

A Level Philosophy, Religion and Ethics
Year 11 into 12 progression booklet.

“Wisdom begins with wonder”

Socrates

Philosophy Task

Watch this debate between William Lane Craig and Christopher Hitchens.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e8MzPmkNsgU>

The video is called

DEBATE: Atheist vs Christian (Christopher Hitchens vs William Lane Craig)

If you watch from 12 minutes you will see William Lane Craig and Christopher Hitchens being introduced. William Lane Craig is a Christian and Christopher Hitchens was a New Atheist.



Structure of the talk

The lecture is quite long and so you may wish to watch this in stages. They talk for 20 minutes each and then have a right of reply each.

- William Lane Craig starts at 13 minutes
- Christopher Hitchens starts at 33minutes and 30 seconds
- Williams Lane Craig replies to Christopher Hitchens from 54 minutes and 15 seconds
- Christopher Hitchens replies to William Lane Craig from 1hr and 7 minutes

From one hour 20 minutes there is a cross examination that you may wish to watch.

Having watched the videos you are going to complete a Cornell Notes activity. There are instructions on how to take Cornell Notes on the video below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ErSjc1PEGKE>

The video is called:

How to take Cornell Notes properly

At the back of the booklet is an example of some completed Cornell Notes for you to see on a different topic

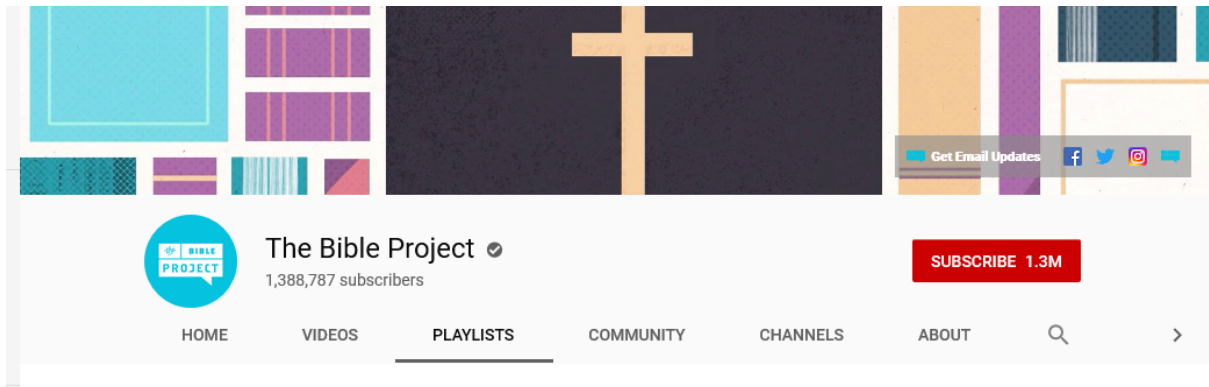


Religion Task

Our studied religion is Christianity and a good background knowledge of the Bible is important and therefore this is what your task is based on.

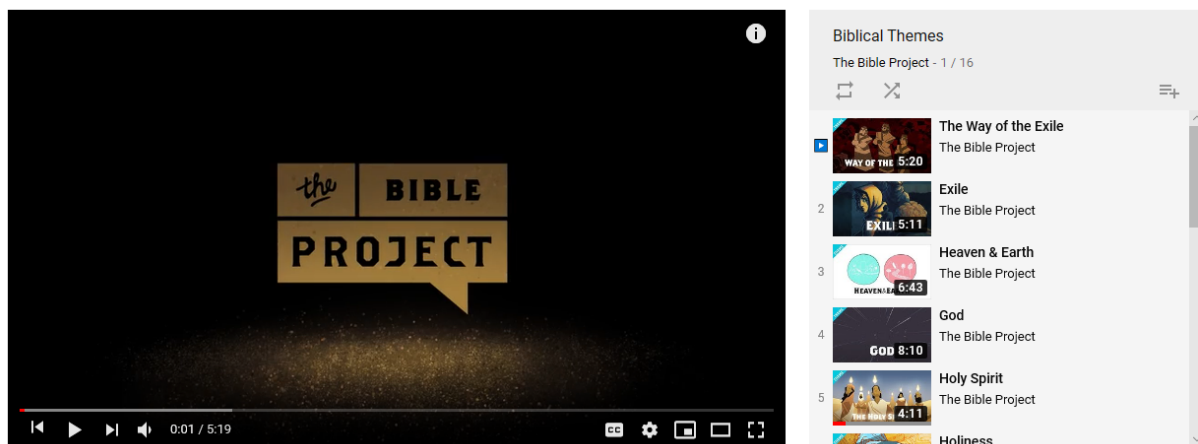
The Bible Project Series on YouTube will help you with this.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/jointhebibleproject/playlists>



I would recommend the Biblical Themes playlist which is about 1 hour 30 minutes long if you watch every video.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XzWpa0gcPyo&list=PLH0Szn1yYNec-HZjVHooeb4BSDSeHhEoh>



Using these videos and your own additional research you need to find out about the following Biblical stories, events or characters.

