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| Year \_\_9\_\_Christian philosophy and theology- The existence of God  | **Topic:** **Period: HT4** |
| **Overview of topic:** Students will analyse evidence for and against the existence of God by evaluating arguments about topics like; miracles, near death experience, religious experience, the problem of evil and suffering, the argument form design and science vs religious beliefs. Students will consider different Christian interpretations including literal and symbolic, fundamental, and liberal. This unit will help with the knowledge and skills required for AQA GCSE topics including ‘Religion and life’ and ‘Christian beliefs.’ |
| **Key** **knowledge:**

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| **Tier 2** | **Tier 3** |
| **Beliefs****Compare****Evaluate****Justify****Explain** **Interpret****Opinion****Conclusion****Analyse****Evidence**  | **Moral evil****Natural evil****Numinous****Faith****Religious experience****Miracle****Ontological****Theology****Philosophy** |

 | **Key skills:** Justifying opinions and considering different Christian responses and interpretations.Reading skillsWriting skillsOracyPhilosophical and theological thinking skills. |
| **Co-curricular opportunities:** PhilosophyTheologyPsychologySource interpretationLiteracy skills  | **Key reading skills taught *(clarify, question, summarise, predict)* and key texts:**Reading information sheetsResearching skillsReading and answering reading comprehension questions.Summarizing knowledge and opinions. Interpreting Bible quotes, evidence and examples. Reading personal accounts and quotes from case studies.  |
| **How can I use this information at home?*** Conversation starters with your children to discuss their learning
* Support your child in carrying out independent research around the topic
* Promote books/other texts that explore this topic (see reading section)
* Promote documentaries
* Help your child to learn the key vocabulary
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| Suggested Reading* <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zkdk382>

BBC KS3 Religious Studies, Religion and Philosophy* Dr Raymond Moody- Life after Life (Near Death Experiences)
* Todd and Colton Burpo- Heaven is for real.
* Derren Brown – Faith Healers

 Tricks of the mind Religious Experiences  | Suggested Documentaries * Science Vs Religion: The Great Creation Debate (Evolution & Faith Documentary) | Real Stories

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b9bcJRHt1kc>* Derren Brown -Faith and Fear

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6-xBFjQjFG4>* Morgan Freeman -The story of God- Netflix and National Geographic
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