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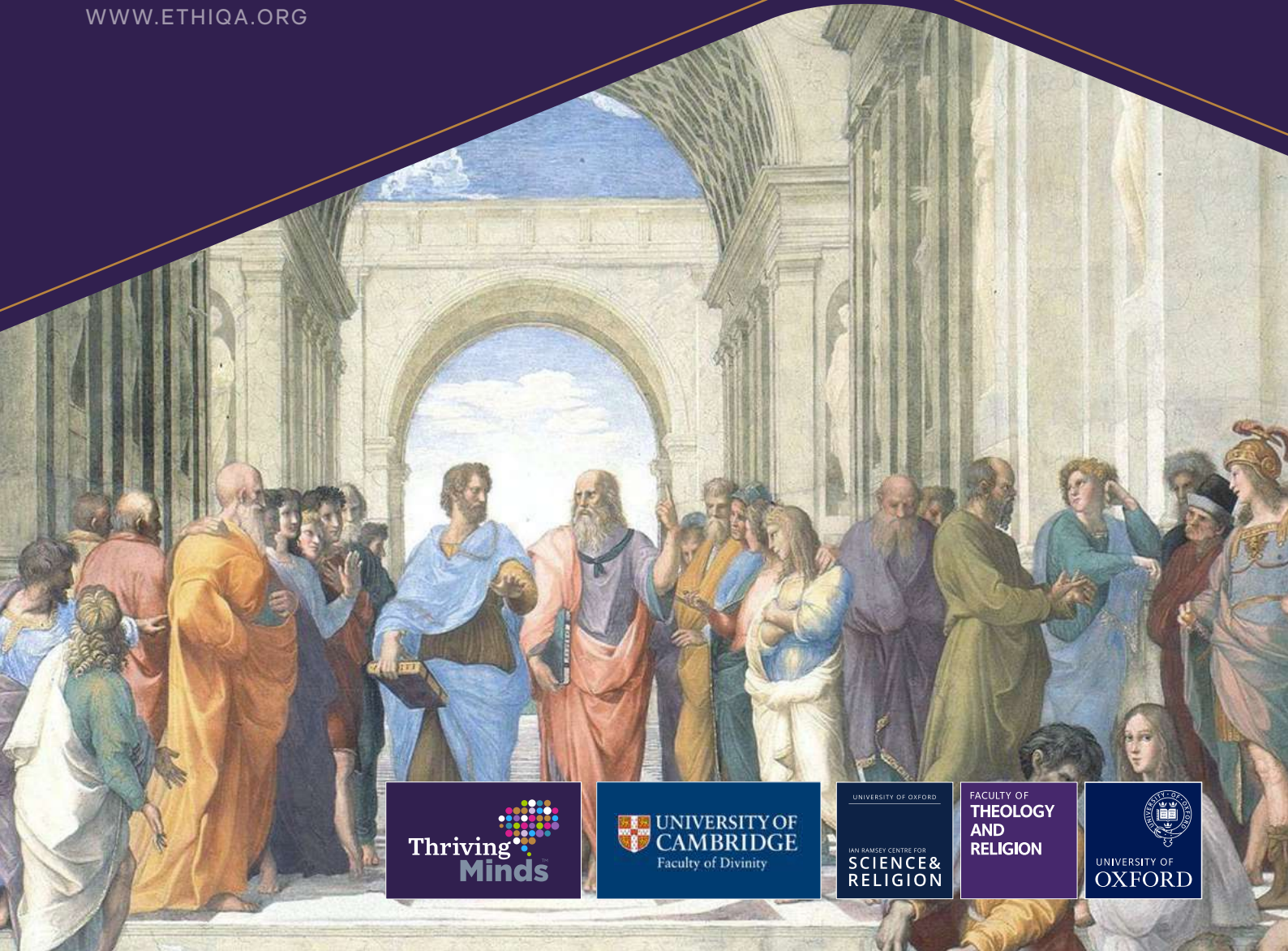
# Masterclass for Years 12–13

# 2022

## Philosophy Ethics and Religion (A/S & A Level)

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# About



## What to expect on the day

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When it's important to get things right Oxbridge Masterclass is an essential.

