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The background of the cover is a close-up photograph of several ancient papyrus scrolls. The scrolls are made of dried plant material, showing a textured, yellowish-brown surface. They are arranged in a star-like pattern, with multiple strips overlapping and radiating from a central point. The lighting is warm, highlighting the texture and the aged nature of the material.

## Sources of Wisdom and Authority Unit 1 Christianity



## Unit 1: Part A Christianity – Core beliefs, teachings and practices

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<p>God Beliefs and teachings on creation</p>	<p><b>Genesis 1:1-31</b>  <b>The Beginning</b> <sup>1</sup> In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup> Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. <sup>3</sup> And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. <sup>4</sup> God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup> God called the light “day,” and the darkness he called “night.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day. <sup>6</sup> And God said, “Let there be a vault between the waters to separate water from water.” <sup>7</sup> So God made the vault and separated the water under the vault from the water above it. And it was so. <sup>8</sup> God called the vault “sky.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day. <sup>9</sup> And God said, “Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear.” And it was so. <sup>10</sup> God called the dry ground “land,” and the gathered waters he called “seas.” And God saw that it was good. <sup>11</sup> Then God said, “Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds.” And it was so. <sup>12</sup> The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup> And there was evening, and there was morning—the third day. <sup>14</sup> And God said, “Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years, <sup>15</sup> and let them be lights in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth.” And it was so. <sup>16</sup> God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. <sup>17</sup> God set them in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth, <sup>18</sup> to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup> And there was evening, and there was morning—the fourth day. <sup>20</sup> And God said, “Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the vault of the sky.” <sup>21</sup> So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living thing with which the water teems and that moves about in it, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup> God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth.” <sup>23</sup> And there was evening, and there was morning—the fifth day. <sup>24</sup> And God said, “Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground, and the wild animals, each according to its kind.” And it was so. <sup>25</sup> God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.</p>
<p>Nature of humanity</p>	<p><sup>26</sup> Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”</p>



Nature of humanity	<p><sup>27</sup> So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.</p> <p><sup>28</sup> God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”</p> <p><sup>29</sup> Then God said, “I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. <sup>30</sup> And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food.” And it was so.</p> <p><sup>31</sup> God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.</p> <p><b>Genesis 2:1-25</b></p> <p><sup>1</sup> Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array.</p> <p><sup>2</sup> By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. <sup>3</sup> Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.</p> <p><b>Adam and Eve</b></p> <p><sup>4</sup> This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, when the LORD God made the earth and the heavens.</p> <p><sup>5</sup> Now no shrub had yet appeared on the earth and no plant had yet sprung up, for the LORD God had not sent rain on the earth and there was no one to work the ground, <sup>6</sup> but streams came up from the earth and watered the whole surface of the ground. <sup>7</sup> Then the LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.</p> <p><sup>8</sup> Now the LORD God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. <sup>9</sup> The LORD God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground—trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.</p> <p><sup>10</sup> A river watering the garden flowed from Eden; from there it was separated into four headwaters. <sup>11</sup> The name of the first is the Pishon; it winds through the entire land of Havilah, where there is gold. <sup>12</sup> (The gold of that land is good; aromatic resin and onyx are also there.) <sup>13</sup> The name of the second river is the Gihon; it winds through the entire land of Cush. <sup>14</sup> The name of the third river is the Tigris; it runs along the east side of Ashur. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.</p> <p><sup>15</sup> The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. <sup>16</sup> And the LORD God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; <sup>17</sup> but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.”</p> <p><sup>18</sup> The LORD God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.”</p> <p><sup>19</sup> Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup> So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals.</p> <p>But for Adam no suitable helper was found. <sup>21</sup> So the LORD God caused the</p>
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man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. <sup>22</sup> Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.

<sup>23</sup> The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man."

<sup>24</sup> That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.

<sup>25</sup> Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame."

### **The fall**

3 Now the snake was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God really say, "You must not eat from any tree in the garden"?'

<sup>2</sup> The woman said to the snake, 'We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup> but God did say, "You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die."'

<sup>4</sup> 'You will not certainly die,' the snake said to the woman. <sup>5</sup> 'For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.'

