



ENRICHMENT PHILOSOPHY & ETHICS



WIDER READING LIST A LEVEL Philosophy, Ethics and Buddhism

Philosophy:

- 1) 'The Puzzle of God' (1999) by Peter Vardy. This text contains key chapters on a range of Philosophy units, particularly helpful for Miracles and the Nature of God.
- 2) 'An Introduction to the Philosophy of Religion' (1993) by B. Davies. This text is more challenging but is a great place to go for wider reading.
- 3) 'An Introduction to Plato's Republic' (1998) by J. Annas. Chapters 9 and 10 useful for the study of Plato.
- 4) Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy
Helpful articles on just about everything from the world (and jargon) of philosophy!
<http://www.iep.utm.edu/>



Ethics:

- 1) 'The Puzzle of Ethics' (1999) by Peter Vardy. This text contains useful chapters on a range of Ethical theories, with some chapters on the application of these theories to issues such as euthanasia and abortion.
- 2) 'Ethical Studies: Second Edition' (2004) by R. Bowie. This is a very useful text for the A level Ethics course and contains key chapters on a range of ethical theories, with evaluation sections.
- 3) 'The Moral Philosophers' (2015) by A. Grath. A challenging text but useful for discussions about some key ethical thinkers.
- 4) *Mel Thompson, a senior examiner has a site full of helpful and relevant articles (both Philosophy + Ethics)* <http://www.mel-thompson.co.uk/>
- 5) Online Philosophy and Ethics Revision- <http://www.rsrevision.com>



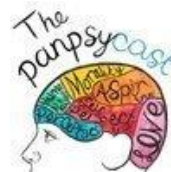
Buddhism:

- 1) 'An introduction to Buddhism' (2001) by Geshe Kelsang Gyatso
- 2) 'The essence of Buddhism' (2014) by Traleg Kyabgon
- 3) Cush, D. (1993) 'A student's approach to world religions: Buddhism'
- 4) Harvey, P. (2012) 'An introduction to Buddhism: teachings, history and practices'
- 5) Rahula (1994) 'What the Buddha taught'
- 6) BBC ethics and religion <http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion>



PODCASTS:

- The Moral Maze - Podcast
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006qk11/episodes/downloads>
- The Panpsycast Podcast (KS5)
<https://thepanpsycast.com/panpsycast2/>
- In Our Time Philosophy- Podcast (KS5)
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p01f0vzr>





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<p>St Thomas Aquinas https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TqiSehuGOyY</p>	
<p>William Paley https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7e9v_fsZB6A</p>	
<p>Anselm https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FmTsS5xFA6k</p>	



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Year 11- Philosophy, Ethics and Buddhism

Here is some A level taster work to try bits of if you want to study Philosophy & Ethics at A level or in higher education. Even if it is not, expand your knowledge of Ethics to impress your friends and family 😊



TASK 1: Find out what Ethics is all about using this article

http://www.bbc.co.uk/ethics/introduction/intro_1.shtml

TASK 2: Use the videos below to find out what each of these key Ethical theories and complete the table below. Consider which of the theories you most support and why. Which theories do you totally disagree with and why.

<p>Situation Ethics https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8UJ3rT34X1k</p>	
<p>Natural Law https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r_UfYY7aWK0</p>	



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<p>Utilitarianism https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-a739ViqdSI</p>	
<p>Kantian Ethics https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8blys6JoEDw</p>	

TASK 3: Use the table above outlining the four key Ethical theories.

Take each statement at a time and consider how each of these ethical theories can be applied to these dilemmas. What would each theory tell a person to do?

- Your friend is on her way out of the house for a date and asks you if you like her dress. You don't like it so do you tell her the truth or do you lie?
- At a restaurant, you see your friend's wife at a restaurant, holding hands with another man. Do you tell your friend and ruin his marriage or do you pretend you never saw it?
- Your colleague always takes credit for your and others' work. Now, you have the chance to take credit for her work. Would you do it?
- You are a salesperson. Are you ethically obligated to disclose a core weakness of your product to your potential customer?



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Task 1:

1. Find out and write down the meanings of the following key terms:
 - Samsara
 - Nirvana
 - Dukkha
 - Enlightenment
 - Anicca
 - Anatta
 - Metta
 - Buddha
 - Dharma
 - Sangha
2. Watch this excellent Buddhism video that briefly summarises the religion
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=litWtakwsjw>
3. Research the following articles and consider this question:

'How do Buddhists respond to suffering?'

Starting point for research:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZGW-g1hTK1k>

https://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/buddhism/beliefs/fournobletruths_1.shtml

<https://www.britannica.com/topic/dukkha>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/buddhism/buddhistethics/war.shtml>

<http://www.buddhistpeacefellowship.org/ouch-suffering-systemic-oppression-and-the-four-noble-truths/>

4. Consider your own ideas about whether meditation should only be a religious practice or whether it can be helpful to everyone.