

CONSTRUCT	COMPOSITE		COMPONENT
Judaism	Beliefs and teachings	Key beliefs	Nature of G-d
			The divine presence
			Beliefs about life after death, judgement and resurrection
			Nature and role of the Messiah
		The Covenant and Mitzvot	The Promised Land and the Covenant
			Ten Commandments
			Key moral principles: justice, healing the world, charity and kindness to others
			Sanctity of human life
			Free will and Mitzvot
			Mitzvot between man and God, and man and man
	Practices	The synagogue and worship	The importance of the synagogue
			Design and religious features
			Public areas of worship
			Shabbat in the home and synagogue
			Worship in the home and private prayer
			Tenakh and Talmud and their study, use and significance in daily life
		Family life and festivals	Rituals and their significance
			Dietary laws and their significance
Christianity	Beliefs and teachings	Key beliefs	The nature of God
			Creation
			Afterlife
		Jesus Christ and Salvation	The incarnation and Jesus as the Son of God
			The crucifixion, resurrection and ascension
			Sin, including original sin
			Salvation
			Atonement
	Practices	Worship and festivals	Different forms of worship and their significance
			Prayer and its significance
			The role and meaning of sacraments
			Role and importance of pilgrimage
		Church and community	Role of the church within the local community
			Place of mission, evangelism and Church growth
			The importance of the worldwide Church

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Thematic studies	Religion, Crime and Punishment	Religion, crime and the causes of crime	Good and evil intentions and actions, including whether it can ever be good to cause suffering
			Reasons for crime
			Views about people who break the law
			Views about different types of crime
		Religion and punishment	The aims of punishment, including retribution, deterrence and reformation
			The treatment of criminals, including prison, corporal punishment and community service
			Forgiveness
			The death penalty
			Ethical arguments related to the death penalty, including those based on the principle of utility and sanctity of life
	Religion, Peace and Conflict	Religion, violence, terrorism and war	The meaning and significance of peace, justice, forgiveness and reconciliation
			Violence, including violent protest
			Terrorism
			Reasons for war, including greed, self-defence and retaliation
			The just war theory
			Holy war
			Pacifism
		Religion and belief in 21 <sup>st</sup> century conflict	Religion and belief as a cause of war and violence in the contemporary world
			Nuclear weapons, including nuclear deterrence
			The use of weapons of mass destruction
			Religion and peace-making in the contemporary world
			Religious responses to the victims of war, including the work of one present-day religious organisation
	Religion and Life	The origins and value of the universe	Different interpretations of religious teachings around the origins of the universe
			The relationship between scientific views and religious views
			The value of the world and the duty of human beings to protect it
			The use and abuse of the environment, including the use of natural resources
			The use and abuse of animals, including animal experimentation and the use of animals for food
			The origins of life
		The origins and value of human life	The concepts of sanctity of life and the quality of life
			Abortion
			Ethical arguments relation to abortion
			Euthanasia
			Beliefs about death and an afterlife, and their impact on beliefs about the value of human life
	Relationships and Families	Sex, marriage and divorce	Human sexuality
			Sexual relationships before and outside of marriage
			Contraception and family planning
			The nature and purpose of marriage
			Same-sex marriage and cohabitation
			Divorce and remarriage
		Families and gender equality	Ethical arguments related to divorce
			The nature of families
			The purpose of families
			Contemporary family issues
			The roles of men and women
			Gender equality
			Gender prejudice and discrimination