



PHILOSOPHY RELIGION AND ETHICS A LEVEL SUPER-CURRICULAR



AIMING FOR THE TOP AND ASPIRING HIGH

Reading Tasks

Books by the author Peter Vardy

- **The Puzzle of Ethics** by Peter Vardy.
- **Bible Matters** by Peter and Charlotte Vardy
- **God Matters** by Peter and Charlotte Vardy
- **The Puzzle of Christianity** by Peter Vardy.
- **The Puzzle of Sex** by Peter Vardy.

Books by Richard Dawkins

- **The Selfish Gene** by Richard Dawkins.
- **The God Delusion** by Richard Dawkins..

Other important reads...

- **Republic** by Plato.
- **Theories of Ethics** edited by Phillipa Foot
- **Practical Ethics** by Peter Singer..
- **Ethics** by J.L. Mackie,

Writing Tasks

Philosophy and Ethics

Look up some key terms on [Philosophy Bites](#) and [Ethics bites](#) podcasts, and make notes:

Essay competitions

Investigate essay competitions for Sixth Form students. Plan or write an entry. For example, enter the annual Philosophy Prize for Year 12 students from Trinity College, Cambridge. Details [here](#).

Karl Marx

Online research on [Karl Marx](#). Read and make your own notes on this topic.

Religious Language

Online research - Visit the Stanford Encyclopaedia of Philosophy and [read chapter 2](#) of the section on Philosophy of Religion. Make your own notes on this.

Listening Tasks

Development of Christian Thought

Listen to episodes from the [Pansycast](#) DCT Audiobook:

Secularism

Browse the '[Sacred and Secular](#)' videos from OpenLearn

Ethical Behaviour

Explore '**How can I know wrong from right**' and '**How do I live a good life**' animations from Radio 4's '[Big Ideas](#)' series.

General

In Our Time – do a keyword search linked to our topics and listen to any '[In Our Time](#)' radio podcasts that you are interested in.

Watching Tasks

Soul, Mind and Body

[Watch Consciousness & the Brain](#) by John Searle at TEDxCERN

Business ethics

Watch a Ted talk on [honesty in business](#)

Plato

Watch Alex Gendler's interpretation of [Plato's Cave Allegory](#)

Philosophy and Ethics

Explore the Radio 4 [Big Ideas animations](#)

Religious Experience

Watch the [Five Major religions](#) on TED ED:

Problem of Evil

Watch this TedEd talk on [Why would God allow Tsunamis?](#)

Religious Language

Watch the TedTalk on [How Languages Evolve](#)

Research Tasks

Religious Experience/Miracles

Investigate [The Toronto Blessing](#).
Consider *What, When, Why, and How?*

Natural Law

Online research on peped.com - [Summary: The Natural Law](#)
Read and make your own notes on this topic.

Aquinas

Online research - Visit the Stanford Encyclopaedia of Philosophy and read [chapter 1](#) of the section on Aquinas.
Make your own notes on this.

Conscience

Watch the Ted Talk '[Good or bad, hard to say](#)'.
If consequences are so hard to categorise, *does this affect how we judge outcomes and make moral decisions?*

Trips & Visits

Problem of Evil

Plan a visit to the [Imperial War Museum](#), London. In particular the Holocaust Exhibition.