<sup>6</sup> When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. <sup>7</sup> Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realised that they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

<sup>8</sup> Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup> But the LORD God called to the man, 'Where are you?'

<sup>10</sup> He answered, 'I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.'

<sup>11</sup> And he said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree from which I commanded you not to eat?'

<sup>12</sup> The man said, 'The woman you put here with me – she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.'

<sup>13</sup> Then the LORD God said to the woman, 'What is this you have done?' The woman said, 'The snake deceived me, and I ate.'

<sup>14</sup> So the LORD God said to the snake, 'Because you have done this, 'Cursed are you above all livestock  
and all wild animals!

You will crawl on your belly  
and you will eat dust  
all the days of your life.

<sup>15</sup> And I will put enmity  
between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and hers;  
he will crush your head,  
and you will strike his heel.'

<sup>16</sup> To the woman he said,  
'I will make your pains in childbearing very severe;  
with painful labour you will give birth to children.  
Your desire will be for your husband,  
and he will rule over you.'

<sup>17</sup> To Adam he said, 'Because you listened to your wife and ate fruit from



<p>The Trinity Father</p>	<p>the tree about which I commanded you, "You must not eat from it," 'Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat food from it all the days of your life. <sup>18</sup> It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field. <sup>19</sup> By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return.' <sup>20</sup> Adam named his wife Eve because she would become the mother of all the living. <sup>21</sup> The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them. <sup>22</sup> And the LORD God said, 'The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live for ever.' <sup>23</sup> So the LORD God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken. <sup>24</sup> After he drove the man out, he placed on the east side<sup>[e]</sup> of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.</p> <p><b>Luke 15:11-32 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)</b> <b>The parable of the lost son</b> <sup>11</sup> Jesus continued: 'There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup> The younger one said to his father, "Father, give me my share of the estate." So he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup> 'Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. <sup>14</sup> After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup> So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup> He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup> 'When he came to his senses, he said, "How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! <sup>18</sup> I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. <sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants." <sup>20</sup> So he got up and went to his father. 'But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms round him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup> 'The son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son." <sup>22</sup> 'But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup> Bring the fatted calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. <sup>24</sup> For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found." So they began to celebrate. <sup>25</sup> 'Meanwhile, the elder son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup> So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. <sup>27</sup> "Your brother has come," he replied,</p>
<p>Son</p>	



<p>Holy Spirit</p>	<p>“and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.”  <sup>28</sup> ‘The elder brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. <sup>29</sup> But he answered his father, “Look! All these years I’ve been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup> But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!”  <sup>31</sup> “My son,” the father said, “you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. <sup>32</sup> But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.””</p> <p><b>John 1:1-3New International Version - UK (NIVUK)</b>  <b>The Word became flesh</b>  1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was with God in the beginning. <sup>3</sup> Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.</p> <p><b>John 1:14New International Version - UK (NIVUK)</b>  <sup>14</sup> The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.</p> <p><b>John 14:25-26New International Version - UK (NIVUK)</b>  <sup>25</sup> ‘All this I have spoken while still with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.</p> <p><b>Galatians 5:22-23New International Version - UK (NIVUK)</b>  <sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.</p>
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<p>Jesus as Messiah</p>	<p><sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law</p> <p><b>Matthew 16:13-17 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)</b>  <b>Peter declares that Jesus is the Messiah</b>  <sup>13</sup> When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?'  <sup>14</sup> They replied, 'Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.'  <sup>15</sup> 'But what about you?' he asked. 'Who do you say I am?'  <sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.'  <sup>17</sup> Jesus replied, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven.'</p>
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<p>Salvation and atonement</p>	<p><b>John 3:16 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)</b>  <sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.</p> <p><b>John 14:6 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)</b>  <sup>6</sup> Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'</p>
<p>Jesus' birth</p>	<p><b>Matthew 1:18-2:12 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)</b>  <b>Joseph accepts Jesus as his son</b>  <sup>18</sup> This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about<sup>[a]</sup>: his mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup> Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet<sup>[b]</sup> did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.  <sup>20</sup> But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus,<sup>[c]</sup> because he will save his people from their sins.'  <sup>22</sup> All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had said through the prophet:  <sup>23</sup> 'The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel'<sup>[d]</sup> (which means 'God with us').  <sup>24</sup> When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. <sup>25</sup> But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.</p>



