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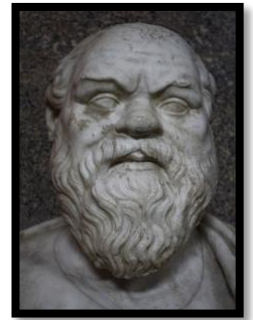
Summer Assignment

Religious Education

Transition Material for A-Level Religious Studies

“One thing only I know, and that is that I know nothing”

Socrates (469–399 B.C.E.)



It is great that you are considering doing Religious Studies at A-Level.

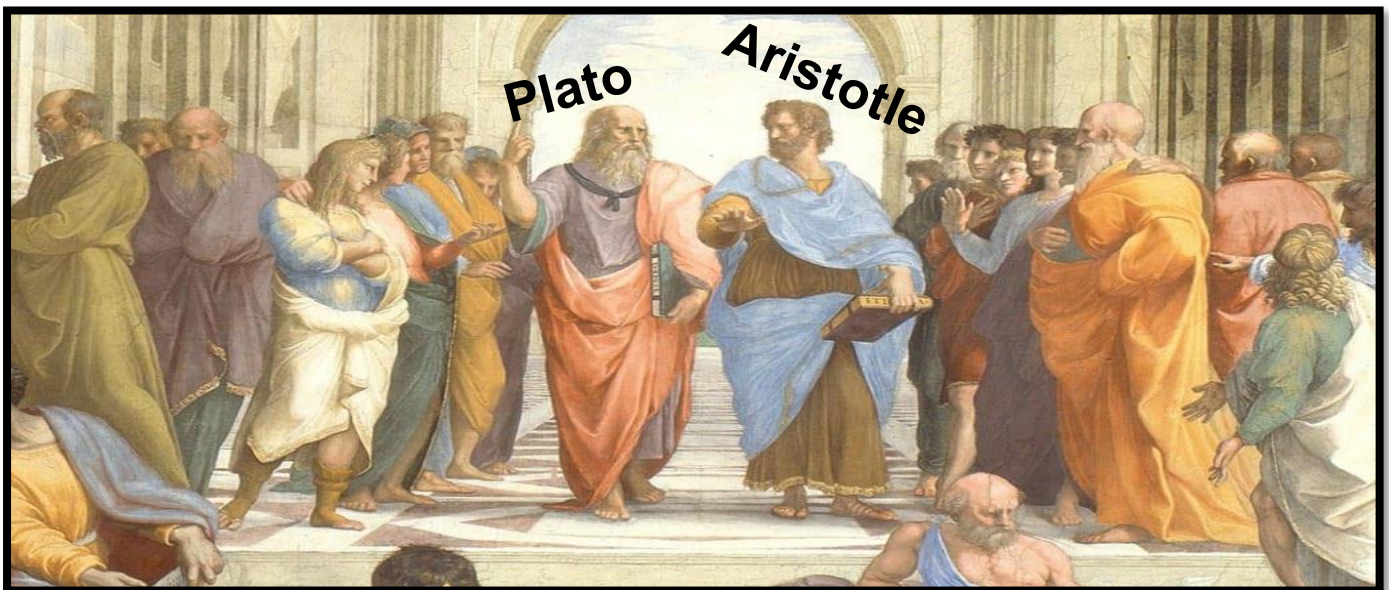
This pack contains some activities and resources to prepare you to start an A Level in Religious Studies in September.

Below is a brief outline of what we will be covering from September.



Component 2: Philosophy of Religion

There will be four themes within this component: arguments for the existence of God; challenges to religious belief; religious experience; religious language.



This is a famous painting called *The School of Athens* by Raphael, depicting two of the most famous philosophers in history. On the left is Plato, walking alongside his student Aristotle. We look at their work a lot throughout the course. In particular, they present different concepts of ‘God’.....

LET’S TALK ABOUT GOD – What do these qualities mean?

