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**School of Politics, Philosophy and International Studies**

**Module Handbook**

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**Philosophy of Religion**

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Level: 5

Semester: 1

Time: Wednesday 9:15-10:05(weeks 6, 8,10,12,14,16)

Thursday 11:15-12:05 (weeks 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 23, 25, 27, 29, 34, 36)

Venue: Derwent LT 1

Credit Value: 20

Module Leader: Dr. Daniel Came

Pre-requisites: None

Co-requisites: None

Post-requisites: None

Anti-requisites: None

Total Contact: 10 x 1 hour weekly lectures

 10 x 1 hour weekly seminars

Assessment: 1 x 2000 word essay (40%)

1 x 2 hour (unseen) exam (60%)

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 Semester 2: Monday 14:00-16.00

**This handbook is available on request in alternative formats from the School Office**

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**PLEASE NOTE: this Module Handbook should be read in conjunction with the *School of Politics, Philosophy and International Studies (***hereafter ***PPIS) Assessment Guide* (**or ***Green Book*), the relevant *University Programme Regulations* and the *PPIS Student Handbook* (**or ***Blue Book*).**

The *PPIS Assessment Guide* (or *Green Book*) can be downloaded from the School eBridge site. All PPIS students will be given paper copies and alternative formats can be requested from the School Office.

For *University Programme Regulations* see:

<http://www2.hull.ac.uk/administration/policyregister/qualityhandbook/sectionb.aspx>

The *PPIS* *Student Handbook* (or *Blue Book*) is available from the School eBridge site. Alternative format copies can be requested from the School Office. The *University Student Handbook*, containing broadly similar but non-PPIS-specific information, is available online at <http://www2.hull.ac.uk/student/studenthandbook.aspx>

**It is your responsibility to ensure that you are fully acquainted with all of the requirements set out in this handbook and in the associated documentation.**

**PLEASE NOTE:** The School of PPIS operate a policy of continuous quality enhancement, reflecting on the previous year’s practice and specific feedback such as that gained through the Staff-Student Committee. This is intended to ensure that the School provides the highest quality student experience possible. The School is, on occasion, also required to amend its policies to ensure that they are fully compliant with University regulations and Faculty guidance. Students are advised to ensure that they consult that the Handbooks and Regulations they consult are the up-to-date versions.

**1. GENERAL OUTLINE AND AIMS OF THE MODULE**

The purpose of this module is to enable you to examine claims about the existence of God and the nature of religious faith. What, if anything, is meant by claims about the existence of God? Could they be true? What justification, if any, can or needs to be provided for them? Is moral commitment the core of religious belief? Can religion be detached from questions of objective truth? Is religion essentially repressive or essentially liberating or neither? How should we characterize the religious life, and is it worth living? Is religion inherently pathological? Does living a religious life entail denying this life for the sake of a future life? Is religion something that we should seek to mature out of? You will have the opportunity to study arguments for the existence of God – for example, the teleological argument from the fact that the universe is governed by scientific laws, and the cosmological argument from the existence of the universe. Other issues we will consider are whether religious statements are meaningful, whether the fact of pain and suffering counts strongly, or even conclusively, against the existence of God, whether religious beliefs are merely a projection of human desires, and whether the idea of life having a purpose stands and falls with the belief in God. Among the major thinkers whose contributions to the philosophy of religion we will consider are Aquinas, Descartes, Leibniz, Kant, Hume, Kierkegaard, Nietzsche, Freud, and Wittgenstein.

**2. LEARNING OUTCOMES**

By the end of the module students should be able to:

1. Examine philosophical arguments, theories central to the philosophy of religon.
2. Understand a piece of philosophical exegesis supported by relevant textual evidence.
3. Engage with the relevant secondary literature in a written form commensurate with level 5 standards.
4. Identify the contribution of the disciplines of history, classics, politics, and religion to the study of canonical texts in the philosophy of religion.

**3. METHOD OF TEACHING**

Teaching will be by way of weekly lectures and seminars which will be led by Dr. D. Came.

