

A Level pre-course reading for Religion, Philosophy and Ethics

A key resource which is utilised by the department and will a necessity for further studies is McGrath's 'Introduction to Christian Theology' as well as his 'Christian Theology reader'.

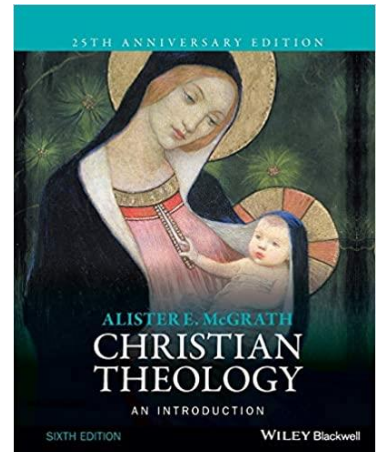
In his Introduction it is advised you read the key pages on

- Person of Jesus
- Trinity
- Natural Law
- Cosmological Arguments
- The Soul

You can find them here at the following link:

[Christian Theology: An Introduction \(Wile05\): Amazon.co.uk: McGrath, Alister E.: 9781118869574: Books](#)

[The Christian Theology Reader, 5th Edition: Amazon.co.uk: McGrath: 9781118874387: Books](#)



With regards to an introduction of key Philosophical ideas it is advised you read Plato's allegory of the cave from his book Republic, which can be found here:

<https://web.stanford.edu/class/ihum40/cave.pdf>

Answer the questions:

- What do you think is represented by:
 - The cave
 - The prisoners
 - The shadows
 - The chains
 - The escaping prisoner
 - The rocky ascent out of the cave
 - Outside of the cave
 - Seeing 'real' things
- What is the message Plato is trying to convey with this analogy?
- Do you agree with Plato's view as shown in the analogy?

Use this link to help if you need it:

<https://www.thoughtco.com/the-allegory-of-the-cave-120330>

Explore key philosophical ideas using the YouTube channel Crash Course Philosophy, starting with the first video 'What is philosophy' as a starting point:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL8dPuuaLjXtNgK6MZucdYldNkMybYIHKR>