Face to face subject-specific events with experts are highly effective in terms of impact on pupil outcomes. Attend this A level RS study day with distinguished academics to inspire and enthuse, as well as boost grades. Whether you're looking to freshen up student directed learning or to equip students with the skills and knowledge to excel, the EthIQa study day is designed for you.

During the day students will be able to contribute and provide feedback, and there is also an opportunity to engage in a debate in a way that recognizes the right of others to hold different views. Full notes supplied so that you leave feeling supported and inspired.



**“I am so glad I got to go to this conference. Speaking to others, we all agreed that it allowed us to see our course in a different and broader context. It was lovely engaging in our subject in a way that goes beyond our textbooks. Listening to speakers who knew about Philosophy and were passionate about it, reminded me why I chose to study RS.”**



# Study Day Content

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## INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

START 09:50  
(LONDON 10:20)

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## ETHICAL FRAMEWORKS AND APPLIED ETHICS

JULIE ARLISS

Where does moral value lie and who is a member of the moral community? Understanding key thematic questions gives students confidence and clarity tackling both meta-ethics and practical ethics questions. This session will give students a framework for thinking and show them the importance of the key assumptions made. What difference does it make if you assume that ethical statements can be factual and objective as opposed to non-factual and subjective? Julie Arliss will untangle the complex web and use the practical examples of abortion and euthanasia to show how to achieve the highest grades at A level.

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## IS THEISM RATIONALLY DEFENDABLE?

THE PROFESSORS: ALISTER MCGRATH (OXFORD), KEITH WARD (LONDON) AND JAMES ORR (CAMBRIDGE)

This is a central question relevant to all A level courses. Our professors will ensure that students meet with a range of academic approaches and sources of wisdom relating to arguments about the existence or non-existence of God. From Aquinas, Paley and Hume to Hegel and Whitehead.

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## BREAK

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## THE PROBLEM OF EVIL. IS IT A PROBLEM?

PROFESSOR TOM GREGGS

In a fresh perspective on this age old debate, Professor Tom Greggs will outline traditional conceptions of the problem of evil, challenging the usual framing of the issues. Offering a radical new account of the Augustinian model, Professor Greggs will go on to suggest provocatively that in fact the problem of evil adds evidence to the existence of God rather than challenges it.

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## DEBATE

JULIE ARLISS

This house believes that all morality is relative. Moral relativism is first appeared in the 5th century BC with the Sophists claim that people choose their own values. Relativism accepts the central importance of the individual decision maker and is generally unwilling to make any universal value judgements. Are all beliefs relative, (apart from relativism itself)? Do moral values have fact value or are they just beliefs? Can different moral values all be true? An opportunity for students to contribute to this great debate topic.

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## GOD AND GENDER

PROFESSOR DAPHNE HAMPSON

END 15:30  
(LONDON 16:00)

Women are in a difficult situation if the field of theology has already been populated by men and their ideas, such that what women themselves might want to say cannot be heard. I shall consider this with reference to the thought of Mary Daly, Rosemary Ruether, and my own position. To look at the syllabus specifications as a woman is to find a droll view of what women might represent. We need something very different both in terms of presuppositions and content if theology is indeed to be gender inclusive.



# Speakers



**Julie Arliss** — A Farmington Scholar at Harris Manchester College, Oxford, Julie Arliss is a highly accomplished teacher and author. Julie Arliss is a well-known international educator of gifted students with a gift for making the complex simple, and the simple complex. She is committed to the provision of world-class extension activities for these students, to extend their reach well beyond the curriculum to new areas of knowledge. She is on the examining team for Cambridge International Examinations and founder of Academy Learning.