**Attendance at all lectures and seminars is compulsory unless otherwise advised and will be monitored accordingly. Students are also required to attend punctually.** Failure to attend classes as required may have implications for a student’s progression. Further details regarding the relevant University regulations can be found at <http://www2.hull.ac.uk/administration/leap/quality_standards/quality%20handbook/section%20k.aspx> and in the *PPIS Student Handbook* (or *Blue Book*).

Students can inform the School Office of reasons for absence at ppis-absences@hull.ac.uk Be advised that relevant documentary evidence, e.g. a letter from your GP, might be required in appropriate circumstances in support of any reasons given.

**4. ESSAY TITLES**

Choose one of the following titles:

1. Is the concept of God coherent?
2. Explain and evaluate one version of the cosmological argument for the existence of God.
3. How does the so-called ‘fine-tuning’ version of the design argument differ from the traditional Paleyan version? To what extent does it represent an improvement thereon?
4. Is there a sound version of the ontological argument?

**5. ESSAY DEADLINE**

12.00pm (noon) Monday 8th December

1. **SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS**

Each student must make one un-assessed seminar presentation. Presentation topics will correspond to the topic of the preceding lecture and will be allocated during the first seminar session. Each seminar presentation should be a minimum of 15 minutes long. Students may use PowerPoint, handouts, or neither. Presentation topics and dates can be changed only with the explicit agreement of Dr D. Came. In such circumstances the student is responsible for finding another student willing to switch with them.

**7. LECTURE TOPICS AND PREPARATORY READING**

**Lecture 1: The Nature of God**

Seminar reading: Davies, B., An Introduction to the Philosophy of Religion, (Oxford University Press, 2003), chapter 1.

**Lecture 2: The Cosmological Argument**

Seminar reading: Davies, B., An Introduction to the Philosophy of Religion, (Oxford University Press, 2003), chapter 3.

Le Poidevin, R., Arguing for Atheism: An Introduction to the Philosophy of Religion, (Routledge, 1996), chapters 1 & 3.

**Lecture 3: The Design Argument**

Seminar reading: Davies, B., An Introduction to the Philosophy of Religion, (Oxford University Press, 2003), chapter 4.

Le Poidevin, R., Arguing for Atheism: An Introduction to the Philosophy of Religion, (Routledge, 1996), chapter 4.

**Lecture 4: The Ontological Argument**

Seminar reading: Davies, B., An Introduction to the Philosophy of Religion, (Oxford University Press, 2003), chapter 5.

Le Poidevin, R., Arguing for Atheism: An Introduction to the Philosophy of Religion, (Routledge, 1996), chapter 2.

**Lecture 5: God and Morality**

Seminar reading: Davies, B., An Introduction to the Philosophy of Religion, (Oxford University Press, 2003), chapter 12.

Le Poidevin, R., Arguing for Atheism: An Introduction to the Philosophy of Religion, (Routledge, 1996), chapter 6.

**Lecture 6: The Problem of Evil**

Seminar Reading: Davies, B., An Introduction to the Philosophy of Religion, (Oxford University Press, 2003), chapter 10.

Le Poidevin, R., Arguing for Atheism: An Introduction to the Philosophy of Religion, (Routledge, 1996), chapter 7.

**Lecture 7: Natural Histories of Religion**

Seminar Reading: Hick, J. Philosophy of Religion (Prentice Hall, 1990), ch. 3; **on eBridge.**

**Lecture 8: Fideism**

Seminar Reading: Mackie, J.L. ‘Belief Without Reason’, in his The Miracle of Theism (Clarendon, 1982); **on eBridge.**

**Lecture 9: Death and the AfterLife**

Seminar Reading: Davies, B., An Introduction to the Philosophy of Religion (Oxford University Press, 2003), chapter 13.

Le Poidevin, R., Arguing for Atheism: An Introduction to the Philosophy of Religion, (Routledge, 1996), chapter 10.