Omniscient

Omnipotent

Omnibenevolent

Omnitemporal



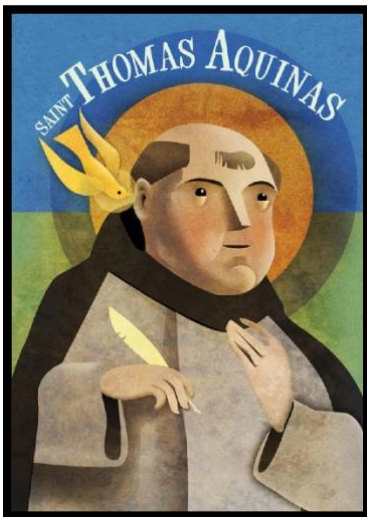
RESEARCH TASK

1. Create a brief profile (date, birth, key ideas) of the following important philosophers and their views on God.



DO YOU THINK GOD DESIGNED THE WORLD?

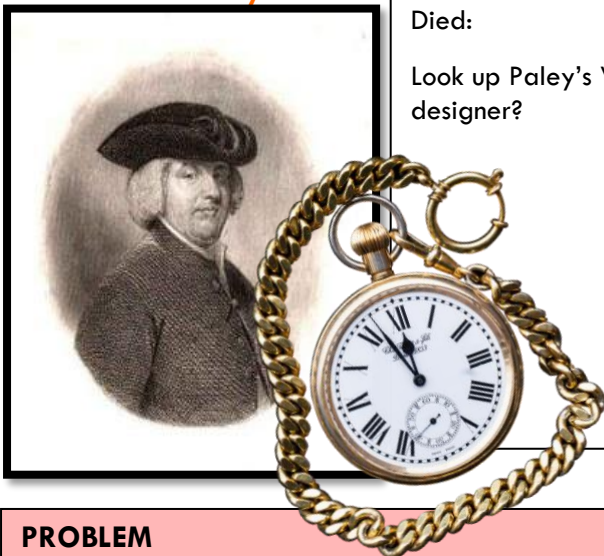
Thomas Aquinas



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Look up Aquinas' Fifth way. How does he attempt to show God is the designer of the universe?

William Paley



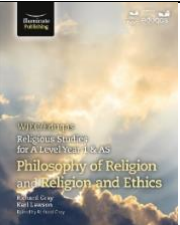
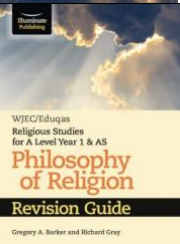
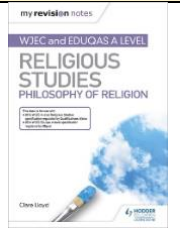
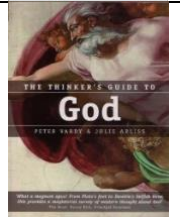
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Look up Paley's Watchmaker analogy. How does he attempt to show God is a designer?

PROBLEM

- Does this mean God Designed evil if it is part of the world? How could a religious believer defend God?

Reading List – Essentials

		<p><u>Wjec/Eduqas religious studies for a level year 1 & as – philosophy of religion & religion and ethics</u></p> <p>- Richard Gray and Karl Lawson</p>
		<p><u>Wjec/Eduqas religious studies for a level year 1 & as – philosophy of religion revision guide</u></p> <p>- Greg Barker and Richard Gray</p>
		<p><u>My Revision Notes: WJEC and Eduqas A level Religious Studies Philosophy of Religion</u></p> <p>- Clare Lloyd</p>
		<p><u>The Thinker's Guide to God</u></p> <p>– Peter Vardy & Julie Arliss</p>

Additional Resources

<p>'Crashcourse Philosophy' Youtube</p>	<p>https://youtu.be/1A_CAkYt3GY</p>
<p>'Philosophy and Ethics' Youtube</p>	<p>https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNUJUJtYwZTSKymLPry08cw/videos</p>
<p>Philosophy Dungeon</p>	<p>https://philosophydungeon.weebly.com/philosophy-of-religion.html</p>