

Topic 1 – Philosophy of Religion (you will need to do some independent research particularly if you are not familiar with some of the terms/philosophers)

Choose one of the key study areas below and write a 500 word piece on different Christian/secular/your own views on the topic – you MUST include challenges to the ideas you choose.

To really extend you can come up with your own question/title on the topic...

- *To what extent does...*
- *How far does.....explain/justify the existence of God...*
- *.....supports the argument for.....*
- *The basis of the.....argument is.....*
- *Differing Christian attitudes towards.....*

1. Philosophical Language and Thought – (take you pick of philosophers!) Soul, Mind and Body (consciousness, including substance dualism and materialism.)

2. The Existence of God – (Arguments based on observation.) The Teleological or cosmological argument. (include challenges to these arguments , Hume’s criticisms and evolution)

3. God and the world – The Nature of Religious Experience (revelation, miracles etc.) Different ways in which individual religious experiences can be understood

4. The problem of evil and suffering – Logical and Evidential problem of Evil

Use reference to:

Aristotle, Hume, Kant, Paley, Aquinas, Plato, Anselm, Augustine, any other you chose!

(Don’t simply stick to the ones you have studied at GCSE!)

(1 paragraph) Introduction – what is the idea you are analysing?

(3 paragraphs) Christian view Secular and your own view (with evidence) with referenced challenges to each

(1 paragraph) conclusion (EVALUATE AND CONCLUDE!)