

Resources Handbook

GCSE Religious Studies C (Religion and Belief in Today's World)

OCR GCSE in Religious Studies C: J622/J122

Generic Resource List

This handbook is designed to accompany the OCR GCSE Religious Studies C specification for teaching from September 2009.

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http://catholic-resources.org/Art/	Expressing religion through the arts, including literature, music, painting/ sculpture, and	Biblical and religious art and music
	theatre/ television/ film	A useful additional resource
		General Educational Scholarly and Research Resources:
hundlen en en eld	General searchable information, relevant to any	COPAC
http://copac.ac.uk/	part of the specification according to search criteria specified	National, Academic, and Specialist Library Catalogue
		A hub of research and university libraries, including the British Library
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/	General searchable information, relevant to any part of the specification according to search criteria specified	As with all 'wiki' sites it is member edited so should not be used as a lone source but it is more accessible than some sites for students and could be used as a source for introductory reading
	General searchable information, relevant to any	General Educational Scholarly and Research Resources:
http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/	part of the specification according to search criteria specified	BBC Religion
		A wide range of reliable resources on religion
General searchable information, relevant to any part of the specification according to search criteria specified	General Educational Scholarly and Research Resources:	
	BBC Arts	
		A wide range of reliable resources on the arts

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http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/	General searchable information, relevant to any part of the specification according to search criteria specified	General Educational Scholarly and Research Resources: BBC History A useful general and reliable, up-to-date source
http://news.bbc.co.uk/today/hi/default.stm	Influences of religion in society – UK	News site giving new and breaking news from across the UK.
http://www.bbc.co.uk/music/souldeep/	Expressing religion through the arts, including literature, music, painting/sculpture, and theatre/television/film	BBC Music
	Soul music	
http://www.lonelyplanet.com/	Influences of religion in society – various countries	More general information about countries as travel destinations but with some useful facts and figures. The 'Places in' link takes you to an alphabetical list where you can get information about specific sites. It also links to news headlines relating to the country from the BBC.
https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the- world-factbook/	Influences of religion in society various countries	Not easy reading but a useful source of factual and statistical material; includes sections on the government, 'transnational' issues, and the economy. There are links to definitions for technical terms and in some categories comparison of statistics with the wider world.
		Not really a site for students unless you are having an information hunt style activity.

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http://scholar.google.co.uk/	General searchable information, relevant to any part of the specification according to search criteria specified	General Educational Scholarly and Research Resources: Google scholar An excellent resource for research and scholarly writing
http://www.intute.ac.uk/artsandhumanities/about.html	General searchable information, relevant to any part of the specification according to search criteria specified	General Educational Scholarly and Research Resources: Intute 'Artifact and Humbul, two of the hubs of the Resource Discovery Network (RDN)' integrated 'to create Intute: Arts and Humanities, a subject group of Intute', with funding from the Joint Information Systems Committee (JISC) and the Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC).
http://www.englishpen.org/	Expressing religion through the arts, including literature, music, painting/ sculpture, and theatre/ television/ film Multiculturalism in Britain and issues surrounding artistic licence to portray religions	English PEN Part of the worldwide association of writers, English PEN has campaigned since the 1920s on issues of freedom of expression, and often today against limitations placed upon literary artists by the sensitivities of religious traditions. While religion and art is often in harmonious relationship, rights-focused organisations are often a useful entry point to points of conflict between religion and the creative arts.

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http://www.ifex.org/	Expressing religion through the arts, including literature, music, painting/ sculpture, and theatre/ television/ film Multiculturalism in Britain and issues surrounding artistic licence to portray religions	IFEX, International Freedom of Expression eXchange IFEX was formed in 1992 and now represents arguably the world's largest single hub of (around eighty) major organisation concerning with freedom of expression around the world While religion and art is often in harmonious relationship, rights-focused organisations are often a useful entry point to points of conflict between religion and the creative arts.
http://www.hrw.org/	Expressing religion through the arts, including literature, music, painting/sculpture, and theatre/television/film	Human Rights Watch An American based human rights organisation with some excellent resources on freedom of religious, often in regard to cultural matters General information about religious beliefs and practises that can be applied to different issues as required by the specification
http://www.amnesty.org.uk/	Expressing religion through the arts, including literature, music, painting/ sculpture, and theatre/ television/ film	Amnesty International UK based human rights organisation with some excellent resources on freedom of religious, often in regard to cultural matters While religion and art is often in harmonious relationship, rights-focused organisations are often a useful entry point to points of conflict between religion and the creative arts.

