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|  | Philosophical Issues & Questions | http://kintek.com.au/assets/tick-man-260x317.jpg**BHS/BGS****Anthology** |  |
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| 1.1 | Design/Teleological Argument |  |  |
| 1.2 | First Cause/Cosmological Argument |  |  |
| 1.3 | Ontological Argument |  |  |
| 2.1 | The nature of religious experience |  |  |
| 2.2 | Influence of religious experience as an argument for the existence of God |  |  |
| 3.1 | Problem of evil and suffering |  |  |
| 3.2 | Theodicies and solutions to the problems of suffering |  |  |
| 4.1 | Religious language – Analogy and symbol |  |  |
| 4.2 | Religious language – verification and falsification debate |  |  |
| 4.3 | Language games |  |  |
| 5.1 | Works of scholars – context to critiques of religious belief |  |  |
| 5.2 | Works of scholars – Copleston/Russell debate  |  |  |
| 6.1 | Developments in religious belief - Life after death in different faiths |  |  |
| 6.2 | Points for discussion about life after death |  |  |
| 6.3 | Religion & science debates and their significance for philosophy of religion |  |  |
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|  | Religion and Ethics | **http://kintek.com.au/assets/tick-man-260x317.jpgBGS/ Anthology** |  |
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| 1.1 | Environmental Issues |  |  |
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| 2.1 | Utilitarianism  |  |  |
| 2.2 | Situation Ethics |  |  |
| 2.3 | Natural Moral Law |  |  |
| 3.1 | War & Peace |  |  |
| 3.2 | Sexual Ethics |  |  |
| 4.1 | Meta-ethics |  |  |
| 4.2 | The relationship between religion & morality |  |  |
| 5.1 | Deontology, virtue ethics & the work of Kant & Aristotle |  |  |
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| 1.1 | Beliefs, values and teachings – Four Noble Truths, including the Three Poisons and the Eightfold Path |  |  |
| 1.2 | The three marks of existence (Lakshanas) and the five (s)khandas |  |  |
| 1.3 | The three refuges – Buddha, Dharma and Sangha  |  |  |
| 1.4 | Key moral principles – the Five Precepts  |  |  |
| 2.1 | The life and work of the Buddha – Siddhartha Gautama  |  |  |
| 2.2 | The significance, interpretation and use of the Tipitaka |  |  |
| 3.1 | Practices that shape and express religious identity – the distinct practices of Theravada Buddhism |  |  |
| 3.2 | The distinct practices of Mahayana Buddhism |  |  |
| 3.3 | Types and purposes of meditation |  |  |
| 4.1 | The spread of Buddhism and the impact of migration, specifically in China and Japan including Pure Land and Zen Buddhism |  |  |
| 4.2 | The rise of Triratna Buddhism in response to secularisation and western culture |  |  |
| 4.3 | The development and the role of women and the changing role of men |  |  |
| 5.1 | Works of scholars – comparison of the Bodhisattva doctrine; Basham and Walpola Rahula |  |  |
| 6.1 | The interpretation and application of ahimsa in the modern world |  |  |
| 6.2 | Issues in contemporary society including attitudes to other faiths, secularism and science |  |  |
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