

## General Ethics Suggested Books

| <u>Title/Author</u>  | <u>Central themes/issues</u>   |
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| Ethical Studies, 2 nd Edition<br>By R A Bowie  | A best-selling book written by popular author Robert Bowie, offering trusted and accessible coverage of the Religious Ethics requirements for all major awarding bodies.   |
| The Moral Maze<br>By D Cook  | Moral decisions present the individual with a maze of possibilities which can be overwhelming. The increasing complexity of modern life makes it difficult for Christians to know what is ethically right and how to make the right choices. David Cook, in this straightforward and very readable book, examines the main causes of the moral dilemmas in which we so often find ourselves. Not only does he provide an excellent introduction to moral philosophy and its leading schools of thought, but he also examines the sources of Christian principles: How can this Christian use the Bible as a guide to ethical problems? What role should the Church and tradition play? Dr Cook concludes that despite the numerous choices surrounding us, Christian values still offer an authoritative alternative. In the final section, a method is suggested for moral decision making at a practical level, drawing on Edward de Bono's innovative thinking techniques, and this is applied to the questions of abortion and euthanasia. The Moral Maze is a first-class textbook for students of ethics in universities and theological colleges, and the ideal introduction to how to make moral decisions for the general reader. |
| Fletcher's Situation Ethics, SCM Briefly series<br>By D M Daniel                       | This book discusses Fletcher's situation ethics which basically states that sometimes other moral principles can be cast aside in certain situations if love is best served. It is one of the main ethical theories studied in all introductory courses on Christian ethics.   |
| Aquinas' Summa Theologica<br>By D M Daniel   | Aquinas' "Summa Theologica" is his most famous work. It was intended as a manual for beginners as a compilation of all of the main theological teachings of that time and consists of a summary of the reasoning for almost all points of the Catholic faith. It is the fullest presentation of his views and covers the widest range of subjects - reason, sin, just war to name but a few - in detailed philosophical language. He worked on it from 1265 until the end of his life in March 1274. When he died, he had reached Question ninety of Part III, on the subject of penance. The work is in three parts, dealing firstly with questions of God, then in part II with man's striving for the highest end, and in the third part with Christ and the union between human and divine. Each part is structured as a series of questions and assertions and relies heavily upon key thinkers and writers at that time, including Aristotle, St Augustine, Dionysius and Rabbi Moses.   |
| Bentham's An Introduction to the Principles of Morals and Legislation<br>By D M Daniel | In the Introduction to the Principles of Morals and Legislation (1789), Bentham strove 'to cut a new road through the wilds of jurisprudence'. Laws should be socially useful and not merely reflect the status quo; and, that while he believed that human beings inevitably pursue pleasure and avoid pain, Bentham thought it to be a 'sacred truth' that 'the greatest happiness of the greatest number is the foundation of morals and legislation'.<br><br><u>New Features:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a new-style Context section with a list of key quotations as a helpful revision aid</li> <li>• a more user-friendly Overview section in bullet-point form</li> <li>• an Index of all the terms in the Glossary, so that students can refer to topics they want to look at more easily</li> </ul>  |

