

Being Good

On demand lecture-series for students of
Ethics for A Level Religious Studies

With Dr Peter Vardy and Charlotte Vardy

On-demand Lectures

1. Natural Law
2. Kantian Ethics
3. Utilitarianism
4. Situation Ethics

BONUS: Aristotle's Ethic



Dr. Peter Vardy was Vice Principal of Heythrop College, University of London (1999-2011); he is internationally well-known as a leader in the fields of Religious Studies, Philosophy and Ethics and Values Education. Peter's many books – including the bestselling "Puzzle of" series for HarperCollins – demonstrate his ability to communicate complex ideas with clarity, accuracy and humour. For more than three decades schools and colleges have looked to Peter to provide outstanding conferences, resources and CPD / INSET, both to support their work in RS and Philosophy and more broadly.

Charlotte Vardy combines teaching Religious Studies across the age and ability range in an outstanding Church School with her work in planning our events and creating our resources. With 20 years' experience in schools, including in Senior and Middle Leadership, she has worked as an educational consultant and teacher-trainer since 2007, for organisations including examination boards. She has a Masters' Degree with distinction in Philosophy from the University of London, attended the Universities of Oxford (BA Theology) and Cambridge (PGCE Secondary RS), and has written four books for students of A Level Religious Studies.

Candle Conferences on demand lecture series for students of A Level Religious Studies are unique. As always, the lectures are pacy and engaging, designed to provoke deep thought and further discussion and debate. Each lecture is accompanied by detailed student resources, providing an overview of the content, useful scholars and quotations, suggestions for extra reading and learning activities. **Overall, the lecture series offers 4-5 hours of video content accompanied by 40+ pages of digital resources.**

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Exploring content specified by ALL ENGLISH EXAMINATION BOARDS, "Being Good" will take students on a "deep dive" into Normative Ethics, helping them to analyse, evaluate and make informed, well-reasoned academic judgements about different approaches to moral decision-making.

1) Natural Law

This first lecture will explore and evaluate Natural Law as an approach to decision-making, tracing its development from the work of Aristotle through St. Thomas Aquinas to its role in shaping Roman Catholic Moral Philosophy and then modern versions in the work of John Finnis and Bernard Hoose. Special attention will be paid to the relationship between Natural Law and Virtue Ethics as well as to how Conscience relates.

2) Kantian Ethics

The second lecture will move on to consider Kantian Ethics, another absolutist, deontological approach to decision-making but with a very different understanding of what being fully human and good consists in. The strengths of Kantian Ethics will be outlined with reference to the work of modern Kantian moral philosophers and then the weaknesses of the Kantian approach will be explored and evaluated.

3) Utilitarianism

The third lecture will turn to Utilitarianism, which at first seems to be a completely different approach to decision making, but which turns out to owe something to Kantian Ethics at least in versions presented by John Stuart Mill, Henry Sidgwick and Peter Singer. Particular attention will be paid to the extent to which the problem of prediction undermines Act and Weak Rule Utilitarianism and the extent to which Utilitarianism is compatible with Christian Ethics.

4) Situation Ethics

The final lecture will outline and evaluate Joseph Fletcher's attempt to develop a "New Morality" making Christian love the end in a consequentialist ethic. It will then consider whether Joseph Fletcher's version of Situation Ethics is really compatible with Christian Moral Principles and how it compares with other Christian approaches to decision-making that are situational and prioritise agape-love, such as those of William Temple, Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Paul Tillich.



To Book

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