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## The Revision Guide

Covering Christianity (including Mark's Gospel), Judaism and Islam

## Religious Studies has Loads of Different Options

There's no point learning stuff that you're not going to be tested on.  
So here's a quick guide to which bits you need for your exam!

Of course, it's such a stonker of a book that you're bound to want to read it all anyway...

### AQA A\*

- Section 1 — Learn the general stuff plus the Christianity bits if you're doing a full course — except you only need pages 6 and 8 out of 'Believing in God'.
- Section 2 — Learn all of this except 'Mark's Gospel'. But learn 'Mark's Gospel' as well if you're doing Paper 2B. And if you're doing Paper 1C, just learn 'Core Beliefs' and 'Mark's Gospel'.

### AQA B

- Section 1 — Learn all of this for the religion(s) you're studying.
- Section 2 — Learn all of this if you're studying Christianity in Module 2. But if you're studying Christianity as part of Module 3, learn everything except Mark's Gospel.
- Section 3 — If you're studying Judaism as part of Module 2 or Module 3, learn all of this.
- Section 4 — If you're studying Islam as part of Module 2 or Module 3, learn all of this (except page 91).

### AQA C

- Section 1 — Learn all of this (except 'Believing in God' and 'Crime, War, Drugs, Media') for the religion(s) you're studying.
- Section 2 — If you're doing Christianity, learn all of this except 'Mark's Gospel'.
- Section 3 — If you're doing Judaism, learn all of this.
- Section 4 — If you're doing Islam, learn all of this (except page 91).

### Edexcel A

- Section 1 — Learn the general perspectives stuff plus anything relevant to your specific perspectives module(s).
- Section 2 — If you're doing Christianity (Unit I) or RC Christianity (Unit J), learn all of this except 'Mark's Gospel'. But if you're doing Unit P, learn the Christianity sections called 'Core Beliefs' and 'Mark's Gospel'.
- Section 3 — If you're doing Judaism (Unit L), learn all of this.
- Section 4 — If you're doing Islam (Unit K), learn all of this.

### Edexcel B

- Section 2 — Learn all of this except 'Mark's Gospel'. But learn 'Mark's Gospel' as well if you're doing Unit P.
- Section 3 — If you're doing Judaism, learn all of this.
- Section 4 — If you're doing Islam, learn all of this.

### OCR A\*

- Section 1 — If you're doing paper 2A or 2B, learn all of this except the 'Believing in God' bit. And if you're doing a short course, don't bother with 'Crime, War, Drugs, Media'.
- Section 2 — If you're doing paper 4A or 4B, learn all of this except 'Mark's Gospel'. But if you're doing Paper 1, learn the Christianity sections called 'Core Beliefs' and 'Mark's Gospel'.
- Section 3 — If you're doing Judaism, learn all of this.
- Section 4 — If you're doing Islam, learn all of this (except page 91).

### OCR B

- Section 1 — Learn all the general stuff, plus the bits relevant to the religion(s) you're studying.
- Section 2 — If you're doing Christianity, learn the chunk on 'Core Beliefs', the page on 'Religious Symbolism' and the chunk on 'Worship'.
- Section 3 — Learn all of this if you're doing Judaism.
- Section 4 — Learn all of this if you're doing Islam (except page 91).

\* The 'Luke's Gospel' and 'Synoptic Gospels' options aren't covered.



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- 1 The clouds in section 1 tell you whether the page covers:
  -  the Christian view...  ...the Jewish view...  ...the Muslim view...
  -  ... or general views that everyone doing a perspectives option needs to learn.
- 2 In section 2 there's also a spiky blob to tell you you've reached the stuff about Mark's Gospel. You might not need that stuff, even if you do need the rest of the section.
- 3 References from the Bible always go in the order: *Book Chapter:Verse(s)*. Go whenever you see something like: Mark 3:5-6, it means it's from the book of Mark, Chapter 3, verses 5-6. Similarly, references from the Qur'an are shown with the *Burah (Chapter)* followed by the *Ayat (Verse)*.

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## Spirituality

Here we go then with a right tricky page. What a way to start.

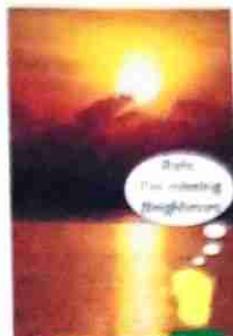
### Spirituality isn't Necessarily to do with Religion

There are a couple of ways of defining spirituality.

- Concern with anything relating personally to the spirit (or souls)** — this isn't necessarily to do with religion. Someone whose moral or emotional work on a 'higher plane' may be described as a spiritual person.
- An expression of faith** — anything relating to the way in which a religious person demonstrates his or her spiritual side — something which is built up through religious practice.

### Spirituality is Hard to Put your Finger on

- An important part of **spirituality** for many people (whether it's religious or not) is the search for the **meaning of life**. This may involve thinking about questions such as "where did I come from?" and "why am I here?" — questions that are difficult to find answers to.
- A spiritual person might also be described as someone who's more **aware** of things that aren't simply physical — they feel there's another **dimension** to life.
- It's about feelings of **awe** and **wonder**, or a sense of **inner peace**. Some people might get these kinds of feeling from a beautiful sunset, a wild sea or a rugged mountain range.
- Spirituality could also be described as being **self-aware** — aware of your **actions** and their **effects** on others, or having a deeper understanding of your **self-worth** or **purpose** in life.
- This might lead to a more refined recognition of the **value** of the world, of our **place** within it, and of those we **share** the planet with. A less **selfish** world-view perhaps.
- For religious **believers**, spirituality is linked strongly to their beliefs in **God**. Others say that although they don't believe in God as such, and don't belong to a specific faith, they do believe in 'something'.



### There are Different Ways of Expressing Spirituality

- Many ways of expressing spirituality are **religious**, but certainly **not all** of them.
- Religious symbolism** can express spirituality, like an ichthus (Christian fish symbol) on the back of your car, or a kippah (a small round cap worn by Jewish men). Your **actions** might also demonstrate spirituality — e.g. **meditating**, **praying**, leading a disciplined life, or belonging to a **faith community**. A faith community can range from a monastic lifestyle to taking part in community-based activities.
- For those who have **no** specific faith, support or membership of a **voluntary organisation** (and the reasons for that support) would demonstrate spirituality.
- But people can also explore their spirituality in a number of other ways. This could be through **art**, **literature** or **music**, or some other **creative** area. These activities allow people to **explore** their **emotions** in an attempt to produce work of **beauty** and **meaning**.



Eating cake is not normally thought of as being particularly spiritual.

### Spirituality — nothing to do with drinking gin...

Hmmm — a page about spirituality to get the book going. Not the easiest thing in the world to get your head round... but interesting. Just let me tell you one thing — you **definitely shouldn't** be put off by this 'heavy' opening page. This is a cracking subject, and a whole lot more interesting than maths. Read on...