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| AS & A Level Philosophy and Ethics Through Diagrams<br>By G Dewar   | This series builds on the fact that pictures are easier to memorize than words. Each topic is summarized on a single page using annotated diagrams and concise notes with a full index for easy reference. Expert authors have taken the content of the AS and A Level specifications and presented them in a refreshingly clear and concise format.  |
| Sophie's World<br>By J Gaarder  | This book leads you through a history of the great philosophers' right through to the modern age. With Sophie, the reader is encouraged to question the world around themselves. The teacher-pupil structure enhances the plot, whose mysteries will keep you wondering to the last page.   |
| Ethics and Religion – 2nd Edition<br>By J Jenkins   | This revised and updated edition for Advanced Religious Studies contains practice exam questions to help succeed in exams and a new section which focuses on students' thinking skills. The book looks at freedom and whether ethics should be absolute or relative. A variety of ethical theories are covered including, Kantian Ethics, Utilitarianism, Situation Ethics and Virtue Theory,   |
| Moral Philosophy, A guide to ethical theory<br>By G Jones   | An accessible, student-centred guide to the key ideas in moral philosophy. Suitable for both A Level and undergraduate study. There are chapters on Philosophy and Ethics, normative ethics, meta ethics and practical ethics   |
| WJEC AS Religious Studies: An Introduction to Philosophy of Religion and an Introduction to Religion and Ethics: Study and Revision Guide<br>By K Lawson and A Pearce | FOR THE OLD COURSE The book contains essential underpinning knowledge to support course study as well as revision. Features to aid study support include: / Numerous diagrams clearly explain each concept / Examiner pointers focus on understanding and using the underpinning knowledge. / Key terms are clearly defined on each page. / Quick-fire questions check and reinforce your understanding. / Features to aid revision support include: / Q&A section provides numerous exam-style questions with two levels of student answers and examiner commentaries and marks so you can see where mistakes are typically made and where marks can be gained. / Exam practice and technique section offers advice on how exam questions are set and marked and how to boost grades./ Grade boost tips help refine exam technique, improve grades and avoid common mistakes. /Unit summaries provide a visual prompt for remembering key knowledge. |
| Ethical Theory and Language<br>By J Lee   | Pamphlet in an easy to read format, aimed at A Level students   |
| Moral Rules<br>By J Lee   | Pamphlet in an easy to read format, aimed at A Level students   |
| A New Dictionary of Christian Ethics<br>By J Macquarie & J Childress  | A definitive reference work in Christian Ethics and related disciplines   |
| Understand Ethics : Teach Yourself<br>By M Thompson   | Whether you're a student studying philosophy at any level, or simply want to gain a deeper understanding of this fascinating subject, <i>Understand Ethics</i> is an accessible introduction to all the key theories and thinkers. Fully updated, this latest edition includes contemporary examples and discussion of current debates including terrorism, genetics and the media, helping you to grasp how ethics applies to life today.  |
| Access to Philosophy: Ethical Theory 2nd Edition<br><br>By M Thompson   | Ethical Theory provides essential background reading for those concerned with ethical issues. It gives an outline of major ethical theories, with quotations from original sources and an indication of how such theories may be applied to a range of contemporary moral issues. This second edition includes revisions and additional new material on free will and determinism, conscience, religious ethics, virtue ethics and Kant.  |

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| <p><a href="#">Access to Religion and Philosophy An Introduction to Philosophy and Ethics</a><br/>By M Thompson</p> | <p>The second edition of An Introduction to Philosophy and Ethics has been updated in line with the revised 2008 A level specification requirements. It offers students a straightforward and concise outline of the key topics and arguments in the Philosophy of Religion and Ethics and provides a solid basis for those who are starting A level courses in Religious Studies or Philosophy.</p>  |
| <p><a href="#">The Puzzle of Sex</a><br/>By P Vardy</p>   | <p>Almost everyone is directly affected by questions involving sex and sexual ethics - yet few are aware of the background to current views on topics such as sex before and after marriage, sex as procreation and fulfilment, homosexuality, sexual abuse, rape and contraception. This new edition offers added and up-to-date material discussion burning current issues in a thoughtful, reflective and challenging way.</p>   |
| <p><a href="#">The Puzzle of Ethics</a><br/>By P Vardy and P Grosch</p>   | <p>A guide to the complex subject of ethics explained in clear and entertaining language. This new edition is fully revised and updated.</p> <p>This popular introduction to the subject of ethics poses vital contemporary questions and explores the approach of leading thinkers.</p> <p>The authors take the reader, step by step, through the complex arguments on issues such as animal and human rights, environmental ethics and the morality of war</p>  |
| <p><a href="#">Ethics Matters</a><br/>By P Vardy</p>  | <p>How do we know the difference between right and wrong? How can we make decisions about issues from germ-line genetic engineering to the regulation of banking, from nuclear power to ethnic bioweapons, from end-of-life care to global warming? What does it mean to live a good life? Ethics Matters introduces students and general readers to the business of making moral decisions, engaging them in meaningful dialogue and inspiring them to find out more. Beginning with a discussion of the question of truth in Ethics, Peter and Charlotte Vardy outline and evaluate major approaches to doing ethics from Natural Law and Virtue Ethics to Situation Ethics and Postmodernism, considering how these might inform decision making in today's world. Ethics Matters places the latest scholarship in context, clarifying how it relates to today's biggest challenges, without in any sense 'dumbing down'. The style is engaging and accessible; good use is made of examples from film, literature and current affairs to shine a light on the fundamental philosophic questions which underpin practical dilemmas</p> |
| <p><a href="#">Access to Philosophy: Sex and Relationships</a><br/>By M Wilcockson</p>                              | <p>Written for the AS and A2 Religious Studies and Philosophy specifications, but also of interest to the general reader, this book deals with the ethical issues surrounding sex and relationships. Looking at recent changes in patterns and opinions alongside traditional approaches and beliefs, the book explores issues such as marriage, cohabitation, divorce and feminism</p>   |