**Lecture 10: God and the Meaning of Life**

Seminar Reading: Craig, W., “The Absurdity of Life Without God”, in Klemke, E.D., (ed.), The Meaning of Life*,* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2000). Available online: <http://rintintin.colorado.edu/~vancecd/phil3600/Craig.pdf>

**8. Reading List**

Course textbooks

Davies, B., An Introduction to the Philosophy of Religion, (Oxford University Press, 2003).

Le Poidevin, R., Arguing for Atheism: An Introduction to the Philosophy of Religion, (Routledge, 1996).

NB. Most of the seminar readings are taken from the above texts. Students are therefore asked to purchase their own copies.

Further reading (by topic)

The Nature of God

Pike, N., ‘Omnipotence and God's Ability to Sin’, American Philosophical Quarterly, 6 (1969). .

Rosenkrantz, G. S. and Hoffman, J., 1980, ‘The Omnipotence Paradox, Modality, and Time’, Southern Journal of Philosophy, 18 (1980).

Rosenkrantz, G. S. and Hoffman, J., ‘What An Omnipotent Agent Can Do’, International Journal for Philosophy of Religion, 11 (1980). Available online: <http://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/BF00138761>

Rowe, W., ‘Divine Power, Goodness, and Knowledge, in Wainwright, ed., The Oxford Handbook of Philosophy of Religion, (Oxford University Press, 2009). Available online:

<http://www.oxfordscholarship.com/view/10.1093/0195138090.001.0001/acprof-9780195138092-chapter-2>

Zagzebski, L., ‘Omniscience, Time, and Freedom’, in Mann (ed.), The Blackwell Guide to Philosophy of Religion (Blackwell, 2005). Available online: <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/9780470756638.ch1/pdf>

The Cosmological Argument

Aquinas, T. ‘Summa Theologiae, Part 1, Question 2, Article 3’, in Philosophy of Religion: Selected Readings*,* Peterson (ed.), (Oxford University Press, 1996; 3rd ed.: 2006)

Craig, W., and Krauss, L., ‘Why Is There Something Rather Than Nothing?’. Video of a debate at Sydney Town Hall on August 13th, 2013. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V82uGzgoajI>

Craig, W., and Sinclair, J., ‘The Kalām Cosmological Argument’, in Craig and

Moreland (eds.), The Blackwell Companion to Natural Theology, (Blackwell, 2009). Available online: <http://commonsenseatheism.com/wp-content/uploads/2009/05/craig-and-sinclair-the-kalam-cosmological-argument.pdf>

Druss, A., ‘Cosmological and Design Arguments’, Wainwright, ed., The Oxford Handbook of Philosophy of Religion (Oxford University Press, 2009). Available online: <http://www.oxfordscholarship.com/view/10.1093/0195138090.001.0001/acprof-9780195138092-chapter-6>

Kenny, A., The Five Ways: St. Thomas Aquinas’s Proofs of God’s Existence (Routledge, 2008).

Krauss, L., A Universe from Nothing: Why There is Something Rather than Nothing, (Shuster & Shuster, 2012).

Leibniz, G. On the Ultimate Origination of Things, in Leibniz, Philosophical Writings Parkinson (ed.), (Everyman, 1973); or Leibniz, Philosophical Essays, tr. Ariew, & Garber, (Hacker, 1989)

Le Poidevin, R., Arguing for Atheism(Routledge, 1996), chs. 1, 3.

Mackie, J.L. The Miracle of Theism (Clarendon, 1982) ch. 5, partly reprinted in Peterson et al. (eds.), Philosophy of Religion(Oxford, 1996)].

Rowe, W., ‘The Cosmological Argument’, in The Philosophy of Religion: An Introduction(Wadsworth/Thompson Learning, 1993). Repr. as ‘The Cosmological Argument’ in E. Stump and M. J. Murray, eds., Philosophy of Religion: The Big Questions(Blackwell, 1999).

