**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 |
| **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** |