## General Ethics Original Sources

| <u>Title/Author</u>   |
|---|
| Aquinas - Summa Theologica (2015), Leopold Classic Library  |
| Aristotle - Nicomachean Ethics (2009),  |
| Arminius - Theologian of Grace (2012), by Keith Stanglin  |
| Augustine - City of God (2003), Penguin Classics, I   |
| Ayer, A. J. (2002) - Language, Truth and Logic, Dover Publications                                      |
| Bentham, Jeremy (2000) - Utilitarianism and Other Essays, Pearson                                       |
| Bradley, F.H. (1988) - Ethical Studies, Oxford University Press   |
| Calvin, J. (2007) - Institutes of the Christian Religion, Hendrickson Publishers,                       |
| Evans, Robert (2010) -Pelagius: Inquiries and Reappraisals, Wipf and Stock Publishers                   |
| Finnis, J. (2011) - Natural Law and Natural Rights, Oxford University Press                             |
| Fletcher, Joseph (1997) - A New Morality, (Westminster John Knox Press).                                |
| Hoose, B. (1987) - Proportionalism: The American Debate and European Roots, Georgetown University Press |
| Mill, J. S. (2006) - On Liberty, Penguin Classics   |
| Moore, G.E (2013) - Principia Ethical (Create Space)  |
| Singer, P. (1983) - A Companion to Ethics, Blackwell  |
| Stirner, Max (2006) - The Ego And His Own, Dover Publications   |

## General Ethics Suggested Websites

| <u>Link</u>   | <u>Description</u>   |
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| <a href="http://www.philosophypages.com/ph/index.htm">www.philosophypages.com/ph/index.htm</a>              | Summaries of ethical theorists and their works   |
| <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/">www.bbc.co.uk/religion/</a>  | BBC's Religion and Ethics homepage with links to a forum and audio and video links                     |
| <a href="http://www.philosophersmag.com/index.php/games">http://www.philosophersmag.com/index.php/games</a> | The Philosophers' Magazine games section -good introduction to ethics activities e.g. Talking with God |
| <a href="http://www.iep.utm.edu">www.iep.utm.edu</a>  | Ethics section of the Internet Encyclopaedia of Philosophy   |
| <a href="http://www.theguardian.com/world/ethics">www.theguardian.com/world/ethics</a>                      | A link to the news stories in the Guardian that have an ethical theme                                  |

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| <a href="http://faculty.philosophy.umd.edu/PGreenspan/Crs/ETHICAL%20THEORY.pdf">http://faculty.philosophy.umd.edu/PGreenspan/Crs/ETHICAL%20THEORY.pdf</a>   | Good overview of ethics – in charts.  |
| <a href="http://sites.wofford.edu/kaycd/ethical-theory/">http://sites.wofford.edu/kaycd/ethical-theory/</a>   | Good overview of ethical theory by Dr. Charles Kay.                                   |
| <a href="http://www.miracosta.edu/home/lmoon/ET.html">http://www.miracosta.edu/home/lmoon/ET.html</a>   | Good overview of basic ethical theory.  |
| <a href="http://rsrevision.com/Alevel/ethics/index.htm">http://rsrevision.com/Alevel/ethics/index.htm</a>   | Useful material on many of the topics in the specification.                           |
| <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNUJUJtYwZTSkymLPry08cw">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNUJUJtYwZTSkymLPry08cw</a>   | YouTube channel with ethics resources   |
| <a href="https://podcasts.ox.ac.uk/series/romp-through-ethics-complete-beginners">https://podcasts.ox.ac.uk/series/romp-through-ethics-complete-beginners</a>   | Excellent set of podcasts on Ethics courtesy of the University of Oxford              |
| <a href="https://hwb.gov.wales/Resources/tree?sort=created&amp;language=en&amp;tags=Religious%20education&amp;tags=A/AS&amp;nodeId=19ab0f1b-6b90-4fb0-b593-15391564bb31">https://hwb.gov.wales/Resources/tree?sort=created&amp;language=en&amp;tags=Religious%20education&amp;tags=A/AS&amp;nodeId=19ab0f1b-6b90-4fb0-b593-15391564bb31</a> | A good digital resource from the Welsh government                                     |
| <a href="http://peped.org/philosophicalinvestigations/teachers/">http://peped.org/philosophicalinvestigations/teachers/</a>   | Very good teachers' resources developed by Philosophical Investigations (Peter Baron) |