Jesus' death	<p><b>The Magi visit the Messiah</b></p> <p>2 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi<sup>[e]</sup> from the east came to Jerusalem <sup>2</sup> and asked, 'Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.'</p> <p><sup>3</sup> When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. <sup>4</sup> When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup> 'In Bethlehem in Judea,' they replied, 'for this is what the prophet has written: <sup>6</sup> "But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."<sup>[f]</sup></p> <p><sup>7</sup> Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> He sent them to Bethlehem and said, 'Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.'</p> <p><sup>9</sup> After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. <sup>11</sup> On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. <sup>12</sup> And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.</p> <p><b>Luke 1:26-35 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)</b>  <b>The birth of Jesus foretold</b></p> <p><sup>26</sup> In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup> The angel went to her and said, 'Greetings, you who are highly favoured! The Lord is with you.'</p> <p><sup>29</sup> Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup> But the angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favour with God. <sup>31</sup> You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, <sup>33</sup> and he will reign over Jacob's descendants for ever; his kingdom will never end.'</p> <p><sup>34</sup> 'How will this be,' Mary asked the angel, 'since I am a virgin?'</p> <p><sup>35</sup> The angel answered, 'The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.'</p> <p><b>Luke 2:21 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)</b></p> <p><sup>21</sup> On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise the child, he was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he was conceived.</p> <p><b>Mark 15:1-39 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)</b>  <b>Jesus before Pilate</b></p> <p>15 Very early in the morning, the chief priests, with the elders, the teachers of the law and the whole Sanhedrin, made their plans. So they bound Jesus, led him away and handed him over to Pilate.</p>
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<sup>2</sup> 'Are you the king of the Jews?' asked Pilate.  
<sup>3</sup> 'You have said so,' Jesus replied.  
<sup>4</sup> The chief priests accused him of many things. <sup>5</sup> So again Pilate asked him, 'Aren't you going to answer? See how many things they are accusing you of.'  
<sup>6</sup> But Jesus still made no reply, and Pilate was amazed.  
<sup>7</sup> Now it was the custom at the festival to release a prisoner whom the people requested. <sup>8</sup> A man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder in the uprising. <sup>9</sup> The crowd came up and asked Pilate to do for them what he usually did.  
<sup>10</sup> 'Do you want me to release to you the king of the Jews?' asked Pilate, knowing it was out of self-interest that the chief priests had handed Jesus over to him. <sup>11</sup> But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to get Pilate to release Barabbas instead.  
<sup>12</sup> 'What shall I do, then, with the one you call the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked them.  
<sup>13</sup> 'Crucify him!' they shouted.  
<sup>14</sup> 'Why? What crime has he committed?' asked Pilate. But they shouted all the louder, 'Crucify him!'  
<sup>15</sup> Wanting to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas to them. He had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified.

**The soldiers mock Jesus**

<sup>16</sup> The soldiers led Jesus away into the palace (that is, the Praetorium) and called together the whole company of soldiers. <sup>17</sup> They put a purple robe on him, then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on him. <sup>18</sup> And they began to call out to him, 'Hail, king of the Jews!' <sup>19</sup> Again and again they struck him on the head with a staff and spat on him. Falling on their knees, they paid homage to him. <sup>20</sup> And when they had mocked him, they took off the purple robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

**The crucifixion of Jesus**

<sup>21</sup> A certain man from Cyrene, Simon, the father of Alexander and Rufus, was passing by on his way in from the country, and they forced him to carry the cross. <sup>22</sup> They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means 'the place of the skull'). <sup>23</sup> Then they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. <sup>24</sup> And they crucified him. Dividing up his clothes, they cast lots to see what each would get.  
<sup>25</sup> It was nine in the morning when they crucified him. <sup>26</sup> The written notice of the charge against him read: THE KING OF THE JEWS.  
<sup>27</sup> They crucified two rebels with him, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>28</sup> Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads and saying, 'So! You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, <sup>29</sup> come down from the cross and save yourself!' <sup>30</sup> In the same way the chief priests and the teachers of the law mocked him among themselves. 'He saved others,' they said, 'but he can't save himself! <sup>31</sup> Let this Messiah, this king of Israel, come down now from the cross, that we may see and believe.' Those crucified with him also heaped insults on him.

