

YEAR 10 GCSE EDEXCEL RS: CHRISTIAN BELIEFS

A KEY TERMS		
1	Monotheistic	A religion which believes in one God
2	Holy	Separate and set apart for a special purpose by God
3	Omnipotent	God is all powerful
4	Benevolent	God is all loving
5	Incarnation	Becoming flesh – God in human form as Jesus
6	Crucifixion	Roman method of execution where a person is nailed to a cross
7	Ascension	40 days after the resurrection when Jesus returned to God in heaven
8	Judgement	God will judge the actions of your time on earth and decide if you are worthy of Heaven or punishable by Hell
9	Sin	Any moral or physical action against the law of God
10	Salvation	Saving the soul from sin and going to heaven thanks to Jesus' sacrifice
11	Atonement	Restoring the relationship between people and God through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus

B THE NATURE OF GOD		
1	Trinity	There is only one God who has appeared to the world in three ways: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
2	Transcendent	God is above and beyond anything else that exists on Earth.
3	Eternal	There is no beginning and no end to God.
4	Omnibenevolent	He is all-loving and cares about human beings.
5	Omnipotent	He is all-powerful.
6	Omnipresent	God is always present and everywhere at all times.
7	Omniscient	God knows everything, past, present and future.

C GENESIS 1: THE CREATION STORY		
1	Order of events	Day 1: Light from darkness, Day 2: Sky from water, Day 3: land from sea, Day 4: sun moon and stars, Day 5: animals of the land and sea, Day 6: humans, Day 7: Rest.
2	Garden of Eden	A paradise where Adam and Eve lived, where God provided them with everything.
3	Creationism	The belief that the Bible gives an accurate account.

D THE LIFE OF JESUS: THE INCARNATION		
1	Jesus Christ	The birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus form the basis of the Christian religion and faith.
2	Incarnation	Literally means 'the act of being being made flesh'. The belief in God taking Human form.
3	Hypostatic Union	Describes the union of Jesus' humanity and divinity in one person.
4	Teaching	<i>The word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. John 1:14/</i>

E THE LAST DAYS OF JESUS' LIFE		
1	The Passion	The last few days of Jesus' life, the suffering he endured.
2	The Last Supper	The final meal Jesus shared with his disciples on the evening before he was arrested.
3	Good Friday	Jesus went to the garden of Gethsemane and was arrested whilst praying there.
4	Arrest	Jesus was found guilty of blasphemy and sentenced by Pilate to be whipped and crucified.
5	Resurrection	After his death Jesus rose from the dead three days later and ascended into heaven 40 days later.

F ATONEMENT AND SALVATION		
1	Original Sin	All beings are born sinful and this separates them from God.
2	The Fall	Adam and Eve disobeyed God by eating the forbidden fruit.
3	Atonement	To be reconciled with God. God sent Jesus to Earth as a divine sacrifice.
4	Salvation	Being granted eternal life with God and Jesus after death in a state of being known as heaven.

G ESCHATOLOGY: LIFE AFTER DEATH		
1	The Soul	The human soul is immortal, it leaves the body after death and continues to exist in hell or heaven.
2	Judgement	God will judge humans fairly and decide the destination of the soul after death.
3	Purgatory	Exists before heaven and hell. Souls are purified and made holy enough to enter heaven.

H EVIL AND SUFFERING		
1	Problem of evil	If God is omnibenevolent, omniscient and omnipotent, why is there so much pain and horror in the world?
2	The Devil	An angel cast out of heaven because he rebelled against God, encourages evil to exist in the world.
3	Irenaean theodicy	God gave humans free will so they could choose between good and evil. Evil is necessary as only by choosing to do the right thing could people choose moral perfection.
4	Augustinian theodicy	God is not responsible for evil, it entered the world as a consequence of humanity's original sin.