For each topic below you need to fill in a Cornell Notes template and a Thinking Hard template

1. The Story of the Fall?

What happens?

How does this story link with Christian ideas about Jesus?

2. The story of Exile

Where, when and why were the Israelites exiled to?

What does the prophet Jeremiah teach about exile in Babylon?

What is the link with Jesus?

3. The Suffering Servant passages of Isaiah

Who was Isaiah?

What is the background to Isaiah's writings?

What does Isaiah write about the suffering servant?

What is the link with Jesus?

4. The Prophets (there is a Bible project video called prophets)

What do prophets do? Who are they?

What do they teach about the covenant?

What is the Day of the Lord? What is the link with Jesus?

5. The Messiah

What does the Old Testament teach about the Messiah?

Why do Christians believe that Jesus was the Messiah?

What Jewish expectations of the Messiah does Jesus not fulfil?

6. Jesus

What are the main events in Jesus' life?

What does Jesus teach in the Sermon on the Mount?

What does Jesus mean when he calls himself the Son of Man?
What is the day of the Lord?

Cornell Notes Template

Ethics Task

Your ethics task requires you to read selected chapters from *The Puzzle of God* by Peter Vardy. This book is easy to purchase online and you should be able to pick up a second hand copy for very little. If you cannot get hold of a copy the PRE department can lend you one.

You will need to fill in a Cornell notes page and a thinking hard page on each of the following topics.

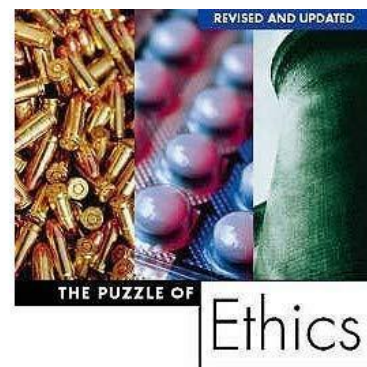
Chapter 2 Plato – Virtue and Knowledge

Chapter 3 Aristotle and Virtue Theory

Chapter 4 Aquinas, Natural Law and Proportionalism

Chapter 6 Bentham and Mill – Utilitarianism

Chapter 10 Situation Ethics



At the end of each chapter there are some questions that can guide you in your note taking. Stick to one Cornell template and one Thinking Hard template for each topic.

PETER VARDY & PAUL GROSCH

Further Reading

If you would like to do further reading we can suggest the following books to you:

Brief Introductory Reading:

Blackburn, S. *Think*, OUP 2001

Craig, E. *Philosophy: A Very Short Introduction*, OUP 2002

Law, S. *The Philosophy Files*, Orion 2002; *The Outer Limits*, Orion 2003; *The Philosophy Gym*, Hodder Headline 2003

Nagel, T. *What Does It All Mean?* OUP 1987 (reprinted 2004)

Warburton, N. *Philosophy: The Basics* (5th ed.), Routledge 2012

Philosophy:

Gaarder, J. *Sophie's World*, London: Phoenix House 1995

Davies, B. *An Introduction to the Philosophy of Religion*, OUP 1993

Walsh, J.P *Knowledge of Angels*, Transworld Digital (1994,2011)

Vardy, P. *The Puzzle of God*, Harper Collins (1999)

Ethics:

Norman, R. *The Moral Philosophers*, OUP 1998

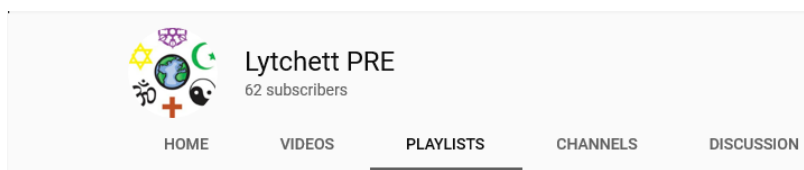
Religious Thought:

McGrath, A. *Christianity: An Introduction*, Blackwell Publishing 2015

Vardy, P. *The Puzzle of Christianity*, Harper Collins (2016)

Online resources from the PRE Department

The PRE Department has a YouTube account with a playlist for each A Level Theme.



<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLpS93bCGErJrO7ZlXbemeQ/playlists>

The PRE Department has a twitter account to which we post relevant articles or links most days.

https://twitter.com/LMS_PRE

The PRE Department also has its own website called Philosophy Monster



<https://philosophymonster.weebly.com/>



Useful Resources for Religion, Philosophy and Ethics