### **Ethics Theme 1 Suggested Websites**

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| <b><u>DIVINE COMMAND THEORY</u></b>   |   |
| <a href="http://www.iep.utm.edu/divine-c/">http://www.iep.utm.edu/divine-c/</a>   | Detailed overview of the Divine Command Theory                            |
| <a href="http://www.philosophyofreligion.info/christian-ethics/divine-command-theory/">http://www.philosophyofreligion.info/christian-ethics/divine-command-theory/</a> | A good student friendly overview.   |
| <a href="https://1000wordphilosophy.wordpress.com/2014/03/31/because-god-says-so/">https://1000wordphilosophy.wordpress.com/2014/03/31/because-god-says-so/</a>         | An interesting and straightforward overview of the divine command theory. |
| <b><u>VIRTUE THEORY</u></b>   |   |
| <a href="http://www.philosophybasics.com/branch_virtue_ethics.html">http://www.philosophybasics.com/branch_virtue_ethics.html</a>                                       | A basic overview of virtue ethics.  |
| <a href="http://www.iep.utm.edu/virtue/">http://www.iep.utm.edu/virtue/</a>   | Detailed internet philosophy encyclopaedia overview of virtues            |

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| <a href="http://ethiconline.co.uk/ethical-theory-ii/">http://ethiconline.co.uk/ethical-theory-ii/</a>   | Extract from Ethical Theory 2 by Joe Jenkins available to buy on DVD or download. |
| <b><u>ETHICAL EGOSIM</u></b>  |   |
| <a href="http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/ethical_ego.html">http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/ethical_ego.html</a>   | A good introduction to ethical egoism   |
| <a href="http://www.spunk.org/texts/intro/faq/sp001547/secG6.html">www.spunk.org/texts/intro/faq/sp001547/secG6.html</a>  | A very good overview of the work of Max Stirner                                   |
| <a href="https://www.sccs.swarthmore.edu/users/00/pwillen1/lit/egomax.htm">https://www.sccs.swarthmore.edu/users/00/pwillen1/lit/egomax.htm</a>   | A good overview of ethical egoism. Meta Ethics                                    |
| <b><u>META ETHICS</u></b>   |   |
| <a href="http://www.rsrevision.com/Alevel/ethics/metaethics">http://www.rsrevision.com/Alevel/ethics/metaethics</a>   | Student friendly overview of meta ethics  |
| <a href="http://www.iep.utm.edu/metaethi/">http://www.iep.utm.edu/metaethi/</a>   | Detailed internet philosophy encyclopaedia overview of meta-ethics                |
| <a href="http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/naturalism.html">http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/naturalism.html</a>   | A good overview of ethical naturalism   |
| <a href="http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/intuitionism-ethics/">http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/intuitionism-ethics/</a>   | A detailed overview of Intuitionism.  |
| <a href="http://documents.routledge-interactive.s3.amazonaws.com/9781138793934/A2/Moral/Emotivism.pdf">http://documents.routledge-interactive.s3.amazonaws.com/9781138793934/A2/Moral/Emotivism.pdf</a> | A summary of Emotivism  |
| <a href="http://ethiconline.co.uk/ethical-theory-i/">http://ethiconline.co.uk/ethical-theory-i/</a>   | Extract from Ethical Theory 1 by Joe Jenkins available to buy on DVD or download  |

### **Ethics Theme 2 Suggested Websites**

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| <b><u>NATURAL LAW</u></b>  |   |
| <a href="http://www.aquinasonline.com">www.aquinasonline.com</a>                             | A good overview of Natural Law.               |
| <a href="http://www.rsrevision.com">www.rsrevision.com</a>                                   | A student friendly overview of Natural Law    |
| <a href="http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/09076a.htm">www.newadvent.org/cathen/09076a.htm</a> | Catholic Encyclopaedia article on Natural Law |

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| <a href="http://ethicsonline.co.uk/ethical-theory-ii/">http://ethicsonline.co.uk/ethical-theory-ii/</a>   | Extract from Ethical Theory 2 by Joe Jenkins available to buy on DVD or download. |
| <a href="http://ethicsonline.co.uk/abortion/">http://ethicsonline.co.uk/abortion/</a>   | Abortion film by Joe Jenkins available to buy on DVD or download                  |
| <b><u>FINNIS' NATURAL LAW</u></b>   |   |
| <a href="https://hughmccarthyawscienceasc.wordpress.com/2015/01/03/a-summary-of-johnfinnis-theory-of-natural-law">https://hughmccarthyawscienceasc.wordpress.com/2015/01/03/a-summary-of-johnfinnis-theory-of-natural-law</a> | A good overview of Finnis' version  |
| <a href="http://drmyrawilliamson.com/lectures/johnfinnis.pdf">http://drmyrawilliamson.com/lectures/johnfinnis.pdf</a>   | Another good overview of Finnis' version  |
| <b><u>BERNARD HOOSE'S PROPORTIONALISM</u></b>   |   |
| <a href="http://www.slideshare.net/aquinas_rs/proportionalism">http://www.slideshare.net/aquinas_rs/proportionalism</a>   | A good introduction to proportionalism  |
| <a href="http://www.thetablet.co.uk/student-zone/ethics/natural-law/proportionalism">http://www.thetablet.co.uk/student-zone/ethics/natural-law/proportionalism</a>   | An interesting article on proportionalism.  |
| <a href="http://www.rsrevision.com/Alevel/ethics/religious_ethics/">http://www.rsrevision.com/Alevel/ethics/religious_ethics/</a>   | Contains a brief outline of this theory.  |

