



New Journal to support A-level Religious Studies

The St Mary's and St Giles' Centre have recently published a new online journal designed to support both students and teachers involved with A-level Religious Studies.

The journal, *Challenging Religious Issues* is available in both English language and Welsh language versions, and has a number of distinctive features:

- articles are written by leading scholars and practitioners;
- a wide range of popular AS and A2 options are covered;
- activities and live links to recommended websites are included;
- the journal is published every term;
- the journal is a Welsh Government commissioned resource and is available FREE of charge.

The aim of the resource is to challenge both teachers and students to engage critically and seriously with topics related to their A-level options in a way that is different from other resources currently available.

Articles included in Issue 1 of the journal are:

- Evolution and Creation by Professor Jeff Astley
- Researching Religious Experience in China: The Alister Hardy Project by Professor Leslie J Francis
- Christian Sexual Ethics: Homosexuality and Marriage by Dr Stephen Parker
- The Growth of Neo-Pentecostalism in Britain: A Critique of Secularisation by Professor William K. Kay

Articles included in issue 2 of the journal are:

- Evil and Suffering by Professor Jeff Astley
- Psychology and Mysticism: An Empirical Approach by Professor Leslie J Francis
- Secularisation: Approaches and Aspects by Dr Richard Bartholomew
- Secular and Religious Meditation by Phra Nicholas Thanissaro

Challenging Religious Issues is available on the St Mary's Centre website and on Hwb Wales website.

<http://www.st-marys-centre.org.uk/resources/Aleveljournal.html>

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