**Professor Daphne Hampson** — Daphne Hampson holds doctorates in history from Oxford, in theology from Harvard and a master's in Continental Philosophy from Warwick. She is Professor Emerita of Divinity at the University of St Andrews, where she held a Chair in Post-Christian thought. In her retirement she is an Associate of the Department of Theology and Religion at Oxford and also a Life Member of Clare Hall, Cambridge. Daphne has published and lectured widely on the challenge which feminism represents to Christianity, bringing together a theological realism and an ethical critique of Christian mythology. Otherwise, she has worked on the Lutheran tradition and on Kierkegaard. She is at present engaged in writing a further book Religion as Gender Politics: Theology, Feminism, and Continental Philosophy.



**Professor Keith Ward** — Professor Keith Ward is a leading philosopher of religion and much in demand on the international academic scene. Liberation Theology and Marx feature in his book, 'A Guide for the Perplexed' and more fully in 'In Defence of the Soul' both of which are accessible to students. A Former President of the World Congress of Faiths and member of The Board of Social Responsibility for the Church of England; Professor Ward has also written a 5 volume work on 'Comparative Theology', which is about inter-faith relations. Professor Ward has recorded programmes for Al Jazeera TV and recently for the Egyptian Arabic TV channel. He is a former Chair of the Governors of the Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies and on the Academic Committee of the Islamic Centre at Oxford.



“My students were inspired by the speakers, who were excited to meet some key thinkers. It was all pitched at the right level for my students and they were buzzing about the talks on the journey home.”



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# Speakers



**Professor Tom Greggs** — Tom Greggs holds the Marischal Chair, (actually a physical chair established in 1616) at the University of Aberdeen. He previously held a chair at the University of Chester. He has also taught at the University of Cambridge. He is a fellow of the Royal Society of Scotland, and is an Honorary Professor of Theology at St Mellitus College, London. He has been a visiting research fellow at St John's College, Durham, and College of Arts and Sciences International Visiting Scholar and Visiting Professor at the University of Virginia.

He is the author of five major books and is currently the recipient of a British Academy Mid-Career Fellowship. He is in high demand as a speaker and well known for his engaging wit.



**Professor Alister McGrath** — Professor McGrath holds the Andreos Idreos Professorship in Science and Religion in the Faculty of Theology and Religion, and is a fellow of Harris Manchester College at the University of Oxford, and is Professor of Divinity at Gresham College. He was previously Professor of Theology, Ministry, and Education at King's College London and Head of the Centre for Theology, Religion and Culture, Professor of Historical Theology at the University of Oxford, and was principal of Wycliffe Hall, Oxford, until 2005.

He holds an Oxford DPhil for his research in Molecular Biology and a DD from Oxford University's Faculty of Theology for his work in Historical and Systematic Theology. A former atheist, he has established a reputation as one of the leading apologists for Christianity.



**Dr. James Orr** — Dr James Orr left corporate law ten years ago to become a student again and has recently secured a lectureship at Cambridge University. Formerly McDonald Postdoctoral Fellow at Christ Church, Oxford, Dr Orr holds a PhD and MPhil from St. John's College, Cambridge, and a Double First in Literae Humaniores from Balliol College, Oxford. His publications and policy papers cover many fields including 'The Discarded Mind' 'Created Equal' and 'Being and Eternity'. An impressive polymathic mind keen to inspire curious young minds in the search for knowledge.



“I found the conference to be very interesting and enriching – both for the content and philosophy as a whole. It rejuvenated our passion for philosophy and I am so grateful I had the opportunity to attend. Thank you very much!”



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# Booking



## BOOKINGS

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Student £35 (£30 for early bird online ticket sales before 7 October T&C apply)

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# Booking

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London Bloomsbury Baptist Church,  
Shaftesbury Avenue

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**Wed 7<sup>th</sup> December**  
Oxford Mathematical Institute,  
Woodstock Road

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## Cambridge

**Thu 8<sup>th</sup> December**  
Cambridge Westroad Concert Hall,  
Faculty of Music

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