

DEVELOPMENTS IN CHRISTIAN THOUGHT



A Level Religious Studies Workshop
With Dr Peter Vardy

Bespoke Event

"I would love you to pass on my thanks to Peter for the most amazing talk he gave to my 6th Form. Every single one of them raved about it afterwards."

Elizabeth McManus (Ewell Castle School)



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 best-selling "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.

Did you know? Peter was awarded an honorary doctorate for his work in promoting Religious Studies in schools by the University of Chichester in 2021.



“Developments in Christian Thought” is an intensive one-day workshop for students of A Level Religious Studies, that has been designed to be run as a face-to-face bespoke event in your school.

Combining pacy, engaging lectures with plenty of activities, discussions and debates, “Developments in Christian Thought” will bring content related to all four English specifications to life and help students to appreciate their significance.

Please note that this is NOT a revision or exam coaching event; no prior-knowledge will be assumed and the aim will be to enrich and extend students' learning in Religious Studies. Sessions are suitable for Year 12 or Year 13 students - or a mixture of both - and the event works well at any point during the academic year. Some schools have invited the most able Year 11 students to similar events in the past to give them a “taster” of the A Level and support recruitment.

Sessions include:

1. Christian Thought

This introductory session explores the fundamentals of Christian thought and identifies key debates that have given rise to conflict and diversity within the religion through its long history.

2. St. Augustine

After break, the second session focuses in on St. Augustine's contribution to Christian thought, considering how his work influenced responses to topics including the problem of evil and suffering, pluralism and gender.

3. Secularism

After lunch, the third session moves forward to the 20th Century and evaluates both a range of arguments for secularism - including those associated with Marx, Freud and Dawkins - and different Christian responses to those arguments.

4. Liberation Theology

After coffee, the final session will explore how the Roman Catholic Church responded to the emergence of Liberation Theology and the implications of this response for understandings of Jesus and of Authority in the Church, the interpretation and use of the Bible and the relationship between Religion and Politics.

Arranging a Bespoke Event with Candle Conferences couldn't be simpler - just send us an e-mail on info@candleconferences.com and our administrator - a highly experienced RS teacher herself - will get back to you to discuss possible dates and then answer any questions you may have.

To Book

“Developments in Christian Thought” costs £899 for unlimited numbers of students within one school or college.

Alternatively and subject to your own risk-assessments and policies, we can run the event for a group of local schools (max.100 students) for £1299.

With Candle, there are NO hidden extras for VAT or travel (mainland UK).

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- o Up-to-date scholarly content made engaging and tailored to the real needs of A Level students.
- o Sessions and resources designed by practicing teachers with a record of engaging students of all abilities.

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