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http://www.ctbi.org.uk/200/	Expressing religion through the arts, including literature, music, painting/ sculpture, and theatre/ television/ film	Churches Together spirituality network
	Spirituality	
http://www.british-history.ac.uk/	Knowing and understanding the significance of one period in the British history of the Christian religion A Study of one or more geographical landmarks of special religious and cultural significance and evaluating its worth Religious influences on governance of this	British History Online Includes parliamentary, religious and ecclesiastical history with strong local resources; British History Online, contains a digital library 'containing some of the core printed primary and secondary sources for the medieval and modern history of the British Isles' created by the Institute of Historical Research and
	country	the History of Parliament Trust
http://www.britannia.com/history/	Knowing and understanding the significance of one period in the British history of the Christian religion	Britannia History
	Religious influences on governance of this country	
http://www.britannia.com/church/index.html	Knowing and understanding the significance of one period in the British history of the Christian religion Religious influences on governance of this country	The Church in Britain (part of Britannia History) Wealth of resources on all aspects of the Christian Church in Britain, including an important links

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http://www.ccbh.ac.uk/home.php	Knowing and understanding the significance of one period in the British history of the Christian religion Religious influences on governance of this country	The Centre for Contemporary British History (CCBH) One of the three research centres of the Institute of Historical Research, School of Advanced Study, University of London
http://www.history.ac.uk/	Knowing and understanding the significance of one period in the British history of the Christian religion The role of the Monarchy and links with The Church of England Religious influences on governance of this country	Institute of Historical Research Includes 'find a history lecturer in a UK university' and 'search an edited database of history websites' Include Reviews in History - a free online journal with more than 500 book reviews and reappraisals
http://www.parliament.uk/commons/index.cf m	British Laws and connections to religion Religious influences on governance of this country Britain today	House of Commons UK Parliament resource – key for finding out about legislation
http://www.parliament.uk/lords/index.cfm	British Laws and connections to religion Religious influences on governance of this country Britain today	House of Lords UK Parliament resource – key for finding out about legislation

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	The impact of the Empire on Modern Britain	Commonwealth and Empire Museum
www.empiremuseum.co.uk/	Pluralism and how faiths other than Christianity came to Britain	This is a major contemporary and historical resource, including much reference material on slavery
	The impact of the Empire on Modern Britain	Imperial War Museum
http://www.iwm.org.uk/	Pluralism and how faiths other than Christianity came to Britain	An important resource on a lot more than war, includes a significant exhibition of the Holocaust
	The impact of the Empire on Modern Britain	Interfaith Network
http://www.interfaith.org.uk/	Pluralism and how faiths other than Christianity came to Britain	A useful resource for interfaith dialogue
	The impact of the Empire on Modern Britain	
http://www.thecommonwealth.org/	The emergence of 'the Commonwealth', the United Nations and 'universal human rights'	The Commonwealth A useful international resource including much
	Immigration encouraged in the 1950s and onwards bringing a variety of faith systems	religious and cultural information
	The impact of the Empire on Modern Britain	
www.up.org/	The emergence of 'the Commonwealth', the United Nations and 'universal human rights	United Nations An immonsoly rish worldwide resource, significant for
www.un.org/	Immigration encouraged in the 1950s and onwards bringing a variety of faith systems	An immensely rich worldwide resource, significant for legal documents around human rights, but covering a range of current as well as historical issues
	Britain today	

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http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/	The impact of the Empire on Modern Britain Immigration encouraged in the 1950s and onwards bringing a variety of faith systems Britain today	The Home Office Up-to-date information on immigration
http://www.religiouseducationcouncil.org/	Britain today	Religious Education Council of England and Wales A wealth of educational and faith community resources
http://www.theredirectory.org.uk/	Britain today	The RE Directory Designed as one stop reference point for education, faith communities, courses, and much else
http://www.qca.org.uk/	Britain today	QCA A public body sponsored by the DCSF plays 'a vital role in the development, delivery and reform of the education and training framework for England'.
http://www.natsoc.org.uk/	Britain today	The National Society Church of England society promoting religious education
http://www.whatistruth.org.uk/index.php	The Nature of Truth	A site considering the question posed by Pilate about the nature of truth and answering it from a Christian perspective.

