

Welcome to A Level Religious Studies: Philosophy, Ethics and Religion

A 'taster' with...

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WHY STUDY PHILOSOPHY, ETHICS AND RELIGION?

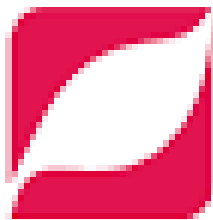
- What's so special about this subject?

We are inquisitive creatures and want to know the answers to ultimate questions- **why are we here? What is our role in this world? What happens after death?**

It is a basic human need to determine right from wrong in order to go about our daily lives.

So often this gets taken for granted – but it's fundamental to a good life for an individual and also for a fair and functioning society.

Within lessons you have the opportunity to discuss and debate top ethical standpoints in Ethics and Philosophy.



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<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/religious-studies/as-and-a-level/religious-studies-7062>

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Our new A-level Religious Studies specification offers a range of faith-specific options, ensuring students have a thorough understanding of diverse philosophical and ethical viewpoints.

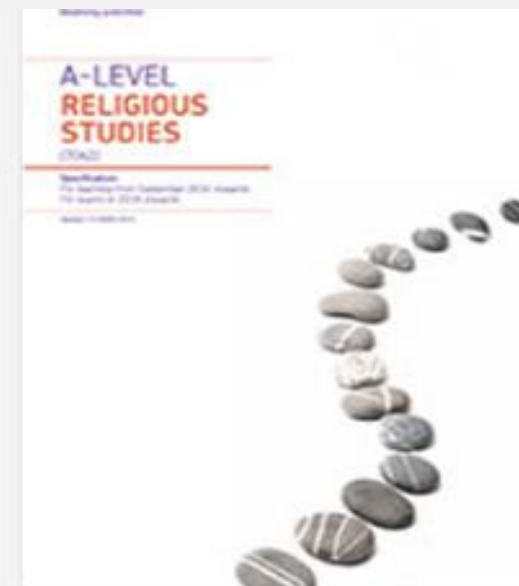
The course features a variety of relevant and contemporary themes, to help inspire engaging classroom discussion. Students will also gain critical and evaluative skills sought after by higher education and employers.

With familiar content and new and inspiring topics, we're confident that you'll enjoy teaching our new specification, and students of all abilities will find it engaging.

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PHILOSOPHY

- ▶ It is better to be Socrates dissatisfied than a fool satisfied

John Stuart Mill

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Why are we here?