**The death of Jesus**

<sup>32</sup> At noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. <sup>33</sup> And at three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, '*Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?*' (which means 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?'). <sup>34</sup>  
<sup>35</sup> When some of those standing near heard this, they said, 'Listen, he's calling Elijah.'



<p>Jesus' resurrection</p>	<p><sup>36</sup> Someone ran, filled a sponge with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink. 'Now leave him alone. Let's see if Elijah comes to take him down,' he said.</p> <p><sup>37</sup> With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last.</p> <p><sup>38</sup> The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. <sup>39</sup> And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, saw how he died,<sup>[c]</sup> he said, 'Surely this man was the Son of God!'</p> <p><b>John 20:1-21 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)</b></p> <p><b>The empty tomb</b></p> <p>20 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. 2 So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!'</p> <p>3 So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. 4 Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. 5 He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. 6 Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, 7 as well as the cloth that had been wrapped round Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. 8 Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. 9 (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) 10 Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.</p> <p>Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene</p> <p>11 Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb 12 and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.</p> <p>13 They asked her, 'Woman, why are you crying?'</p> <p>'They have taken my Lord away,' she said, 'and I don't know where they have put him.' 14 At this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realise that it was Jesus.</p> <p>15 He asked her, 'Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?'</p> <p>Thinking he was the gardener, she said, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.'</p> <p>16 Jesus said to her, 'Mary.' She turned towards him and cried out in Aramaic, 'Rabboni!' (which means 'Teacher').</p>
<p>Ascension</p>	<p>17 Jesus said, 'Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."'</p> <p>18 Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: 'I have seen the Lord!' And she told them that he had said these things to her.</p> <p>Jesus appears to his disciples</p> <p>19 On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.</p> <p>21 Again Jesus said, 'Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.'</p>



