

## How to revise Religious Studies:

- ✓ **Active Recall** – Test yourself on key points instead of passive reading.
- ✓ **Mind Maps & Flashcards** – Summarize and visualize information.
- ✓ **Teach Someone Else** – Explaining helps reinforce your learning.

**Practice Paragraph Writing** – Plan and write responses.

## Revision list:

Areas of Study	Specific content : Content from a Christian Perspective
<b>Theme 1: Relationships</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Christian beliefs, attitudes and teachings about the nature and purpose of relationships in the twenty first century: families, roles of women and men, marriage outside the religious tradition and cohabitation</li> <li>➤ The nature and purpose of marriage as expressed through Christian marriage ceremonies in Britain and teachings: Mark10:6-8 and the Church of England Synod</li> <li>➤ Varying Christian attitudes towards adultery, divorce and annulment and separation and re-marriage. Interpretations of Matthew 19:8-9, Mark 10:9</li> </ul>
Sexual relationships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Christian teachings about the nature and purpose of sex and the use of contraception including varied interpretations of the Natural Law/Absolutist approach of Thomas Aquinas' Five Primary Precepts with reference to the second Primary Precept</li> <li>➤ Diverse attitudes within and across Christian traditions towards same sex relationships,</li> <li>➤ Varied interpretations of: Leviticus 20:13 and 1 Timothy 1: 8-10</li> </ul>
Issues of equality: gender prejudice and discrimination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Diverse attitudes within Christianity toward the roles of women and men in worship and authority with reference to Catholic, Orthodox and Anglican views on this issue</li> <li>➤ Interpretations of teachings: 1 Timothy 2:11-12, Galatians 3:27-29</li> </ul>

Areas of Study	Specific Content: Content from Christian and Non-Religious Perspectives
<b>Theme 2: Issues of Life and Death</b>	
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Areas of Study: <b>Theme 3: Issues of Good and Evil</b>	Specific Content: Content from a Christian Perspective
Crime and Punishment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ What makes an act 'wrong'?</li> <li>➤ Religious and ethical responses: relative and absolute morality, conscience, virtues, sin</li> <li>➤ Beliefs and attitudes about the causes of crime and the aims of punishment: justice, retribution, deterrence and reformation</li> <li>➤ The treatment of criminals and the work of prison reformers and prison chaplains</li> <li>➤ Varied Conservative and Liberal Christian responses to the Death Penalty, including interpretations of Christian teaching: Exodus 20:13, Matthew 5:38-39, 43-47</li> </ul>
Forgiveness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Christian teachings about forgiveness, including interpretations of teachings: Matthew 18:21-22, Matthew 6:14-15</li> <li>➤ Examples of forgiveness arising from personal beliefs.</li> </ul>

Good, Evil and Suffering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Philosophical perspectives on the origin of evil: Original Sin (free will) and 'soul-making' (Irenaeus and John Hick)</li><li>➤ Philosophical challenges posed by belief in God, free will and the existence of evil and suffering</li></ul>
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