

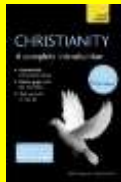
RE Extended Reading List

Buddhism: Teach Yourself by Clive Erricker (294.3)



As the popularity of Buddhism has stretched across the globe, the religion has taken on many forms, which are now present in the West and growing in variety. *Teach Yourself Buddhism* examines this historical journey, illustrating the persistent relevance of Buddha's teachings. Drawing on varied sources to evoke the spirit of Buddhism and to allow Buddhists to speak for themselves, the book provides in-depth coverage of the diversity of Buddhism and Buddhist practices. This new edition also provides an insightful examination of the role of Buddhism in the modern world.

Christianity: A Complete Introduction by John Young and Greg Hoyland (230)



How is it that a faith that began in 1st century Palestine with a handful of followers has become the largest movement the world has ever known? *Christianity: A Complete Introduction* traces the story of the Christian faith from sandals to cyberspace. It describes the origins and key ideas of Christianity and gives an account of how it looks in the modern world. Socially, scientifically, economically and politically, Christianity today inhabits a very different world from that of Jesus of Nazareth and his early disciples. Yet it seems to possess an inherent ability to survive and thrive in the face of great change. It remains a compelling and powerful faith in the modern world, with a rich and diverse heritage. Whether you are preparing for an essay, studying for an exam, or simply want to expand your knowledge, *Christianity: A Complete Introduction* is your go-to guide.

Contemporary Issues in Islam by Asma Afsaruddin (297)



Key 'hot-button' contemporary issues in Islam, often at the centre of public scrutiny, are the focus of this book. By placing the discussion of topics such as the Sharia, jihad, the caliphate, women's status and interfaith relations within a longer historical framework, *Contemporary Issues in Islam* reveals their multiple interpretations and contested applications over time. Most public - and occasionally academic - discourses in the West present the Islamic tradition as unchanging and therefore unable to respond to the modern world. Such an ahistorical approach can foster the belief that Muslim-majority and Western societies are destined to clash. This book reveals instead the diversity and transformations within Islamic thought over time. Focusing on this internal diversity permits us to appreciate the scriptural and intellectual resources available within the Islamic tradition for responding to the challenges of modernity, even as this tradition interrogates and shapes modernity itself.

Ethics and Religion by Joe Jenkins (291)



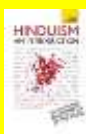
This textbook provides a comprehensive introduction to ethics and religion. It includes chapters on the development of ethical theories, the nature of ethical language, ways of solving moral problems, New Testament ethics, medical ethics, environmental ethics and more.

Examining philosophy and ethics by Patrick Clarke (200.1)



Examining Philosophy and Ethics provides model answers for key A Level examination topics in the Philosophy of Religion and Religious Ethics.

Hinduism: an introduction by Owen Cole (294.5)



Hinduism, with its rich variety of religious traditions, can often be hard to define. This book is an informative guide to those traditions, and their underlying unity. Covering all important aspects of Hinduism, from deities and temples to mythology and philosophy, and exploring what it means to lead a Hindu life, this book will let you discover this fascinating religion and understand its relevance today.

Islam and Introduction by Maqsood and Ruqaiyyah Waris (297)



Do you want to learn more about this fascinating and complex world religion? *Islam - an Introduction* is a complete guide to the history, beliefs, and practicalities of this often misunderstood faith. Fully updated, it also addresses the key questions currently surrounding the religion, including women's rights, terrorism and fundamentalism, to give you a better understanding of Islam in the world today.

Issues of Life and Death by Michael Wilcockson (179.7)



This book considers the ethical implications of crucial issues in applied ethics including suicide, euthanasia, war and peace. Features include: - Key questions throughout the chapters to help students focus on the key issues - Key terms defined and explained throughout the chapters - Profiles of key individuals - their contribution and significance - More summary diagrams throughout to aid revision - Revision checklists at the end of chapters.

The Magic of Reality: how we know what's really true by Richard Dawkins and Dave McKean (110)



Packed with clever thought experiments, dazzling illustrations and jaw-dropping facts, *The Magic of Reality* explains a stunningly wide range of natural phenomena. What is stuff made of? How old is the universe? Why do the continents look like disconnected pieces of a puzzle? What causes tsunamis? Why are there so many kinds of plants and animals? Who was the first man, or woman? This is a page-turning, graphic detective story that not only mines all the sciences for its clues but primes the reader to think like a scientist as well.