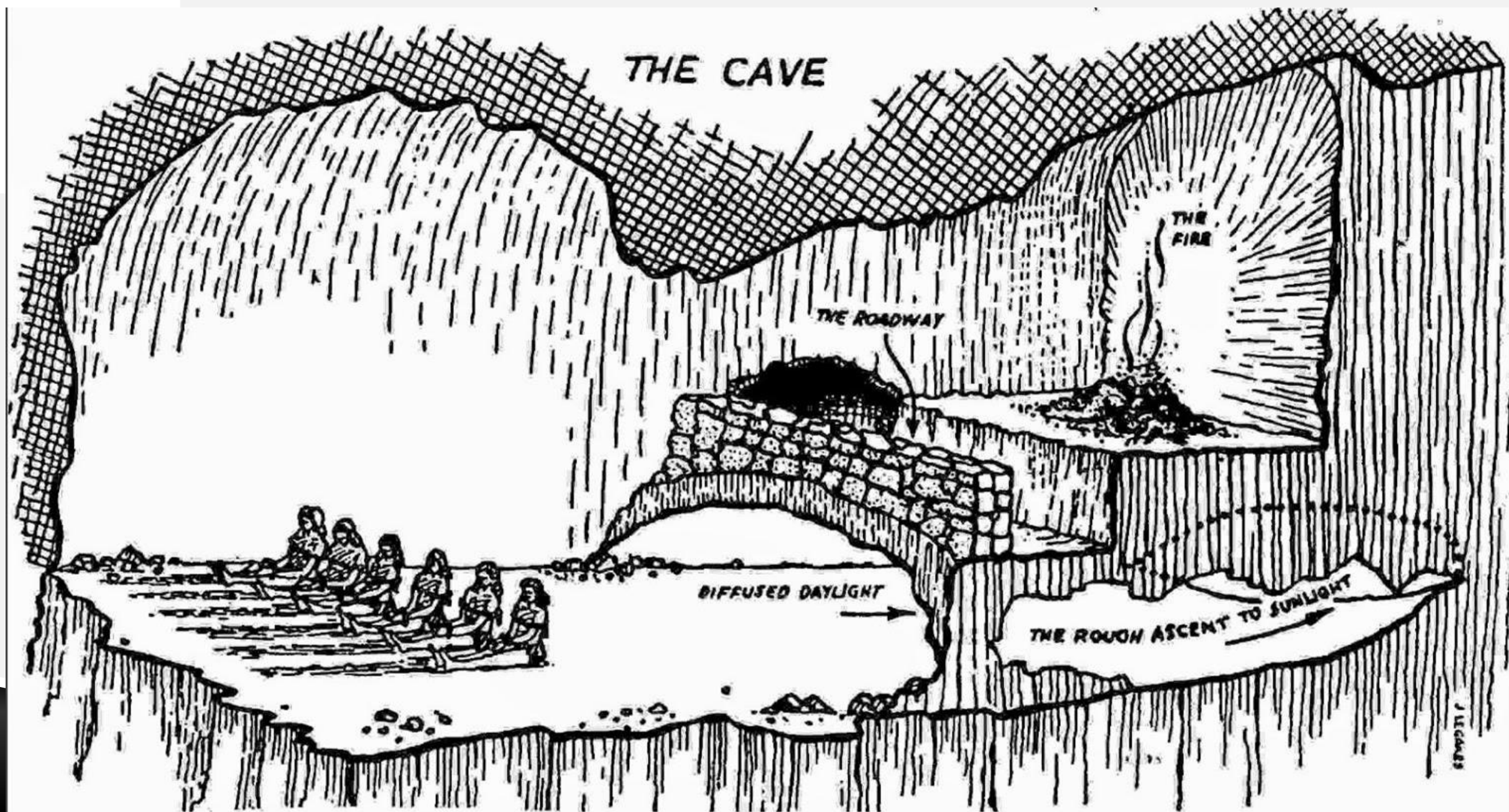
Is there an afterlife?

Do we have a soul?

Are miracles possible?



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qybUFnY7Y8w>



Summary of Plato's Cave.

The analogy of the cave attempts to answer ultimate questions including What is the meaning of Life? Is there an afterlife? How do we achieve happiness?

The Prisoners represent everyday people who are yet to study Philosophy. The released prisoner exploring the real world outside of the cave represents the Philosophy student on a journey to become more enlightened.

Studying Religious Studies A level will start this journey for you!

Ethics

CASE STUDY: Ultimate question- how do we determine if something is Good or Moral?



The girl in the picture has been arrested for shop lifting. Were her actions right or wrong?

IS IT RIGHT OR WRONG?

- ▶ Becky is a sixteen year old girl. She left school with very few qualifications and has a six month old baby boy. Becky has very little money and finds it very hard to buy everything she needs. The special baby formula she needs is very expensive and she is always short of money. Whilst at the supermarket Becky steals some food she hopes that nobody will notice.

Different Philosophers will give different answers to this question.

Which Philosopher are you?!

- ▶ If you said that stealing is always wrong you are taking an absolute moral position.

Things are always right or wrong. It doesn't matter about the circumstances.

You are Immanuel Kant and Thomas Aquinas.

- ▶ If you said that it depends on the situation, Becky was stealing food for her child to survive for example, you are taking a relative moral position. You look at each situation differently.
- ▶ You are Joseph Fletcher and a situationalist.



- If you like to ask ultimate questions and attempt to answer them
- If you like to argue your point in an analytical and evaluative way and develop critical thinking skills
- If you want to look at life from a deeper, more realist view
- If you want to greater sense of the world and study the great thinkers
- If you want to learn how to win in discussions!

Choose A level Religious Studies