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| **GCSE Religious Studies****Exam Board: Eduqas (Specification A). Within the course there are 3 papers:**1. Christianity: Beliefs, teachings and practices – 1hr Paper, 25% of final grade.
2. Islam: Beliefs, teachings and practices – 1hr Paper, 25% of final grade.
3. Religion, Philosophy & Ethics – 2hr Paper, 50% of final grade (Topics: Relationships, Good & Evil, Life & Death, Human Rights)

**Objectives**: To **define,** **describe, explain** and **evaluate** the following issues |
| RPE Unit 2 – Life & Death (Non-religious & Christianity)* Origins of the universe (different views on creation story/scientific theory)
* **Environmental sustainability**; (dominion, stewardship, global citizens, Humanists for a better world)
* Origin of life, **sanctity of life** and **quality of life**;
* **Evolution** and compatibility with religious views
* **Abortion**,
* **euthanasia**, Dignity for Dying
* The **afterlife** andyour **soul**
* funerals
 | RPE Unit 1 – Relationships (Christianity & Islam)* Sex and **contraception**
* Purpose of relationships and families (including **roles** and **responsibilities**)
* **Commitment** in marriage and **cohabitation**
* **Adultery**, **divorce** and remarriage
* Same sex relationships
* **Gender equality**, attitudes towards women in authority
 | Muslim Practices* 5 Pillars of Islam
* **Shariah** law and **halal** and **haram** acts
* 10 obligatory acts of Shi’a Islam
* **Greater and lesser Jihad**
* Eid-Ul-Fitr, Ei-Ul-Adha, Ashura, The Night of Power
* The mosque (**masjid**) and the Muslim community (**ummah)**
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| Christian Beliefs and Teachings* The nature of God; (**Trinity, omnibenevolence, omnipotence** etc)
* Creation
* Law and sin
* Jesus’ **incarnation**, crucifixion, **resurrection**, ascension
* **Atonement** and salvation
* The Holy Spirit
* Afterlife
 | Muslim Beliefs and Teachings* The nature of Allah (**Tawhid** etc)
* 6 Sunni articles of faith
* 5 Shi’a roots of faith
* Malaikah (Angels)
* **Risalah** (Prophethood)
* Attitudes to books, scrolls, Torah, psalms & Gospels
* Akhirah (Afterlife)
* Al Qadr (Predestination)
 | Christian Practices* Worship (The liturgy, informal and individual worship; prayer: formal and informal)
* The **Sacraments**: Baptism & Eucharist
* Pilgrimage
* Christmas and Easter
* Christianity in Britain
* Local and Global church
* Persecution of Christianity
* **Evangelism**
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| RPE Unit 3- Good & evil (Christianity & Islam)* **Morality**, virtues and sins
* Causes of crimes
* Purposes of **punishment** and **justice**
* Treatment of criminals
* Prison reformers and Prison chaplains
* **Forgiveness**
* The origin of **sin**; **good/evil** and **suffering**
* **Free will**
 | RPE Unit 4 – Human rights (Christianity & Islam)* Dignity of human life
* **Human rights**
* Equality: agape in action (including **social justice**)
* **Personal conviction** vs law
* **Censorship**; religious **extremism**
* Attitudes towards **prejudice** and **discrimination**
* Wealth and charity**;** (including **relative and absolute poverty**)
 | REVISION* Past papers
* Blank paper check
* Mini quizzes
* Mind maps
* Revision cards
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