# A Level Developments in Christian Thought

### **Mastery after Challenges:**

- Secure knowledge and understanding of the views of Freud and Dawkins on Secularism.
- Understanding the views of Karl Marx on capitalism.
- Understanding Liberation Theology.
- **Identifying Christian** teachings in Liberation Theology.
- Understanding the Church's concerns on Liberation Theology.

#### **Mastery after Society:**

- Understanding the different types of feminism.
- Secure knowledge and understanding of the biblical teachings on sex and gender.
- Identifying liberation in Mulieris Dignitatem.
- Understanding the views of Mary Daly and Rosemary Radford Reuther.
- Applying biblical teachings to determine whether or not Christianity is sexist.

#### Mastery after **Developments:**

- Secure knowledge and understanding of exclusivism, inclusivism and pluralism.
- Applying biblical teachings to the question of whether all people will be saved.
- Using the aims of the scriptural reasoning movement to determine whether interfaith dialogue is always possible.

## **Mastery after Living:**

- Understanding the methods that different Christian denominations use when solving moral dilemmas.
- Using the Bible, Tradition and Reason to solve moral dilemmas.
- Secure knowledge and understanding of discipleship, costly grace and solidarity.
- Applying Bonhoeffer's ethics to 21st century dilemmas.

#### Mastery after Foundations:

- Understanding the different ways of discovering God through both natural and revealed theology.
- Identifying the natures of God through the miracles of Jesus.
- Using parables to determine whether Jesus was a teacher of wisdom and morality.
- Using the teachings of Jesus to determine whether he was a liberator and the Son of God.

# Mastery after Insight:

- Secure knowledge and understanding of human relationships before and after the
- Applying Augustine's teachings to determine whether humans are naturally selfless or selfish.
- Identifying the biblical aspects of hell.
- **Using Christian** teachings to determine whether or not all people will be saved.

**Learning Journey** 

**End Liberation Theology and** Liberation the Catholic Church of **Theology** and Marx vear LEARNED: Knowing and understanding the views on Karl **LEARNED**: Knowing and understanding Marx on capitalism.

> Liberation Theology. WISE: Can you determine whether or  $not \ liberation \ theology \ would \ be$ WISE: Can you determine whether or not more successful if it became more a preferential option for the poor is fair? Marxist in its outlook?

Secularism -**Challenges of Darwin** Challenges Secularism Secularism - Freud LEARNED: Knowing and **LEARNED**: Knowing and understanding why some countries understanding Reuther's use of

Rosemary feminine language of God. adopt a secular approach to society Radford 4 WISE: Can you determine whether Rosemary Radford Reuther's Reuther theology offers a satisfactory solution to the issue of God and

sexism in Christian thought?

WISE: Can you evaluate whether or not religion causes more harm than good?

the Catholic Church's concerns about

**LEARNED**: Knowing and understanding Freud's ideas of God as an illusion

WISE: Can you evaluate whether or not Freud's assessment of religion is correct?

**LEARNED**: Knowing and understanding Dawkins' arguments for religion constituting

 $\textbf{WISE} \hbox{: Can you } \underline{\text{evaluate}} \text{ whether or not}$ Dawkins' criticisms of religion are accurate?

Society

**Interfaith Dialogue** 

# **Mary Daly**

LEARNED: Knowing and understanding Mary Daly's criticisms of Christian thinkers.

WISE: Can you evaluate whether or not Mary Daly's theology proves that Christianity is sexist?

Christian Views on Gender

**LEARNED**: Knowing and understanding Mulieris Dignitatem and the views of Simone de Beauvoir and Ann Oakley.

 $\textbf{WISE} \hbox{: Can you } \underline{\text{determine}} \ \text{whether or not}$ motherhood is liberating or restricting?

Sex and Gender

**LEARNED**: Knowing and understanding the different strands of feminism.

WISE: Can you  $\underline{\text{evaluate}}$  whether or not having separate male and female gender roles is important?

