

GCSE Religious Studies **Ethics and Society** Quick Quotes

Christianity - Belief in God

- The Trinity;
 - “We believe in one God, the Father ... in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God ... in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life.” The Nicene Creed
- The creation of the universe and of humanity
 - “Through Him all things were made.” John 1:3-4
- The Incarnation
 - “The Virgin will conceive and give birth to a son.” Matthew 1:23
- The last days of Jesus’ life
 - “Christ died for our sins.” Acts 2:23
- The nature and significance of salvation and the role of Christ within salvation
 - “Salvation is found in no one else.” Acts 4:12
- Christian teachings about life after death
 - “Whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16
- The problem of evil and suffering and a loving and righteous
 - “I called upon the Lord and was saved from my enemies.” Psalm 18:3

Islam: Belief in Allah

- The six Beliefs of Islam
 - “Believe in Allah, and His angels, and his books, and his messengers, and in the last day and in the decree of Allah.” The Hadith
- The five roots of ‘Usul ad-Din in Shi’a Islam
 - These are central to the Shia Muslim family
- Risalah: the nature and importance of prophethood
 - “Every community has been sent a Prophet.” Qur’an, Surah 35:24
- Muslim holy books
 - “Nor could this Qur’an have been devised by anyone else.” Qur’an, Surah 10:37
- Malaikah: the nature and importance of angels for Muslims
 - “Praise be to God ... who made the angels.” Qur’an, Surah 41:31
- al-Qadr: the nature and importance of Predestination for Muslims
 - “He regulates all things.” Qur’an, Surah 13:2
- Akhirah: Muslim teachings about life after death
 - “On that Day people will be separated.” Qur’an, Surah 30:14

Christianity: Marriage and the Family

- The importance and purpose of marriage for Christians
 - “That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.” Genesis 2:24
- Christian teachings about the nature and importance of sexual relationships
 - “You shall not commit adultery.” Exodus 20:14
- Christian teachings about the purpose and importance of the family
 - “Honour your mother and father.” Exodus 20:12
- Christian teaching about family planning and regulation of births
 - “Go forth and multiply.” Genesis 1:28
- Christian teachings and attitudes towards divorce and remarriage
 - “‘til death do us part.” Wedding Vows
- Christian teaching about the equality of men and women in the family
 - “So God created mankind in his own image; male and female he created them.” Genesis 1:27
- Christian teachings about gender prejudice and discrimination
 - “For you are all one Christ Jesus.” Galatians

Islam: Crime and Punishment

- Muslim attitudes towards justice
 - “Uphold justice.” Qur’an, Surah 4:135
- Muslim attitudes towards crime
 - “You who believe, obey Allah and the messenger.” Qur’an, Surah 4: 59
- Muslim teachings about good, evil and suffering
 - “Good and evil can be equal; repel what is evil.” Qur’an, Surah 41:34
- Muslim attitudes towards punishment
 - “An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth.” Qur’an, Surah 5:44-45
- Muslim attitudes towards the aims of punishment
 - Ensure you know the Four Aims of Punishment
- Muslim teachings about forgiveness
 - “Allah the merciful.” One of the names of Allah
- Muslim teachings about the treatment of criminals
 - “Do not let hatred of others lead you away from justice.” Qur’an, Surah 5:8
- Muslim attitudes towards the death penalty
 - “Do not take life, which God has made sacred, except by right.” Qur’an, Surah 6:151

Christianity: Living the Christian Life

- Christian worship
 - Know the difference between Liturgical and Non-Liturgical
- The role of the sacraments in Christian
 - Be able to list them
- The nature and purpose of prayer
 - "Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be your name." Matthew 6:9
- Pilgrimage: the nature, history and purpose of pilgrimage
 - Be able to quote examples and reasons
- Christian religious celebrations
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- The future of the Christian Church
 - "Go into the world and preach the gospel to all creation." Mark 16:15
- The role and importance of the local church in the local community
 - "I will build my church." Matthew 16:18
- The role and importance of the Church in the worldwide community
 - "Give to the poor." Mark 10:21

Islam: Living the Muslim Life

- Ten Obligatory Acts of Shi'a Islam
 - Know what they are.
- Shahadah as one of the Five Pillars
 - "There is no God but Allah, and Muhammad is his messenger."
- Salah as one of the Five Pillars
 - "Keep up the prayer: prayer restrains outrageous and unacceptable behaviour." Qur'an, Surah 29:45
- Sawm as one of the Five Pillars
 - "Fasting is prescribed for you." Qur'an, Surah 2:183
- Zakah and Khums
 - Know the difference and the amounts.
- Hajj as one of the Five Pillars
 - "Proclaim the Pilgrimage to all people." Qur'an, Surah 22:27
- Jihad
 - "You who believe, strive so you may prosper." Qur'an, Surah 5:35
- Id-ul-Adha and Id-ul-Fitr
 - Know the difference between these two festivals.

Christianity: Matters of Life and Death

- Christian teachings about the origins and value of the universe
 - Know what they are.
- Christian teachings about the sanctity of life.
 - “Do not murder.” Exodus 20:13
- Christian responses to scientific and non-religious explanations about the origins and value of human life
 - “God didn’t produce a ready made world. The Creator has done something cleverer than this, making a world capable of making itself.” John Polkinghorne
- Implications of the value and sanctity of life for the issue of abortion
 - “Love your neighbour as you love yourself.” Mark 12:31
- Christian teachings and beliefs about life after death
 - “And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms.” Ephesians 2:4-7
- Implications of Christian teachings about the value and sanctity of life for the issue of euthanasia
 - “Love your neighbour as you love yourself.” Mark 12:31
- Christian responses to issues in the natural world
 - “Fill the earth and subdue it. Have dominion over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.” Genesis 1:28

Islam: Peace and Conflict

- Muslim attitudes towards peace
 - “When aggressive people address, reply with words of peace.” Qur’an, Surah 25:63
- The role of Muslims in peacemaking
 - “Argue with them in the most courteous way.” Qur’an, Surah 16:125
- Muslim attitudes to conflict
 - “If you have to respond to an attack, make your response proportionate.” Qur’an, Surah 16:126
- Pacifism
 - “If anyone kills a person, he kills all of mankind.” Qur’an, Surah 5:32
- Just War theory
 - Know what the criteria are.
- Holy War
 - “Fight them until there is no more persecution, and worship is devoted to God.” Qur’an, Surah 2:191
- Weapons of mass destruction (WMD)
 - Ensure you are aware of a range of views.