

# FOUNDATIONAL CATHOLIC THEOLOGY

## Good and Evil

### KEY QUESTIONS

#### **Good, evil and suffering**

- What is original sin?
- How did St Augustine describe evil as a 'privation'?
- What do Christians/non-Christians believe about the nature/origin of evil?
- What do Catholics believe about God's goodness and the world's goodness?
- What are the philosophical challenges posed by belief in God's goodness and the goodness of the created world?
- What are the non-religious challenges posed by belief in God's goodness and the goodness of the created world?
- What is the meaning of suffering and the Catholic views towards it?
- What do Catholics believe about the significance of Christ's suffering and death?

#### **Beliefs: Trinity**

- What is the Trinity?
- How is the Trinity represented in the Nicene Creed?
- How is the Trinity expressed throughout the Bible?
- How does St Augustine explain the trinity in De Trinitate?

#### **Beliefs: Incarnation**

- Who is Jesus the Incarnate Son and why is he important?
- What does the Bible teach about Jesus the Incarnate Son?
- How would a Catholic respond to the Problem of Evil?
- What did Pope John Paul II teach about Evil and Suffering in Salvifici Doloris?

#### **Sources: Jesus and moral authority**

- How is the teaching of Jesus used as a source of moral authority?
- What are the moral teachings of Jesus given in the Sermon on the Mount?

- What is Natural Law and how is this evidence of God's goodness?
- How does suffering help in the development of the virtues?

### **Forms: Sculpture and Statuary**

- What is the meaning of various statues and sculpture within Catholic tradition and worship?
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- Why is it important for sculptures and statues to express Catholic beliefs about God's goodness and the meaning of human suffering?
- How does Michelangelo express Catholic beliefs about God's goodness and the meaning of human suffering in Pieta?

### **Practices: Popular Devotion in Catholic communities in Britain and elsewhere**

- What is Lourdes?
- Why do Catholics go on pilgrimage and why is it important?
- How can pilgrimage to Lourdes be seen as a response to human suffering?
- What is the Rosary?
- How do the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary reflect the meaning and the importance of the Incarnation?

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## Origins and Meaning

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- What do Catholics teach about the origin of the universe?
- How did St Augustine express the idea of creation?
- What are the different Christian beliefs about the origin of the universe and what do these mean?
- What are the non-religious views about the origins of the universe and human beings?
- What is the scientific theory of evolution and how does it compare with Catholic beliefs on purposeful creation?
- How compatible is theory of evolution with creation?
- What do Catholics believe about life?
- What is Imago Dei?
- What are the different Christian beliefs about the value of human life?
- What are the Humanist criticisms of Catholic beliefs on the sanctity of life?

#### Beliefs: Creation

- What does the book of Genesis teach about creation?
- How do the two creation accounts in Genesis compare and how do they represent God and humans?
- How significant are Creation narratives to Catholic beliefs about nature of human beings?
- How significant are Creation narratives to Catholic beliefs on human beings and their relationship with creation?
- What do Humanists teach about preserving the environment and how does this compare to Catholic teaching?

### **Sources: The Bible**

- What are Catholic beliefs about the nature of revelation and inspiration in the Bible?
- How are the structure, origins and literary forms of the Bible related to revelation and inspiration?
- What do Christians believe about the literary form of *Genesis* and how does this influence how it is understood?
- What does the 'Creation of Adam' mean?
- How does the 'Creation of Adam' express Catholic beliefs about creation, God and humans?

### **Forms: Painting**

- How is symbolism used in Christian art?
- How does the 'Tree of Life' use symbolism to express the theology of Christ as the New Adam?

### **Forms: Symbolism**

- What is Catholic Social Teaching?
- How does *Imago Dei* influence Catholic Social Teaching?
- How does the work of CAFOD reflect Catholic beliefs about the dignity of humans, the importance to love your neighbour and respect for creation?
- How does the work of SVP reflect Catholic beliefs about the dignity of humans, the importance to love your neighbour and respect for creation?