Rowe, W., ‘The Cosmological Argument’, in Mann (ed.), The Blackwell Guide to Philosophy of Religion (Blackwell, 2005). Available online: <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/9780470756638.ch5/pdf>

Swinburne, R., The Existence of God (Oxford University Press, 1991), ch. 8. Available online: <http://www.oxfordscholarship.com/view/10.1093/0198239637.001.0001/acprof-9780198239635-chapter-8>

Van Inwagen, P., Metaphysics. 2nd ed. (Westview, 2002), ch. 6.

Van Inwagen, P., and Lowe, E.J., ‘Why Is There Anything At All?, in Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society, 70 (1996). Available online: <http://www.jstor.org/stable/4107004>

The Design Argument

Draper, [P.,](http://philpapers.org/s/Paul%20Draper) [Draper](http://philpapers.org/s/Kai%20Draper), K., & [Pust](http://philpapers.org/s/Joel%20Pust)., J., ‘Probabilistic Arguments for Multiple Universes,’, Pacific Philosophical Quarterly 88 (3).

Druss, A., ‘Cosmological and Design Arguments’, Wainwright, ed., The Oxford Handbook of Philosophy of Religion (Oxford University Press, 2009). Available online: <http://www.oxfordscholarship.com/view/10.1093/0195138090.001.0001/acprof-9780195138092-chapter-6>

Hume, D. Dialogues Concerning Natural Religion (Routledge, 1991 or reprint)

Swinburne, R., The Existence of God (Oxford University Press, 1991), ch. 8. Available online: <http://www.oxfordscholarship.com/view/10.1093/0198239637.001.0001/acprof-9780198239635-chapter-9>

Swinburne, R., Is There a God? (Oxford University Press, 1996) chs. 1-4

Mackie, J.L. The Miracle of Theism (Clarendon, 1982) ch 8.

Leslie, J. “Anthropic Principle. World Ensemble, Design”. American Philosophical Quarterly vol 19 (1982)

Manson, N. ed., God and Design (Routledge, 2003).

[Holder](http://philpapers.org/s/Rodney%20D.%20Holder), R., “Fine-Tuning, Multiple Universes and Theism”. Noûs 36 (2)

Sober, E.,’The Design Argument’, in Mann (ed.), The Blackwell Guide to Philosophy of Religion (Blackwell, 2005). Available online: <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/9780470756638.ch6/pdf>

The Ontological Argument

Anselm, ‘Proslogion’. [Relevant sections reprinted in Stump and Murray, (eds.),

Philosophy of Religion: The Big Questions(Blackwell, 1999). Also in van Inwagen and Zimmerman (eds.), eds, Metaphysics: The Big Questions

Hick, J.H., Arguments for the Existence of God (Macmillan, 1970) chs 5-6

Hick, J.H. (ed.), The Existence of God (Macmillan, 1964): extracts from Anselm, Aquinas, Descartes, Leibniz, Kant.

Mackie, J.L., The Miracle of Theism(Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1982) ch. 3

Leftow, B. ‘The Ontological Argument’, in Wainwright, ed., The Oxford Handbook of Philosophy of Religion (Oxford University Press, 2009). Available online: <http://www.oxfordscholarship.com/view/10.1093/0195138090.001.0001/acprof-9780195138092-chapter-5>

Matthews,G.B., ‘The Ontological Argument’, in Mann (ed.), The Blackwell Guide to Philosophy of Religion (Blackwell, 2005). Available online: <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/9780470756638.ch4/pdf>

Oppy, G., The Ontological Argument (Cambridge 1995), chapters on Anselm, Descartes, modal arguments.

Plantinga, A., God, Freedom and Evil (George Allen & Unwin, 1975) pp 85-112

Plantinga, A., ‘A Contemporary Modal Version of the Ontological Argument’ in Peterson, et al. (eds.), Philosophy of Religion(Oxford, 1996).

[Van Inwagen](http://philpapers.org/s/Peter%20van%20Inwagen), P., ‘Necessary Being: The Ontological Argument’, in Metaphysics, (Westview, 2002). [ch. 6 (ch. 5 in 1st edition). Also in Stump and Murray, eds., Philosophy of Religion: The Big Questions, (Blackwell, 1999).

