral decisions?	
What are the five primary precepts?	

How can we develop virtues through suffering?	

### **The debate about the right to die**

Text book pages 80-81

<i>Question</i>	<i>Your answer</i>
Explain the quality of life argument	
Explain the right to die argument	
What is the Catholic Church's view on euthanasia? Support with Church teachings.	

### **Crime, sin, morality and punishment**

Text book pages 102-103

<i>Question</i>	<i>Your answer</i>
What is absolute morality?	

What is relative morality?	
What is the difference between a sin and a crime?	

### Capital Punishment

Text book pages 108-109

<i>Question</i>	<i>Your answer</i>
Give three reasons why Christians support capital punishment	
Give three reasons why Christians might oppose capital punishment	
Give two non-religious reasons to support capital punishment	
Give two non-religious reasons to oppose capital punishment	

## The Church and salvation

Text book pages 116-117

<i>Question</i>	<i>Your answer</i>
What is an exclusivist?	
What is an inclusivist?	
What is a pluralist?	



