



YEAR 9 RELIGIOUS STUDIES – GOOD AND EVIL (UNIT 1)

A KEY TERMS		
1	Moral evil	Actions done by humans, which cause suffering. For example, murder, stealing.
2	Natural evil	Things, which cause suffering but have nothing to do with humans. For example, earthquakes, death.
3	Free will	Humans are free to make their own choices.
5	Morals	Standards of behaviour; principles of right and wrong.
6	Omniscient	God is all-knowing.
7	Omnipotent	God is all-powerful.
8	Omnibenevolent	God is all-loving.
9	Genesis	The first book of the Bible.

B BIBLICAL RESPONSES		
1	Adam and Eve - Key Facts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The story of Adam and Eve appears in Genesis First man created by God on day 6 in the Garden of Eden. Made from mud. Eve was made from Adam's rib to be his companion The serpent was distinguished as a snake
2	Adam and Eve - Story of The Fall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> God created a perfect world God made one rule for Adam and Eve not to eat the fruit from the tree of knowledge The serpent persuaded Eve to eat the fruit from the tree of knowledge Adam and Eve chose to disobey God's rule Once Adam and Eve ate the fruit the Garden of Eden changed and they realised they were naked meaning they felt ashamed This led to evil and suffering, the Original Sin against God God warned them that if they ate from the forbidden tree they would die Adam and Eve were punished and had to leave the Garden of Eden.
3	The Book of Job	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Job was a sinless man who led a good life. Satan convinced God that the only reason for this was that Job had a pleasant life, suggesting this made it easy for Job to be faithful to God. God decided to see whether this was the case and allowed Satan to test Job. Satan did this in several ways, for example killing Job's sons and daughters, and making Job sick. Although Job began to question God's goodness, he defended God to his friends, and when God heard this he blessed Job.

C THEODICIES		
1	Irenaeus – Soul making theodicy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> God made humans imperfect and is therefore partly responsible for the existence of evil. By creating imperfect humans, individuals are given the chance to develop and grow through a soul-making process into children of God. Eventually good will overcome evil and suffering.
2	Augustine – Soul deciding theodicy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Humans use that free will to turn away from God and chose to sin. God knew fall would happen and therefore sent his son, Jesus Christ, so that humanity may be reconciled with God. Evil doesn't really exist, it's just a lack of goodness

D RELIGIOUS RESPONSE TO THE PROBLEM OF EVIL		
1	Christian	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> God gave human free will which means God cannot interfere in any suffering human experience as a result of their own choices Sin entered the world God created when the first humans, Adam and Eve used their free will to disobey him Experiencing bad things is all part of god's plan and humans should respond positively God is fair, so good people will be rewarded in Heaven, even if they suffer during their lives on Earth The gift of free will comes with guidance from God about how to be good e.g. Ten Commandments and teachings of Jesus

E IS GOD RESPONSIBLE FOR EVIL AND SUFFERING?		
2	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Irenaeus – God allows suffering so we can develop qualities such as compassion and bravery. God is omnipotent, omniscient and benevolent so as suffering exists, God would have to power to stop it because he loves humans unconditionally God allowed Satan to inflict pain and suffering on Job and Adam and Eve God could stop people doing evil e.g. Holocaust and war
	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Augustine – God is not responsible for creating evil Christians believe God gave human free will to make their own decisions Moral evil is caused by humans not by God Natural suffering/evil is caused by the effects of the moving earth. God can't change to laws of physics. God knows what it's like to suffer as when Jesus died on the cross he suffered for the whole of humanity