**GCSE Course Content \* 3 areas studied from different view points**

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| **Christian Beliefs and Teachings*** The nature of God
* One God and the Trinity
* Different beliefs about Creation
* Different beliefs about the afterlife
* Incarnation
* Crucifixion
* Resurrection
* Ascension
* Beliefs about salvation and atonement
 | **Christian Practices*** Different forms of worship
* The significance of prayer
* Baptism
* Holy Communion
* Pilgrimage Christmas
* Easter
* The Church and the local community: street pastors and food banks
* Mission and evangelism
* Persecution
* Reconciliation
* The work of Christian Aid
 | **Islam Beliefs and Teachings*** The Six Articles of Faith in Sunni Islam
* The Five Roots of Usul ad-Din in Shia Islam
* The concept of tawhid
* Nature of Allah
* Angels
* Predestination and free will
* Akhirah (life after death)
* Risalah (prophethood): Adam, Ibrahim, Muhammad
* Holy books: Qur’an and other special books
* The imamate in Shia Islam
 | **Islam Practices**The Five Pillars of Islam* Shahadah (Declaration of Faith)
* Salah (prayer)
* Zakah (alms giving)
* Sawm (fasting)
* Hajj (pilgrimage)
* Jihad
* Festivals: Eid ul-Fitr, Eid ul-Adha, Ashura
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| **A: Family and Relationships*** Human sexuality including: Heterosexual and **homosexuality**
* **Sexual relationships before** and outside of **marriage**
* **Contraception and family planning**
* The purpose of marriage
* Same-sex marriage and cohabitation
* Divorce and remarrying
* The nature of families
* The purpose of families
* Family issues: same-sex parents, polygamy
* The roles of men and women
* Gender equality and prejudice
 | **B: Religion and Life*** Different views on the origins of the universe
* The value of the world and human’s role to protect it
* The use and abuse of the environment
* **The use and abuse of animals**
* Sanctity of life/quality of life
* **Abortion**
* **Euthanasia**
* Different beliefs about the after life
 | **D: Peace and Conflict*** The meaning and significance of: peace, justice, forgiveness, reconciliation
* **Violence**, including violent protest
* Terrorism
* Reasons for war
* The Just War Theory
* Holy war
* **Pacifism**
* The causes of war
* **Weapons of mass destruction**
* Religion and peace making
* Religious response to victims of war
 | **E: Crime and Punishment*** Good and evil intentions and actions
* Reasons for crime
* Views about people who break the law for these reasons
* Views about different types of crime, including hate crimes, theft and murder
* The aims of punishment
* The treatment of criminals: prison, **corporal punishment**, community service
* **Forgiveness**
* **The death penalty**

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