Moral Philosophy: a guide to Ethical Theory by Cardinal, Jones and Haywood (170)

This book provides an accessible, readable, student-centred guide to moral philosophy. Through lucid explanation, careful use of modern examples and engaging activities it leads students towards deeper understanding of all the key issues in the study of ethics.

On Liberty and Utilitarianism by John Stuart Mill (324.4)



On Liberty (1859) is a philosophical work by British philosopher John Stuart Mill. It was a radical work to the Victorian readers of the time because it supported individuals' moral and economic freedom from the state. Perhaps the most memorable point made by Mill in this work, and his basis for liberty, is that "over himself, over his own body and mind, the individual is sovereign." Mill is compelled to make this assertion in opposition to what he calls the "tyranny of the majority," wherein through control of etiquette and morality, society is an unelected power that can do horrific things. Mill's work could be considered a reaction to this social control by the majority and his advocacy of individual decision-making over the self. The famous Harm Principle, or the principle of liberty, is also articulated in this work: people can do anything they like as long as it does not harm others. All branches of liberalism-as well as other political ideologies-consider this to be one of their core principles. However, they often disagree on what exactly constitutes harm.

Philosophy of Religion by H J Richards (210)



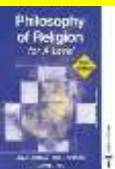
This book covers topics such as 'does God exist?', 'God and religious experience', 'God and evil' and 'God and science'. It contains quotes and examples from religions other than Christianity. It provides clear explanations of key terms in the debates as well as including an easy to use glossary.

Philosophy of Religion by Peter Cole (210)



An examination of the key issues in the philosophy of religion, including the proofs for the existence of God, the problem of evil, the relationship between mind and body and religious language. The text seeks to provide a solid basis for those who are preparing to start courses in religious studies of philosophy, and it features summary diagrams and advice for students.

Philosophy of religion for A level by Jordan and Lockyer (210)



A study of the nature of philosophy of religion, designed to be easy to understand and covering many of the key issues at the heart of this subject including: does God exist; can God be experienced? do miracles occur? is there life after death? how can we talk about God? Throughout the text there are numerous panel sections to help understanding of critical themes, or to challenge readers to consider their own thoughts on specific issues, or answer questions on their own or within small groups. Further preparations for the examination requirements of the philosophy of religion option is offered in question sections at the end of each chapter. There is also a revision section containing diagrammatic summaries to help students reinforce their understanding of the main themes.

Puzzle of Ethics by Peter Vardy and Paul Grosch (170)



A guide to the complex subject of ethics explained in clear and entertaining language. This popular introduction to the subject of ethics poses vital contemporary questions and explores the approach of leading thinkers. The authors take the reader, step by step, through the complex arguments on issues such as animal and human rights, environmental ethics and the morality of war. 'It is a great gift to be able to make philosophy accessible to the general reader. This is a wonderfully clear introduction both to moral philosophy and to contemporary ethical concerns.' *David Atkinson, Church Times*

The Puzzle of God by Peter Vardy (212)



Peter Vardy's much acclaimed introduction to the study of ideas about God -- now revised and updated. A clear, well-written guide to philosophical thinking about God. Starting with the question of what it means to say we believe in God, and looking at the nature of truth, Peter Vardy goes on to examine ideas about God and their influence on Christian thinking. Peter Vardy takes the reader through the arguments, using amusing illustrations and analogies. He writes for the lay person or student, not assuming any specialist knowledge, and not imposing any particular view.

'This is about the best elementary textbook in the philosophy of God I have come across... an extremely useful book.'

Hugh Meynell, *The Tablet* 'This is a masterpiece of coherence. Step by step the reader is led clearly and humorously through the philosophical maze which confuses our thinking about God.' *Linda Smith, Head of Religious Education, King's College, London*

Religion and Science by Mel Thompson (215)



This text aims to present a thorough and accessible approach to the two disciplines of science and religion which, together and apart, have brought forward the largest range of philosophical arguments and controversies throughout history. The book takes a historical look at scientific and religious opinion, focusing on key individuals and opinions. In clear, non-patronising language it applies traditional and contemporary philosophical arguments to popular debates. Covering issues such as miracles, scientific method, genetics and the Big Bang, the book looks at how philosophical arguments can be, and have in the past been, applied to this challenging and changing situation.