Van Inwagen, P., ‘Ontological Arguments’, in Noûs, 11 (1977). Available online: <http://commonsenseatheism.com/wp-content/uploads/2009/09/Ontological-Arguments.pdf>

God and Morality

Adams, R.M., The Virtue of Faith, (Oxford University Press, 1987), 144–163.

Alston, W.P., (2002) ‘What Euthyphro should have said’, in Craig (ed.), Philosophy of Religion: A Reader and Guide (Rutgers University Press), 283–29. Available online: <http://commonsenseatheism.com/wp-content/uploads/2010/08/Alston-What-Euthyphro-Should-Have-Said.pdf>

Craig, W., and Kagan, S., ‘Is God Necessary for Morality?’ Video of a debate at Columbia

University on 24 February, 2009: <http://www.veritas.org/Campus/Recordings.aspx?cid=10#e103>.

Kant, I.,

Mann, W., ‘Theism and the Foundation of Ethics’, in Mann (ed.), The Blackwell Guide to Philosophy of Religion (Blackwell, 2005). Available online: <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/9780470756638.ch13/pdf>

Morriston, W., ‘God and the Ontological Foundation of Morality’, Religious Studies 48 (2012. Available online: <http://spot.colorado.edu/~morristo/DoesGodGround.pdf>

Nietzsche, F., The Gay Science, Williams (ed.) (Cambridge University Press, 2001), §§ 125, 343

Ruse, M., ‘Evolutionary Ethics and Christian Morality: Are They In Harmony?’ Zygon 29 (1994). Available online: <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1467-9744.1994.tb00644.x/pdf>

Sartre, J-P., Existentialism and Humanism, (Methuen, 1974).

Schafer-Landau, R., What Ever Happened to Good and Evil? (Oxford University Press, 2004).

Street, S., ‘A Darwinian dilemma for realist theories of moral value’, Philosophical Studies (2006). Available online: <http://www.kcl.ac.uk/ip/davidpapineau/Staff/Papineau/CourseMats7-8/street.pdf>

Sinnott-Armstrong, W., Morality Without God, (Oxford University Press, 2011)

Sinnott-Armstrong, W., Podcast on ‘Morality Without God’, <http://philosophybites.com/2009/08/walter-sinnottarmstrong-on-morality-without-god.html>

Swinburne, R., ‘God and Morality’, in Think 7 (2008). Available online: <http://users.ox.ac.uk/~orie0087/pdf_files/General%20untechnical%20papers/God%20and%20Morality.pdf>

Zagzebski, L., ‘Morality and Religion’, in Wainwright, ed., The Oxford Handbook of Philosophy of Religion (Oxford University Press, 2009). Available online: <http://www.oxfordscholarship.com/view/10.1093/0195138090.001.0001/acprof-9780195138092-chapter-15>

The Problem of Evil

Adams, M.M., and R.M., (eds.), The Problem of Evil. (Oxford, 1990). Selections by Mackie, Plantinga and Hick.

Adams, M.M., Podcast on ‘The Problem of Evil’. <http://philosophybites.com/2009/07/marilyn-mccord-adams-on-evil.html>

Alston, W.P. “The Inductive Argument from Evil and the Human Cognitive Condition”, in Philosophical Perspectives, 5 (1991). Repr. in Howard-Snyder, D., ed., The Evidential Argument from Evil, (Indiana, 1996). Available online: <http://commonsenseatheism.com/wp-content/uploads/2009/09/The-Inductive-Argument-From-Evil-and-the-Human-Cognitive-Condition.pdf>

Cain, J., “[Free Will and the Problem of Evil”,](http://journals.cambridge.org/action/displayFulltext?type=1&fid=255722&jid=RES&volumeId=40&issueId=04&aid=255721" \t "_blank) Religious Studies 40 (4)

Hick, J., ‘Soul-Making and Suffering’, in Adams and Adams (eds.), The Problem of Evil, (Oxford University Press, 1990). Available online: <http://mind.ucsd.edu/syllabi/02-03/01w/readings/hick.pdf>