### **Ethics Theme 3 Suggested Websites**

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| <b><u>SITUATION ETHICS</u></b>  |  |
| <a href="http://www.allaboutphilosophy.org/situational-ethics.htm">http://www.allaboutphilosophy.org/situational-ethics.htm</a>         | Student friendly overview of Situation Ethics (with some bias).                  |
| <a href="http://www.newworldencyclopedia.org/entry/Situational_Ethics">http://www.newworldencyclopedia.org/entry/Situational_Ethics</a> | Ethics Another student friendly overview of Situation Ethics                     |
| <a href="http://www.christiancourier.com/archives/jesusEthics.htm">www.christiancourier.com/archives/jesusEthics.htm</a>                | An article arguing against the idea that Jesus would approve of Situation Ethics |
| <a href="http://ethicsonline.co.uk/ethical-theory-i/">http://ethicsonline.co.uk/ethical-theory-i/</a>                                   | Extract from Ethical Theory 1 by Joe Jenkins available to buy on DVD or download |
| <b><u>UTILITARIANISM</u></b>  |  |
| <a href="http://ethicsonline.co.uk/ethical-theory-ii/">http://ethicsonline.co.uk/ethical-theory-ii/</a>                                 | Extract from Ethical Theory 2 by Joe Jenkins available to buy on DVD or download |

### Ethics Theme 4 Suggested Websites

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| <a href="http://www.ewtn.com/library/THEOLOGY/AUGUSTIN.htm">www.ewtn.com/library/THEOLOGY/AUGUSTIN.htm</a>   | A good resource for Augustine's predestination theory  |
| <a href="http://www.reformedtheology.ca/calvin.html">http://www.reformedtheology.ca/calvin.html</a>  | A detailed overview of Calvin's predestination theory.   |
| • <a href="http://www.leaderu.com/theology/augpelagius.html">http://www.leaderu.com/theology/augpelagius.html</a>  | Considers the debate between Pelagius and Augustine  |
| <a href="http://www.bible-researcher.com/arminianism.html">http://www.bible-researcher.com/arminianism.html</a>  | A good overview of the beliefs of Arminius.  |
| <a href="http://jakedoesrevision.blogspot.co.uk/2013/01/a2-religious-studies-free-will.html">http://jakedoesrevision.blogspot.co.uk/2013/01/a2-religious-studies-free-will.html</a>  | A good overview of the different kinds of determinism  |
| <a href="http://psychology.about.com/od/behavioralpsychology/a/classical-vs-operant-conditioning.htm">http://psychology.about.com/od/behavioralpsychology/a/classical-vs-operant-conditioning.htm</a>  | A good website on psychological conditioning.  |
| <a href="http://web.sonoma.edu/users/d/daniels/sartre_sum.htm">http://web.sonoma.edu/users/d/daniels/sartre_sum.htm</a><br><br><a href="http://homepages.wmich.edu/~baldner/ehnotes.pdf">http://homepages.wmich.edu/~baldner/ehnotes.pdf</a> | Both good summaries of Sartre's free will beliefs  |
| <a href="https://www.newscientist.com/article/dn17092-possible-site-of-free-will-found-in-brain/">https://www.newscientist.com/article/dn17092-possible-site-of-free-will-found-in-brain/</a>  | Good article about Sirigu's scientific look at free will   |
| <a href="http://www.simplypsychology.org/freewill-determinism.html">http://www.simplypsychology.org/freewill-determinism.html</a>  | Student friendly article that among other things considers the Humanist approach to psychology and its link to free will |
| <a href="http://www.lancaster.ac.uk/users/philosophy/courses/100/100determinism3.htm">http://www.lancaster.ac.uk/users/philosophy/courses/100/100determinism3.htm</a>  | Student friendly overview of Soft Determinism/compatibilism  |