	<p><b>Acts 1:9-11 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)</b></p> <p><sup>9</sup> After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.</p> <p><sup>10</sup> They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. <sup>11</sup> ‘Men of Galilee,’ they said, ‘why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.’</p>
Practices Morality Teachings of Jesus	<p><b>Matthew 7:13-14 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)</b></p> <p><b>The narrow and wide gates</b></p> <p><sup>13</sup> ‘Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. <sup>14</sup> But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.</p> <p><b>Matthew 25:31-46 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)</b></p> <p><b>The sheep and the goats</b></p> <p><sup>31</sup> ‘When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. <sup>32</sup> All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup> He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.</p> <p><sup>34</sup> ‘Then the King will say to those on his right, “Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. <sup>35</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, <sup>36</sup> I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was ill and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.”</p> <p><sup>37</sup> ‘Then the righteous will answer him, “Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? <sup>38</sup> When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? <sup>39</sup> When did we see you ill or in prison and go to visit you?”</p> <p><sup>40</sup> ‘The King will reply, “Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.”</p> <p><sup>41</sup> ‘Then he will say to those on his left, “Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. <sup>42</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup> I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was ill and in prison and you did not look after me.”</p> <p><sup>44</sup> ‘They also will answer, “Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or ill or in prison, and did not help you?”</p> <p><sup>45</sup> ‘He will reply, “Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.”</p> <p><sup>46</sup> ‘Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.’</p> <p><b>Luke 10:25-37 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)</b></p> <p><b>The parable of the good Samaritan</b></p> <p><sup>25</sup> On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. ‘Teacher,’ he asked, ‘what must I do to inherit eternal life?’</p> <p><sup>26</sup> ‘What is written in the Law?’ he replied. ‘How do you read it?’</p> <p><sup>27</sup> He answered, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’<sup>[a]</sup>; and, “Love</p>
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<p>Forgiveness</p>	<p>your neighbour as yourself.”<sup>[b]</sup></p> <p><sup>28</sup> ‘You have answered correctly,’ Jesus replied. ‘Do this and you will live.’</p> <p><sup>29</sup> But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, ‘And who is my neighbour?’</p> <p><sup>30</sup> In reply Jesus said: ‘A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half-dead. <sup>31</sup> A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup> So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup> But a Samaritan, as he travelled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. <sup>34</sup> He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. <sup>35</sup> The next day he took out two denarii<sup>[c]</sup> and gave them to the innkeeper. “Look after him,” he said, “and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.”</p> <p><sup>36</sup> ‘Which of these three do you think was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?’</p> <p><sup>37</sup> The expert in the law replied, ‘The one who had mercy on him.’ Jesus told him, ‘Go and do likewise.’</p> <p><b>John 13:34-35 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)</b></p> <p><sup>34</sup> ‘A new command I give you: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.’</p> <p><b>Matthew 6:5-13 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)</b></p> <p><b>Prayer</b></p> <p><sup>5</sup> ‘And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. <sup>6</sup> But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. <sup>7</sup> And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. <sup>8</sup> Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.</p> <p><sup>9</sup> ‘This, then, is how you should pray:</p> <p>“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, <sup>10</sup> your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. <sup>11</sup> Give us today our daily bread. <sup>12</sup> And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. <sup>13</sup> And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.”</p> <p><b>Matthew 18:21-22 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)</b></p> <p><b>The parable of the unmerciful servant</b></p> <p><sup>21</sup> Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, ‘Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?’</p> <p><sup>22</sup> Jesus answered, ‘I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.</p>
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<p>Treasures on earth / in Heaven</p>	<p><b>Luke 23:34 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)</b>  <sup>34</sup> Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.' And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.</p> <p><b>Matthew 5:43-44 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)</b>  <b>Love for enemies</b>  <sup>43</sup> 'You have heard that it was said, "Love your neighbour and hate your enemy." <sup>44</sup> But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,</p> <p><b>Matthew 6:19-21 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)</b>  <b>Treasures in heaven</b>  <sup>19</sup> 'Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. <sup>20</sup> But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.</p> <p><b>Luke 16:19-31 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)</b>  <b>The rich man and Lazarus</b>  <sup>19</sup> 'There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. <sup>20</sup> At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores <sup>21</sup> and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.  <sup>22</sup> 'The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. <sup>23</sup> In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. <sup>24</sup> So he called to him, "Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire."  <sup>25</sup> 'But Abraham replied, "Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. <sup>26</sup> And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us."  <sup>27</sup> 'He answered, "Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, <sup>28</sup> for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment."  <sup>29</sup> 'Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them."  <sup>30</sup> "No, father Abraham," he said, "but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent."  <sup>31</sup> 'He said to him, "If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"</p>
<p>The Church</p> <p>Importance of prayer, communal and private</p>	<p><b>Matthew 6:5-13 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)</b>  <b>Prayer</b>  <sup>5</sup> 'And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. <sup>6</sup> But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. <sup>7</sup> And</p>



<p>Persecution in the modern world</p>	<p>when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words.<sup>8</sup> Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.</p> <p><sup>9</sup> ‘This, then, is how you should pray:</p> <p>“Our Father in heaven,  hallowed be your name,  <sup>10</sup> your kingdom come,  your will be done,  on earth as it is in heaven.  <sup>11</sup> Give us today our daily bread.  <sup>12</sup> And forgive us our debts,  as we also have forgiven our debtors.  <sup>13</sup> And lead us not into temptation,  but deliver us from the evil one.”</p> <p><b>Matthew 18:20 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)</b>  <sup>20</sup> For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.’</p> <p><b>Matthew 10:22 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)</b>  <sup>22</sup> You will be hated by everyone because of me, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved.</p>
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## Part B:

