

Religious Studies

Your task: Create a 3-Minute Academic TED Talk / YouTube Short

Create a **3-minute TED-style talk or YouTube Short** exploring one of the philosophical, ethical or theological questions below. Your video should be creative, engaging and personal in style, but it must also show **academic depth, careful reasoning and serious thought**. You are not expected to give a “perfect” answer. Instead, your aim is to show that you can think deeply, explain ideas clearly and consider different points of view.

Choose ONE Question from the list below:

Philosophy

- Is belief in God rational?
- Does the existence of evil disprove God's existence?
- If God knows the future, does that mean we have no free will?

Ethics

- Which matters more for morality: intentions or consequences?
- Is morality just a subjective opinion?
- Should assisted dying be legal in the UK?

Theology

- Are humans naturally inclined towards evil?
- Do Christians have to believe that Jesus was God?
- Should women be allowed to be priests?

Your video should include the following:

- Begin with a **clear and engaging opening** that introduces your question.
- Explain the key issue in a way that a thoughtful audience could understand.
- Include at least **two different viewpoints or arguments**.
- Refer to relevant **philosophers, theologians, religious ideas, ethical theories or examples** where appropriate.
- Show that you have considered a **counterargument**.
- End with your own reasoned judgement or conclusion.

You may use images, music, captions, props, editing, diagrams, interviews, narration or a TED-talk style speech. Creativity is encouraged, but the academic content must remain the focus.

Suggested Structure for 3 Minutes

0:00–0:20 — Hook

Start with a powerful question, example, quotation or scenario.

0:20–0:50 — Explain the Issue

What is the debate really about? Why does it matter?

0:50–1:50 — Present Key Arguments

Explain one or two strong arguments, using academic ideas where possible.

1:50–2:30 — Challenge or Counterargument

What might someone say against this view?

2:30–3:00 — Your Judgement

What is your final answer? Which argument is strongest, and why?

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Academic Expectations

To make your work suitable for A Level study, try to include some of the following:

- Clear definitions of key words.
- Logical reasoning rather than unsupported opinion.
- Examples from religion, society, law, history or current affairs.
- Reference to scholars, philosophers, theologians or ethical theories.
- Awareness that complex questions often have more than one possible answer.

Submission:

Please submit your video by: **1st of September 2026** shared with **Mr Boniecki (mboniecki@st-michaels.barnet.sch.uk)**.

Resources to consider:

To support your learning throughout the year, we've listed the recommended OCR Religious Studies textbooks and revision guides below. It's highly beneficial to have your own copies, and you can usually find budget-friendly, secondhand options on Amazon.

