



Religion Philosophy & Ethics



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## Reading

### Recommended Reading

#### Books by the author Peter Vardy

**The Puzzle of Ethics** by Peter Vardy  
**Bible Matters** by Peter and Charlotte Vardy  
**God Matters** by Peter and Charlotte Vardy  
**The Puzzle of Christianity** by Peter Vardy  
**The Puzzle of Sex** by Peter Vardy

#### Books by Richard Dawkins

**The Selfish Gene** by Richard Dawkins  
**The God Delusion** by Richard Dawkins

#### Other important reads...

**Republic** by Plato  
**Theories of Ethics** edited by Phillipa Foot  
**Practical Ethics** by Peter Singer  
**Ethics** by J.L. Mackie



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## Writing Tasks

### Philosophy and Ethics

Look up some key terms on [Philosophy Bites](#) and [Ethics Bites](#) podcasts, and make notes.

### Essay competitions

Investigate essay competitions for Sixth Form students. Plan or write an entry. See the annual [Philosophy Essay Prize](#) from Trinity College.

### Karl Marx

Online research on [Karl Marx](#). Read and make your own notes.

### Religious Language

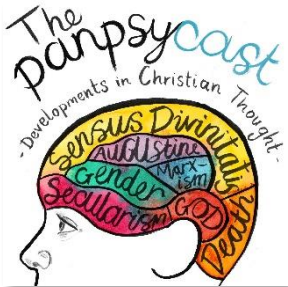
Visit the Stanford Encyclopaedia of Philosophy and read the section on [Philosophy of Religion](#).



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## Listening Tasks

### The Pansycast Philosophy Podcast



A philosophy podcast inspiring and supporting students, teachers, academics, and free-thinkers worldwide <https://thepansycast.com/home>

### OpenLearn

Take your learning further by creating an account with OpenLearn to access audios, videos and free courses on Religion and Philosophy.



This edition of [PodMag](#) from OpenLearn, three members of the Religious Studies Department talk about three different religious festivals which occur: Halloween, Diwali and Christmas.

### A History of Ideas

Listen to [A History of Ideas](#) on BBC Radio 4: where Melvyn Bragg and guests discuss the work of key philosophers and their theories.



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## Research Tasks

### Religious Experience/Miracles

Investigate [The Toronto Blessing](#)

### Natural Law

Online research on peped.com - [Summary: The Natural Law](#)

### Aquinas

Online research - Visit the Stanford Encyclopaedia of Philosophy and read the article on [Aquinas' Moral, Political, and Legal Philosophy](#).

### Conscience

Watch the Ted Talk [Good or bad, hard to say](#)



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## Watching Tasks

### Consciousness & The Brain

Watch [Consciousness & The Brain](#) by John Searle at TEDxCERN

John Searle one of the world's great philosophers of mind and language, has spent fifty years stimulating thinking around the world. What he says about consciousness as a biological phenomenon will challenge you!

### Plato

Watch Alex Gendler's interpretation of [Plato's Cave Allegory](#)

Plato's "Allegory of the Cave" is one of the most well-known philosophical concepts in history. As such, it only makes sense that numerous filmmakers would try to incorporate this philosophy into their movies. But what exactly is it? And why does it work so well in the context of filmmaking? We'll look at this concept as well as several films that have incorporated it excellently. It's time to find the sun.

### Philosophy and Ethics

Explore the Radio 4 [Big Ideas animations](#)

### Religious Experience

Watch the [Five Major religions](#) on TED ED

It's perfectly human to grapple with questions, like 'Where do we come from?' and 'How do I live a life of meaning?' These existential questions are central to the five major world religions - and that's not all that connects these faiths. John Bellaimey explains the intertwined histories and cultures of Hinduism, Judaism, Buddhism, Christianity and Islam.

### TED Talks

Visit the [TED Talk](#) website and choose a video. You can select topics on religion, philosophy and ethics and many, many more.

TED is on a mission to discover and spread ideas that spark imagination, embrace possibility and catalyze impact. Our organization is devoted to curiosity, reason, wonder and the pursuit of knowledge — without an agenda. We welcome people from every discipline and culture who seek a deeper understanding of the world and connection with others, and we invite everyone to engage with ideas and activate them in your community.



## Trips and Visits

### Imperial War Museum

Plan a visit to the [Imperial War Museum](#) and include a visit to [The Holocaust Galleries](#).

#### **Opening Times**

10am to 6pm daily

Lambeth Road, London, SE1 6HZ ([view map](#))