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http://scienceandreligion.com/intro.htm	The Nature of Truth Seeking the Truth Mysticism	An interesting, although not especially easy to read site, exploring areas of interest to both science and religion. The type is generally very small and the layout not especially easy on the eye but there is some useful and interesting content, which you may be able to give directly to students.
http://www.cultinformation.org.uk/home.html	Fundamentalism and Cults The rise of and interest in Religious Movements - cults	A range of information about cults, including groups of specific current concern, ways to identify cults and a small database of articles relating to cults.
http://wwrn.org/index.php	Fundamentalism	This site is a good source of general news stories with a religious focus; it is worth checking for stories specifically to do with religious fundamentalism on this and other news sites. Sources of the stories vary and you may need to be selective if intending to make them accessible directly to students.
http://www.infoplease.com/#	General searchable information	An online encyclopaedia with general information available in a variety of forms including encyclopaedia articles, dictionary and atlases.
http://www.adherents.com/	General information on religion / religions	A site collecting statistics and information on religious geography.
http://www.youthinformation.com	General searchable information – issues based.	Information targeted specifically for young people about practical and ethical issues in the modern world.
http://www.religion-cults.com/	General information on religion / religions	Brief overviews of belief and practise.

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http://www.religioustolerance.org/	General information on religion / religions	An informative database of essays and articles relating to a vast range of religions.
http://www.religionfacts.com/	General information on religion / religions	Searchable database of factual articles about different world faiths.
http://www.spotlightministries.org.uk/	General information on religion / religions	Provides a 'spotlight' on different branches and types of Christianity. This is a Christian site but it does include sections on less mainstream churches
http://www.request.org.uk/	Topics from Christian perspectives	A free website for teaching about Christianity in Religious Studies.
http://www.reonline.org.uk/	All topics/ religious perspectives	Search engine for topics within the subject
http://re-xs.ucsm.ac.uk/	All topics/ religious perspectives	Selection of topics and information areas.
http://www.pcfre.org.uk	General RE website	Resources for R. E/ teachers covering variety of topics and approaches.

ON THE BOOKSHELF		
Publication	Relevance to Specification	Notes and comments
The Atlas of Religion	The rise of and interest in religious movements	The book consists of series of world maps, colour-
Joanne O'Brien and Martin Palmer	Influences of humanism and secularisation	coded and marked with symbols to illustrate different areas of interest relating to religion around the world.
University of California Press	Decline/persistence/resurgence of religion	A good visual resource, suitable for teacher research and use with students.
Encyclopaedia of New Religions: New Religious Movements, sects and Alternative Spiritualities	The rise of and interest in Policious Mayoments	There are many dictionary or encyclopaedia style books around which will give you a broad overview of the distinctive beliefs and practises of a vast array of religions; the content is of necessity briefer than that
Christopher H Partridge	The rise of and interest in Religious Movements	of a book dedicated to exploring one religion but may
Lion Publishing		also be more accessible for students and so of more use in the classroom.
Encyclopaedic Dictionary of Cults, Sects and World Religions		
George Mather, Larry A Nichols, Alvin J Schmidt		
Zondervan Publishing House		

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Maybe Yes, Maybe No: A Guide for		These are all books that explore secular philosophies
Young Skeptics	Influences of humanians and accularisation	of life and systems of morality.
Dan Barker and Brian Strassbourg	Influences of humanism and secularisation	
Prometheus Books	Decline/persistence/resurgence of religion	They are written for children and some may be pitched at a low level for able GCSE students;
Maybe Right, Maybe Wrong	Importance of morality	content can be adapted however and if children are coming to the study of secularism for the first time a
Dan Barker		simple starting point could be helpful
Prometheus Books		
The Atlan of Deliving	Fundamentalism and religious conflicts	The book consists of series of world many colour
The Atlas of Religion	Religion and Community	The book consists of series of world maps, colour- coded and marked with symbols to illustrate different
Joanne O'Brien and Martin Palmer	Sacred places	areas of interest relating to religion around the world. A good visual resource, suitable for teacher research
University of California Press	Human Rights	and use with students.

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Philosophy for Dummies Tom Morris Wiley	The Nature of Truth	An introduction to philosophical ideas of truth. While the specification does not require students to be academic philosophers the idea of truth as a relative concept is an important one when studying different religious responses to the same questions. This will give non-philosophy teachers more confidence dealing with the subject in the classroom.	
Framework RE 1 Anne Keast and John Keast Hodder Murray	The Nature of Truth Claims of Family and Community	These text books are written for Key Stage 3 pupils but the ideas in them could be adapted for Key Stag 4. Relevant units include why people are religious and how religious beliefs affect attitudes.	
Framework RE 2 Steve Clarke Hodder Murray	The Nature of Truth	These text books are written for Key Stage 3 pupils but the ideas in them could be adapted for Key Stage 4. The units cover questions about religion, truth and authority and the impact of belief on human behaviour in an accessible manner.	
Framework RE3 Joy Wright Hodder Murray	Fundamentalism Claims of Family and Community	These text books are written for Key Stage 3 pupils but the ideas in them could be adapted for Key Stage 4. Relevant units include the impact of religion on community and the affects of religious belief on peace and conflict.	