# **Exclusivism Developments**

**LEARNED**: Knowing and understanding the views of Hendrik Kraemer and Gavin D'Costa on exclusivism

WISE: Can you evaluate whether or not exclusivism is compatible with the nature of God?

**Inclusivism** 

**LEARNED**: Knowing and understanding the views of Karl Rahner on inclusivism

WISE: Can you evaluate whether or not Christ is necessary for salvation?

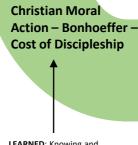
**Pluralism** 

**LEARNED**: Knowing and understanding the views of John Hick on pluralism.

WISE: Can you evaluate whether or not all people will be saved?

**LEARNED**: Knowing and understanding the aims of the Scriptural Reasoning Movement.

WISE: Can you evaluate whether or not inter-faith dialogue strengthens Christian communities?



LEARNED: Knowing and understanding the cost of discipleship

WISE: Can you <u>determine</u> whether or not Bonhoeffer's teachings on discipleship are still applicable today?

**Christian Moral Action -**Bonhoeffer - Church as community and source of spiritual discipline

**LEARNED**: Knowing and

Natural

**Theology** 

Resurrection,

Heaven and

**Purgatory** 

understanding the Church as a community and a source of spiritual discipline.

WISE: Can evaluate whether or not Bonhoeffer puts too much emphasis on suffering?

**Christian Moral** Action – Bonhoeffer duty to God and the state

**LEARNED**: Knowing and understanding what it means to have a duty to God and a duty to the state

**WISE**: Can you <u>evaluate</u> whether or not our duty to God can feasibly take priority over our duty to the state in the Christian Moral **Principles** 

**LEARNED**: Knowing and understanding the Catholic and Protestant views on these

sources

**WISE**: Can you <u>determine</u> whether or not Christians need more than just the Bible for

Living

**Foundations** 

I EARNED: Knowing and understanding at least three different ways of discovering

WISE: Can you evaluate whether or not because of the Fall, people can have no natural knowledge of God?

God through natural theology

Hell

LEARNED: Knowing and understanding at least three different ways that God has chosen

Revealed

**Theology** 

to show people knowledge WISE: Can you determine whether or not God can be known through

reason alone?

WISE: Can you evaluate whether or

Augustine's

teachings on

Grace

not Jesus' miracles demonstrate that he was the Son of God?

Augustine's

after the Fall

teachings

Jesus as the

Son of God

LEARNED: Knowing and

understanding how the miracles

could prove that Jesus is the Son of

God.

understanding Jesus' teachings on wisdom and morality.

**LEARNED**: Knowing and

Jesus as a teacher

of wisdom and

morality

WISE: Can you <u>evaluate</u> whether or not Jesus' teaching was only about becoming a moral person?

Augustine's

before the Fall

teachings

**LEARNED**: Knowing and understanding examples of how Jesus liberated the marginalised.

Jesus as a

liberator

WISE: Can you evaluate whether or not Jesus was merely a political liberator?

**LEARNED**: Knowing and

WISE: Can you evaluate

whether or not all people will

be saved?

**Election** 

understanding the implications that universalist belief has on **LEARNED**: Knowing and Christian teachings understanding the teachings on the Book of Revelation on hell

> $\textbf{WISE} \hbox{: Can you } \underline{\text{determine}} \ \text{whether}$ or not hell is an idea or a place?

**LEARNED**: Knowing and understanding the Christian symbols of heaven.

or not purgatory exists?

**LEARNED**: Knowing and understanding the reasons why God's grace is important.

WISE: Can you determine whether WISE: Can evaluate whether or

**LEARNED**: Knowing and understanding the views of Thomas Hobbes and Jean Jacques Rousseau on human nature.

**LEARNED**: Knowing and understanding human relationships before the Fall, according to Augustine.

Insight

wise: Can you evaluate whether humans being born with Original WISE: Can you evaluate we can rely on Augustine's teachings on human selfless or selfish?

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