

Reading list for Philosophy of Religion and Ethics

(<http://www.alevelphilosophy.co.uk/resources/recommended-reading/#religion>)

PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION

General introductions

- Clack, B. & Clack, B. The Philosophy of Religion: A Critical Introduction (2nd ed), Polity Press 2008
- Davies, B. *An Introduction to the Philosophy of Religion*, 3rd ed, OUP 2004
- Evans, C. S. Pocket Dictionary of Apologetics and Philosophy of Religion, InterVarsity Press 2002
- Hick, J. Philosophy of Religion, 4th ed., Prentice Hall 1990
- Jackson, R. The God of Philosophy, The Philosopher's Magazine 2001
- Jones, G. et. al. Philosophy of Religion, John Murray 2005
- Peterson, M. et. al. *Reason and Religious Belief*, 4th ed., OUP 2012
- Zagzebski, L. *Philosophy of Religion: An Historical Introduction*, Wiley-Blackwell, 2007

Collections

- Davies, B. (ed.) Philosophy of Religion: a Guide and Anthology, OUP 2000
- Davies, B. (ed.) *Philosophy of Religion: a Guide to the Subject*, Cassell 1998
- Mitchell, B. (ed.) The Philosophy of Religion, OUP 1971
- Palmer, M. The Philosophy of Religion: A Commentary and Sourcebook, Lutterworth 2008
- Quinn & Taliaferro (ed.) *A Companion to Philosophy of Religion*, Blackwell 1999

More focused topics or approach

- Baggini, J. Atheism: a Very Short Introduction, OUP 2003
- Hughes, G. Is God to Blame? (on the problem of evil), Veritas 2007
- Swinburne, R. The Coherence of Theism, Clarendon Press 1993
- Timpe, K. *Arguing About Religion*, Routledge 2009
- Vardy, P. *The Puzzle of God*, 3rd ed., Fount 1999

ETHICS

The anthology includes two introductions to ethics:

- Rachels, J. *The Elements of Moral Philosophy*
- Warnock, G. *Contemporary Moral Philosophy*

Other helpful texts include:

- Blackburn, S. *Being Good*, OUP 2001: a lively, engaging, and quick introduction to the main issues of ethics, written in a very clear style.
- Singer, P. (ed.) *A Companion to Ethics*, Blackwell 1991: a great resource. Each essay, written for the beginner, is an excellent survey of a single topic.
- Benn, P. *Ethics*, UCL Press 1998: a careful and accurate introduction across the whole range of normative and metaethical issues.

- Norman, R. *The Moral Philosophers*, Clarendon Press 1983: one of the best introductions to the normative and metaethical theories of ethics via the great philosophers who held them. It also includes a good discussion of moral realism.
- Williams, B. *Morality*, CUP 1976: difficult, but excellent, discussions of subjectivism, relativism, the idea of 'good', and utilitarianism.
- Smart, J. & Williams, B. *Utilitarianism: For and Against*, CUP 1973: one of the most informative discussions of utilitarianism – its structure, its motives, and its problems.
- Baggini, J. *Philosophy: Key Themes*, Palgrave MacMillan 2002: written for the A level
- Crisp, R. *Mill on Utilitarianism*, Routledge 1997: a thorough, but clear, treatment of Bentham and Mill's utilitarianism
- Blackburn, S. *Ethics: a Very Short Introduction*, OUP 2003
- Jones, G. *Exploring Ethics*, John Murray 2000

Specifically on practical ethical issues:

- Singer, P. *Practical Ethics* (2nd ed.), CUP 1993: defending a utilitarian standpoint but discussing a wide range of arguments in practical ethics.
- Glover, J. *Causing Death and Saving Lives*, Penguin 1977: as with Singer, but more detailed
- DeGrazia, D. *Animal Rights: a Very Short Introduction*, OUP 2002
- Hope, T. *Medical Ethics: a Very Short Introduction*, OUP 2004

Some useful philosophical videos

1. <http://philreligion.nd.edu/videos/interviews/>
Some useful short video interviews on key philosophical questions
2. <http://podcasts.ox.ac.uk/26-david-hume>
Video Podcast about David Hume
3. <http://podcasts.ox.ac.uk/43-cartesian-dualism>
Video Podcast on Descartes' dualism
4. <http://podcasts.ox.ac.uk/71-free-will-determinism-and-choice>
Video on Free Will and determinism
5. <http://podcasts.ox.ac.uk/81-introduction-personal-identity>
Personal Identity
6. <http://www.philosophy-index.com/jackson/marys-room/>
Marys Room Thought Experience – non-physical nature of mental process (body soul)
7. <http://podcasts.ox.ac.uk/series/kants-critique-pure-reason>
Series of lectures if you really love Kant and what to explore his ideas in more detail!
8. <http://podcasts.ox.ac.uk/1-essential-properties-god>
Audio podcast about the nature of God part 1
9. <http://podcasts.ox.ac.uk/2-essential-properties-god-continued>
Part 2
10. <http://philosophybites.com/325-bites-interviews-arranged-by-theme.html>