Law, S., Podcast on ‘The Problem of Evil’, <http://philosophybites.com/2007/06/stephen_law_on_.html>

Mackie, J.L., ‘Evil and Omnipotence.’ Mind64 (1955). Available online: <http://faculty.unlv.edu/jwood/unlv/evilomnipotence.pdf>

Plantinga, A., and Mitchell, B., ‘The Free Will Defence’, in The Philosophy of Religion (Oxford, 1971)

Rowe, W.L. “The Problem of Evil and Some Varieties of Atheism” in American Philosophical Quarterly vol 16 (1979). Available online: <http://rintintin.colorado.edu/~vancecd/phil1000/Rowe.pdf>

Pereboom, D., ‘The Problem of Evil’, Mann (ed.), The Blackwell Guide to Philosophy of Religion (Blackwell, 2005). Available online: <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/9780470756638.ch7/pdf>

Plantinga, A. God, Freedom and Evil (George Allen & Unwin, 1975) pp. 7-64

St. Augustine., Freedom of the Will, Book 1(Bobbs-Merrill, 1964)

Swinburne, R., The Existence of God (Oxford University Press, 1991), ch. 12. Available online:

<http://www.oxfordscholarship.com/view/10.1093/0198239637.001.0001/acprof-9780198239635-chapter-12>

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Philosophical Topics16 (1988). Available online: <http://andrewmbailey.com/pvi/Magnitude_Duration_Distribution.pdf>

Van Inwagen, P., ‘The Problem of Evil’, Wainwright, ed., The Oxford Handbook of Philosophy of Religion (Oxford University Press, 2009). Available online: <http://www.oxfordscholarship.com/view/10.1093/0195138090.001.0001/acprof-9780195138092-chapter-9>

Wykstra, S.J. “The Humean Objection to Evidential Arguments from Suffering: On Avoiding the Evils of Appearance” in International Journal for Philosophy of Religion vol 16 (2) (1984). Available online:

<http://www.jstor.org/discover/10.2307/40012629?uid=3738032&uid=2134&uid=2&uid=70&uid=4&sid=21102680190947>

Religious Psychology

Clack, B., and Clack, B.R., Philosophy of Religion: A Critical Introduction (Polity, 2008), ch. 3.

Hick, J. Philosophy of Religion (Prentice Hall, 1990), ch. 3

Hume, D., Natural History of Religion (Oxford, 2008)

Freud, S., The Future of an Illusion (Penguin, 2008)

Freud, S., Civilisation and its Discontents (Penguin, 2004)

Nietzsche, F., On the Genealogy of Morality: A Polemic ed. Clark and Swensen (Hackett, 1988)

Nietzsche, F., The Anti-Christ, ed. Ridley (Cambridge, 2005)

Young, J., Nietzsche’s Philosophy of Religion (Cambridge, 2006)

Death and the AfterLife

Hasker, W.,’Afterlife’, in Stanford Encylopedia of Philosophy: <http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/afterlife/>

Nagel, T., ‘Death’, in his Mortal Questions, (Cambridge University Press, 1979). Available online: <http://www.stoa.org.uk/topics/death/Death%20by%20Thomas%20Nagel.pdf>

Preston, T., and Dixon, S., ‘Who Wants to Live Forever? Immortality, Authenticity, and Living Forever in the Present’, in International Journal for Philosophy of Religion 61 (2007). Available online: <http://www.jstor.org/stable/27646204>

Rudder-Baker, L., ‘Death and the Afterlife’, Wainwright, ed., The Oxford Handbook of Philosophy of Religion (Oxford University Press, 2009). Available online:

<http://www.oxfordscholarship.com/view/10.1093/0195138090.001.0001/acprof-9780195138092-chapter-16>

Van Inwagen, P., ‘The Possibility of Resurrection’, International Journal for the Philosophy of Religion, 9 (1978). Reprinted in Edwards (ed.), Immortality, (Macmillan, 1992). Available online: <http://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/BF00138364>

Bernard Williams, “The Makropulos Case: Reflections on the Tedium of Immortality”, Problems of the Self, (Cambridge, 1973).