John Rankin, Alan Brown, Paul Gateshill	Ethics and religion	2003	Longman	0-582-03307-1
Joe Jenkins	Contemporary Moral Issues	1997	Heinemann	0-435-30311-2
Ann Lovelace & Joy White	Beliefs, Values and Traditions	1996	Heinemann	0-435-30248-5
Ed. Owen Cole	Moral Issues in six religions	1991	Heinemann	0-435-30299-X
Chris Wright	God and Morality	2003	Oxford	0-19-914839-2
Chris Wright	Beliefs, Questions and Issues	2003	Oxford	0-19-914840-0
Chris Wright	Truth and Spirituality today	2003	Oxford	0-19-914842-4

David Simmons	Things that Matter	1991	Blackie	0-216-93100-2
Libby Ahluwahia & Alex Marklew	Philosophy and Ethics		Folens	FD4396
Sarah Tyler & Gordon Reid	Religion and Life	2006	Philip Allan	1-84489-224-2
Sarah Tyler & Gordon Reid	Religion and Society	2006	Philip Allan	1-84489-222-8
Jon Mayled &Libby Ahluwalia	Discovery – Philosophy and Ethics	2008	Nelson Thornes	0-7487-6223-1
Anne Jordan	Perspectives on Religious Issues	1999	Stanley Thornes	0-7487-7255-1
Bernard Williams, Lyn Clarke, Mandy Kennick, Graham Langtree	One World Many Issues	1997	Stanley Thornes	0-7487-6257-6

	Issues series – many titles containing relevant articles	Continuously updating	Independence Educational Publishers	Various – series
Mike Kirby	Contemporary Issues and Religious principles	1995	Pearson	1-85467-053-0
Susanna R. Hookway	Questions of truth	2004	RMEP	1-85175-326-5

The following are Religion-Specific Books

A selection of the many books published to cover different belief systems and approaches to issues. In some cases attitudes to issues must be understood through the beliefs and teachings in application. New editions of some books are available, whilst others are in their original format.

Simon & Christopher Danes	Today's Issues and Christian Beliefs	2000	Lion	0-7459-2521-9
Steven Clarke, Pamela Draycott, Kevin O'Donnell, C M Pilkington, Jan Thompson, Veronica Voiels, Michael Wilcockson	A New Approach Series Christianity; Islam; Buddhism; Hinduism; Sikhism; Judaism	2005	Hodders	978-0-340-81490-1; 0-340-81491-8; 0-340-81505-2; 0-340-81504-5; 0-340-60555-4; 0-340-51951-6
Michael Keene	Christian beliefs and issues	2007	Badger publishing	1-84691-084-5

Pat Lunt	Christian beliefs and issues – teacher's book with CD- Rom	2007	Badger publishing	1-84691-099-9
Jon Mayled & Janet Green	Christianity	2003	Hodder Murray	0-340-78962-9
Anne Jordan	Christianity and Moral Issues	1999	Stanley Thornes	0-7487-4039-2
Chris Wright	Life Issues. A Christian perspective	1997	Lion	0-7459-3420-X
Michael Keene	Christianity and Social Issues	1995	Stanley Thornes	0-7487-2190-8
W. Owen Cole & Peggy Morgan	Six religions in the twenty- first century	2000	Stanley Thornes	0-7487-5167-X
Janet King	Global perspectives on Christianity	2001	RMEP	1-85175-273-0

Claire Clinton, Sally Lynch, Janet Orchard, Deborah	Religion in Focus series:	1998	Hodder Murray	0-7195-7526-6;
Weston, Angela Wright, Vivienne Cato	Christianity in today's world;			0-7195-7528-0;
Vivisimo Gato	Islam in today's world;			0-7195-7197-8
	Judaism in today's world			
Edited	What the churches say on social and moral issues	1995	CEM	1-85100-084-4
W. Owen Cole	Christianity	1991	Stanley Thornes	1-871402-10-7
F Beswick	Christian Medical ethics	1992	First and best in education	1-86083-290-3
Mike Kirby	Christianity and Islam	1996	Pearson publishing	1-85749-307-9
Mike Kirby	Hinduism and Judaism	1996	Pearson publishing	1-85749-309-7

