

RPE Personal Learning Checklist

Christianity

A Jesus: his birth	Theme 1 ABC Religious Figures and Sacred Texts PLC			R	A	G
	Consistency and credibility of the birth narratives					
	Harmonisation and redaction					
	The doctrine of the incarnation					
	Incarnation as kenosis					
B Jesus: his resurrection	The resurrection in John 20-21					
	Paul's understanding of the resurrection 1 Corinthians 15					
	Rudolf Bultmann's interpretation of the resurrection					
	N. T. Wright's interpretation of the resurrection					
C The Bible as a source of wisdom and authority in daily life	The Bible as authority and a source of moral advice					
	The Bible's teaching on the meaning and purpose of life					
	The Bible as a guide to everyday living					
	The Bible as a source of comfort and encouragement					
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A The Nature of God	Theme 2 ABC Religious Concepts PLC			R	A	G
	The issue of male language about God					
	The pastoral benefits and challenges of the model of Father					
	Sallie McFague: God as mother					
	Can God suffer?					
	Jurgen Moltmann: The Crucified God					
B The Trinity	The need for the doctrine of the Trinity					
	The nature of Christ and relationship with the Father					
	The origin of the Holy Spirit: the filioque controversy					
	Modern developments of the Trinity					
	The monotheistic claims of the doctrine of the Trinity					
	Is the doctrine of the Trinity necessary for understanding God?					
C The Atonement	The death of Jesus as Christus Victor					
	The death of Jesus as a satisfaction and substitution					
	The death of Jesus as a moral example					
	The assumption of the need for divine forgiveness					
	Are the three images of the atonement contradictory?					
	Do the three images suggest the Christian God is cruel?					
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A Faith and Works	Theme 2 DEF Religious Life PLC	R	A	G
	Luther and justification by faith alone			
	The Council of Trent as a response to Luther			
	A modern view: E. P. Sanders			
	Do the NT letters support arguments for justification by faith alone?			
	Are both faith and works aspects of justification?			
B The Community of Believers	The New Testament community of believers			
	The NT community of believers as a model for the contemporary church			
	The role of churches in providing worship, sacraments & mission			
	Is the main role of the church to provide religious teaching?			
C Key Moral Principles	The importance of love of neighbour			
	God's love as a potential model for Christian behaviour			
	A regard for truth			
	The role of conscience			
	The need for forgiveness			
	Is God's behaviour towards humans the basis for Christian morality?			
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A Religious identity through diversity in baptism	Theme 4 ABC Religious practices that shape religious identity PLC	R	A	G
	The case for infant baptism by Augustine and Zwingli			
	The case for believer's baptism			
	Karl Barth: Baptism as union with Christ			
	The criteria for expressing the commitment to be baptised			
	Are both infant and adult baptism just symbolic acts?			
B Religious identity through diversity in Eucharist	The importance of the Eucharist in Christian communities			
	Roman Catholic understanding of the Eucharist			
	Protestant understandings of the Eucharist			
	The similarities in Eucharistic practice in Christian traditions			
	Do the beliefs about the Eucharist affect the practice of denominations?			
C Religious Identity through diversity in festivals	Advent and Christmas in the Western Church			
	Advent and Christmas in the Eastern Church			
	Lent and Easter in the Western Church			
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	The relative importance of Easter and Christmas			
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D The Bible as a source of wisdom and authority	Theme 1 DEF Religious Figures and Sacred Texts PLC			R	A	G
	How the Christian biblical canon was established					
	The objective view of inspiration					
	The subjective view of inspiration					
	John Calvin's doctrine of accommodation					
	To what extent can the Bible be regarded as the inspired word of God?					
	Are the Christian biblical canonical orders inspired, as opposed to just the texts they contain?					
E The early church (in Acts of the Apostles)	Its message and format: the kerygmata					
	C. H. Dodd on kerygma					
	The challenges to the kerygmata					
	To what extent is the kerygmata of any value for Christians today?					
	Do the speeches in Acts have any historical value?					
F Two Views of Jesus	Wright: worldviews make a difference					
	Wright: critical realism					
	Wright: the true Messiah					
	Crossan's method					
	Using apocryphal Gospels					
	Is it valid to use critical realism to understand Jesus?					
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D Religious identity through unification	Theme 4 DEF Religious practices that shape religious identity PLC			R	A	G
	The development of the Ecumenical Movement since 1910					
	The World Council of Churches: rationale and mission					
	The Work of the World Council of Churches in three areas					
	The criteria for expressing the commitment to be baptised					
	Are both infant and adult baptism just symbolic acts?					
	Can the work of the WCC be viewed as a success or failure?					
	To what extent does the non-membership of the RCC affect the aims of the WCC?					
E Religious identity through religious experience	Introduction to the Charismatic Movement					
	The development of the Charismatic Movement post-1960					
	Main beliefs and implications for Christian practice					
	Philosophical challenges to charismatic experience					
	Do the beliefs about the Eucharist affect the practice of denominations?					
	What are the strengths and weaknesses of the charismatic movement?					
	Does a natural explanation for charismatic experiences conflict with the religious value of the experience?					
F Religious Identity through responses to poverty and injustice	Introduction to liberation theology					
	The political basis of Latin American theology					
	The religious basis of Latin American theology					
	The ethical basis of Latin American theology					
	Roman Catholic Church responses to liberation theology					
	Are the political and ethical foundations of liberation theology more important than any religious foundations?					
	To what extent does liberation theology offer a cultural challenge to the RCC?					
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A Attitudes toward wealth	Theme 3 ABC Significant social developments in religious thought PLC	R	A	G
	The dangers of wealth			
	Biblical teaching on stewardship			
	The ascetic ideal			
	The prosperity Gospel			
	To what extent is wealth a sign of God's blessing?			
	Is the ascetic ideal compatible with Christianity?			
B Migration and Christianity in the UK	The challenges of Christian migration to the UK			
	The reverse mission movement to the UK			
	Does Christianity in the UK need the support of missionaries?			
	To what extent is the UK a modern mission field?			
	How easy is it for Christian migrants to assimilate into Christian churches in the UK?			
C Feminist theology and the changing role of men and women	The contribution of Rosemary Radford Ruether to feminist theology			
	The contribution of Mary Daly to feminist theology			
	The issue of ordination of women priests and bishops			
	Are men and women equal in Christianity?			
	To what extent does feminist theology impact on modern Christian practice?			
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D Challenges from secularisation	Theme 3 DEF Significant social developments in religious thought PLC	R	A	G
	Whether the UK can be called a 'Christian country'			
	The value of Christian faith schools			
	Beliefs conflicting with laws of the country and perceived challenges			
	How effective is the Christian response to the challenge of secualrism?			
	To what extent can the UK be called a Christian country?			
E Challenges from science	The relationship between science and religion			
	Contrasting views of Richard Dawkins and Alister McGrath			
	The limits of science			
	The 'God of the gaps' argument			
	To what extent must a scientist be an atheist?			
	Has science reduced the role of God in Christianity?			
F Challenges from pluralism and diversity within a tradition	The exclusivist and inclusivist views expressed in the Bible			
	The contribution of Karl Rahner			
	The contribution of John Hick			
	Pluralistic universalism			
	Universalistic pluralism and Christian universalism			
	To what extent is it possible to be both a committed Christian and a religious pluralist?			
	To what extent does the Christian Bible promote exclusivism?			
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