Fideism

Adams, R.M., The Virtue of Faith (Oxford, 1987) Part I.

Penelhum, T., (ed), Faith (Macmillan, 1989)

Pojman, L., Religious Belief and the Will (Routledge, 1986)

Mackie, J.L. The Miracle of Theism (Clarendon, 1982), ch. 11.

Kerr, F.  Theology after Wittgenstein (SPCK, 1997)

Phillips, D.Z., ‘Wittgensteinianism’, in Wainwright, ed., The Oxford Handbook of Philosophy of Religion (Oxford University Press, 2009). Available online:

<http://www.oxfordscholarship.com/view/10.1093/0195138090.001.0001/acprof-9780195138092-chapter-19>

Prichard, D., ‘Wittgensteinian Quasi-Fideism’, in Kvanvig (ed.), Oxford Studies in Philosophy of Religion Vol. 4. Available online: [http://www.oxfordscholarship.com/view/10.1093/acprof:oso/9780199656417.001.0001/acprof-9780199656417-chapter-8](http://www.oxfordscholarship.com/view/10.1093/acprof%3Aoso/9780199656417.001.0001/acprof-9780199656417-chapter-8)

Wittgenstein, L., “Lectures on Religious Beliefs”, in Lectures and Conversations on Aesthetics, Psychology and Religious Belief, (Blackwell, 1966).

God and the Meaning of Life

Cottingham, J., On the Meaning of Life (London: Routledge, 2003)
Cottingham, J., The Spiritual Dimension: Religion, Philosophy and Human Value, (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2005).

Craig, W., “The Absurdity of Life Without God”, in Klemke, E.D., (ed.), The Meaning of Life*,* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2000). Available online: <http://rintintin.colorado.edu/~vancecd/phil3600/Craig.pdf>

[Flew](http://philpapers.org/s/Antony%20Flew), A., “Tolstoi and the Meaning of Life”. Ethics 73 (2). Available online: <http://www.jstor.org/stable/2379552>

Gordon, J., “Is the Existence of God Relevant to the Meaning of Life?” The Modern Schoolman, 60, 1983.

Nagel, T., ‘The Absurd’, in Journal of Philosophy, 68 (1971). Repr. in Mortal Questions (Cambridge, 1995). Available online: <http://www.pitt.edu/~kis23/ABSURD.pdf>

Nozick, R. Philosophical Explanations (Oxford, 1981), ch. 6

Bernard Williams, “The Makropulos Case: Reflections on the Tedium of Immortality”, Problems of the Self, (Cambridge, 1973).

Young, J. The Death of God and the Meaning of Life (Routledge, 2003).

**9. YOUR RIGHT OF APPEAL**

You have the right to appeal against decisions taken regarding your academic progress, including the award of a qualification. You may not, however, appeal against academic judgement. For further information see:

 <http://www2.hull.ac.uk/student/studenthandbook/academic/academicappeals.aspx> .

Impartial advice on appeals is available from the Students’ Union Advice Centre (details available at <http://www2.hull.ac.uk/student/studenthandbook/support/advicecentre.aspx> ) or from the Senior Tutor responsible for students within the School of Politics, Philosophy and International Studies, Mrs Christine Murphy, who can be contacted on C.Murphy@hull.ac.uk.

**10. MODULE EVALUATION QUESTIONNAIRES**

At the end of each module students have the opportunity to fill in a Module Evaluation Questionnaire, through which they feedback on the respective module. This provides staff with valuable information to consider when reviewing their modules. Below you will find a summary of the feedback received for this module last year, accompanied by the module coordinator’s response.

An MEQ report for this module, drawn from feedback from the last academic session in which this module was taught, is being processed and will be added to this Module Handbook by the Module Coordinator/Convenor no later than noon on Monday 10 November 2014.