Mike Kirby	Buddhism and Sikhism	1997	Pearson publishing	1-85749-309-5
S. Clarke	The Buddhist Way	1998	Hodder and Stoughton	0-340-68867-X
E. Conze (trans)	Buddhist Scriptures	1959	Penguin	0-14-044088-7
C.Wright	Buddhism for today	1997	OUP	0-19-917241-2
Peggy Morgan	Buddhism in the 21 st century	1984	Hulton	0-7175-1394-7
Michael Keene	Buddhist beliefs and issues	2007	Badger publishing	1-84691-086-9
Pat Lunt	Buddhist beliefs and issues – teacher book with CD- Rom	2007	Badger publishing	1-84691-101-9

V. P. Kanitkar	Hinduism	1989	Stanley Thornes	1-87140-209-3
R.Jackson &D.Killingley	Moral Issues in the Hindu tradition	1991	Trentham	0-94808-050-7
R.C.Zaehner	Hindu Scriptures	1992	Everyman's Library	1-85715-064-3
Michael Keene	Hindu beliefs and issues	2007	Badger publishing	1-84691-087-6
Pat Lunt	Hindu beliefs and issues – teacher book with CD-Rom	2007	Badger publishing	1-84691-102-6
R. W. Masqsood	The Qur'an	1993	Heinemann	0-435-30352-X
A. Wood	Islam for today	1998	OUP	0-19-917254-6
Janet Green	Islam – new edition	2009	Hodder Murray	9780340983614

I. Hewitt	What does Islam say about?	1998	Muslim Educational Trust	0-90726-134-5
J.Orchard	Islam in today's world	1999	John Murray	0-7195-7432-3
Michael Keene	Muslim beliefs and issues	2007	Badger publishing	1-84691-088-3
Pat Lunt	Muslim beliefs and issues – teacher book with CD-Rom	2007	Badger publishing	1-84691-103-3
A. Wood	Judaism for today	1997	Hodder Murray	0-7195-7197-9
A Wright & V. Cato	Judaism in today's world	2002	Hodder Murray	0-7195-7197-9
Jon Mayled	Judaism – new edition	2009	Hodder Murray	9780340983621
Michael Keene	Jewish beliefs and issues	2007	Badger publishing	1-84691-085-2

Pat Lunt	Jewish beliefs and issues – teacher book with CD-Rom	2007	Badger publishing	1-84691-100-2
A. Wood	Sikhism for today	1998	OUP	0-19-917255-2
P, Draycott	Sikhism 11-16	1994	СЕМ	1-85100-074-7
Michael Keene	Sikh belief and issues	2007	Badger publishing	1-84691-089-0
Pat Lunt	Sikh belief and issues – teacher book with CD-Rom	2007	Badger publishing	1-84691-104-0
Mark Vernon	Teach yourself Humanism	2008	Teach Yourself	0-340-98361-4
Peter Cave	Humanism – A beginner's guide	2009	Oneworld publications	1-8516-8589-9
Richard Norman	On Humanism	2004	Routledge	0-4153-0523-5

CD-Roms and/or interactive DVDs					
Developed by: Churches Together in England, The Stapleford Centre	Set all Free	2007	RMEP	1-851-75351-2	
	'Interactive Moral Issues'- lesson Kit	2005	Birchfield	8-8888-8823-3	
Videos and DVDs relating	to issues within the unit.				
Channel 4 learning	ORIGINS AND IDENTITY DVD		Relates to aspects of citizenship skills • Rights and responsibilities • Prejudice and discrimination • Mutual respect and understanding • Changes in societies and cultures; Social and community issues • Minority nationalities in the UK Race in the 20th Century • The twentieth-century world • British social and economic history • Civil rights in the USA		
Classroom Video	Essentials of Faith – Christianity	2006	Looks at core values and common belief		
Classroom Video	Essentials of faith – Islam	2006		Traditional beliefs remain intact this also looks at modern cultural influences e.g. dress	
Classroom Video	Essentials of Faith – Hinduism	2006	The diversity and co	The diversity and correlation within the religion.	
Classroom Video	Essentials of Faith – Buddhism	2006	Recognises two traditions sharing the same philosophy.		

Classroom Video	Essentials of faith – Judaism	2006	Recognises the diversity yet the uniformity of identity.
Classroom Video	Essentials of faith – Humanism	2006	Overview of the aspects of humanist philosophy.