### Theme 1: Issues of Life and Death

#### Content from Christian and non-religious perspectives

The World	<p><b>Genesis 1 and 2</b>  <b>Genesis 1:1-31</b>  <b>The Beginning</b> <sup>1</sup> In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup> Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. <sup>3</sup> And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. <sup>4</sup> God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup> God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day. <sup>6</sup> And God said, "Let there be a vault between the waters to separate water from water." <sup>7</sup> So God made the vault and separated the water under the vault from the water above it. And it was so. <sup>8</sup> God called the vault "sky." And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day. <sup>9</sup> And God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear." And it was so. <sup>10</sup> God called the dry ground "land," and the gathered waters he called "seas." And God saw that it was good. <sup>11</sup> Then God said, "Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds." And it was so. <sup>12</sup> The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup> And there was evening, and there was morning—the third day. <sup>14</sup> And God said, "Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years, <sup>15</sup> and let them be lights in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth." And it was so. <sup>16</sup> God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. <sup>17</sup> God set them in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth, <sup>18</sup> to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup> And there was evening, and there was morning—the fourth day. <sup>20</sup> And God said, "Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the vault of the sky." <sup>21</sup> So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living thing with which the water teems and that moves about in it, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup> God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth." <sup>23</sup> And there was evening, and there was morning—the fifth day. <sup>24</sup> And God said, "Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground, and the wild animals, each according to its kind." And it was so. <sup>25</sup> God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.</p>
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<sup>26</sup> Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

<sup>27</sup> So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup> God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

<sup>29</sup> Then God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. <sup>30</sup> And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food." And it was so.

<sup>31</sup> God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

### **Genesis 2:1-25**

<sup>1</sup> Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array.

<sup>2</sup> By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. <sup>3</sup> Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.

### **Adam and Eve**

<sup>4</sup> This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, when the LORD God made the earth and the heavens.

<sup>5</sup> Now no shrub had yet appeared on the earth and no plant had yet sprung up, for the LORD God had not sent rain on the earth and there was no one to work the ground, <sup>6</sup> but streams came up from the earth and watered the whole surface of the ground. <sup>7</sup> Then the LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

<sup>8</sup> Now the LORD God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. <sup>9</sup> The LORD God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground—trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

<sup>10</sup> A river watering the garden flowed from Eden; from there it was separated into four headwaters. <sup>11</sup> The name of the first is the Pishon; it winds through the entire land of Havilah, where there is gold. <sup>12</sup> (The gold of that land is good; aromatic resin and onyx are also there.) <sup>13</sup> The name of the second river is the Gihon; it winds through the entire land of Cush. <sup>14</sup> The name of the third river is the Tigris; it runs along the east side of Ashur. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

<sup>15</sup> The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. <sup>16</sup> And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; <sup>17</sup> but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die."

<sup>18</sup> The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."

<sup>19</sup> Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would



	<p>name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name.<sup>20</sup> So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals.</p> <p>But for Adam no suitable helper was found.<sup>21</sup> So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and then closed up the place with flesh.<sup>22</sup> Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.</p> <p><sup>23</sup> The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man."</p> <p><sup>24</sup> That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.</p> <p><sup>25</sup> Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame."</p> <p><b>Genesis 1:28</b></p> <p><sup>28</sup> God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground."</p> <p><b>Psalms 8:6</b></p> <p><sup>6</sup> You made them rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under their feet.</p>
The Origin and value of Human Life	<p><b>Genesis 1:31</b></p> <p>31 God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.</p> <p><b>Jeremiah 1:5</b></p> <p>5 Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.</p>
Beliefs about death and the afterlife	<p><b>John 11:24-27</b></p> <p>24 Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."</p> <p>25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; 26 and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"</p> <p>27 "Yes, Lord," she replied, "I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world."</p> <p><b>1 Corinthians 15: 42-44</b></p> <p>42 So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; 43 it is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; 44 it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.</p>



## Theme 2 issues of Good and Evil

<p>Crime and Punishment</p>	<p><b>Exodus 20:13 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)</b>  <sup>13</sup> 'You shall not murder.</p> <p><b>Matthew 5:38-39 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)</b>          Eye for eye  <sup>38</sup> 'You have heard that it was said, "Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth." [a] <sup>39</sup> But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also.</p> <p><b>Matthew 5:43-47 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)</b>  <b>Love for enemies</b>  <sup>43</sup> 'You have heard that it was said, "Love your neighbour [a] and hate your enemy." <sup>44</sup> But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, <sup>45</sup> that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. <sup>46</sup> If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? <sup>47</sup> And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that?</p>
<p>Forgiveness</p>	<p><b>Matthew 18:21-22 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)</b>  <b>The parable of the unmerciful servant</b>  <sup>21</sup> Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, 'Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?'  <sup>22</sup> Jesus answered, 'I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.</p> <p><b>Matthew 6:14-15 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)</b>  <sup>14</sup> For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. <sup>15</sup> But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.</p>

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