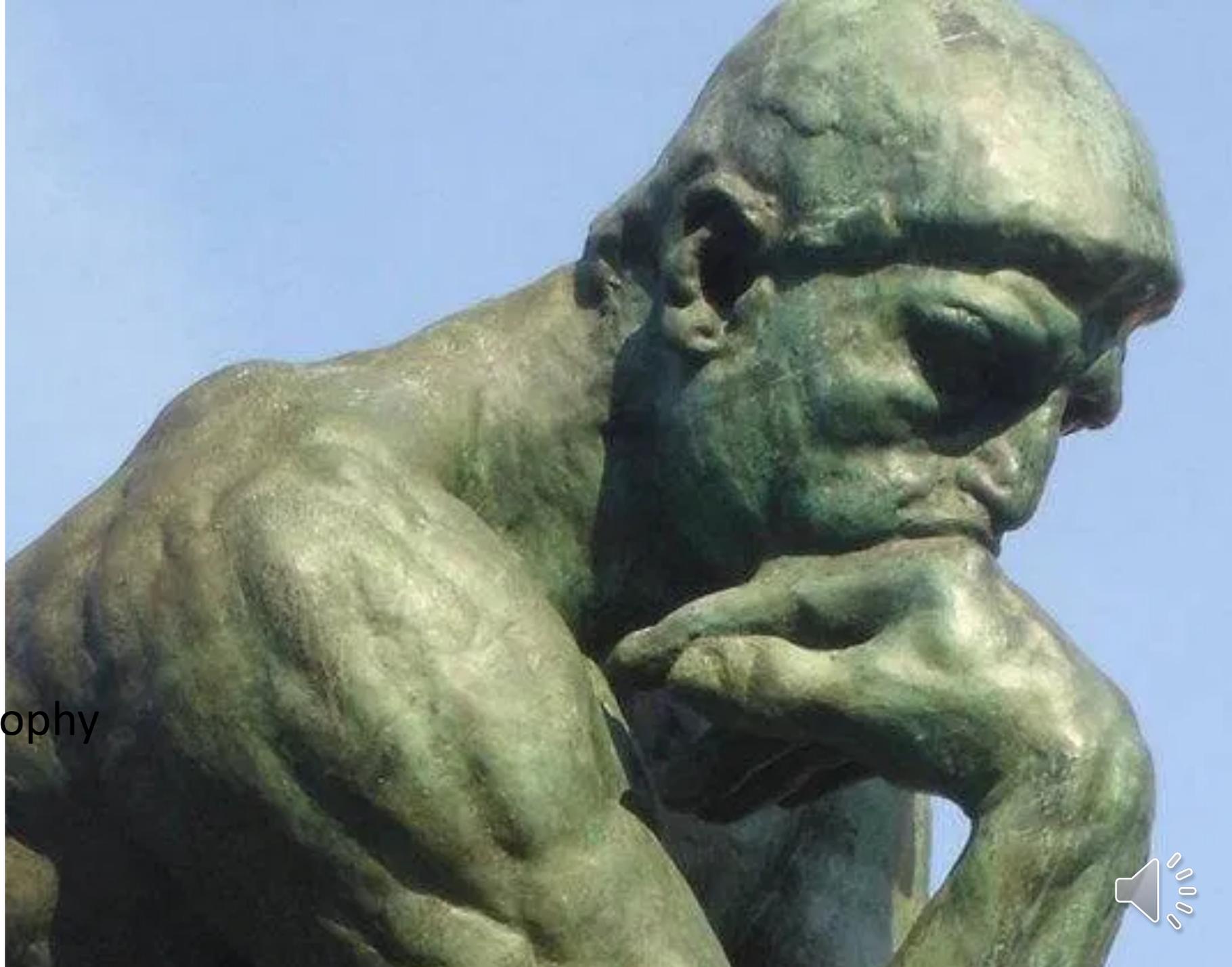


Welcome to Philosophy  
and Ethics



# WHY STUDY RELIGION, PHILOSOPHY AND ETHICS

- For all kinds of reasons, good and bad, religion is always in the headlines. Anyone can see that religion is, once again, the most important factor in the world. Simply put, if one fails to understand the world's religious beliefs and practices, then one fails to understand the world.
- If you think that statement is provocative, then look at the alternatives.
- Science can tell us what's happening in the world and why. But it can't explain people's motives.
- Economics can tell us about the costs and benefits of our actions. But it won't tell us why we still do these things.
- History, literature, social theory can all open up a world of ideas. But they can't tell us, today , what people are actually believing and doing.

- Religion, Philosophy and Ethics explores the world as people find it exciting, provocative, and vital . Only these disciplines show us a world people live and die for, and the God and gods people worship in their lives and deaths.
- It should also lead one to develop skills in articulating your own values, to provide others with reasons for your actions and give you the means of questioning the values of others.
- If you are looking for a degree that opens up the world and all its peoples, take Religion, Philosophy and Ethics. You won't regret it!

# Paper 1 (AQA)

## Section A: Philosophy of religion

- Arguments for the existence of God.
- Evil and suffering.
- Religious experience.
- Religious language.
- Miracles.
- Self and life after death.

## Section B: Ethics and religion

- Ethical theories.
- Issues of human life and death.
- Issues of animal life and death.
- Introduction to meta ethics.
- Free will and moral responsibility.
- Conscience.
- Bentham and Kant.



# Paper 2 (AQA)

## Section A: Study of religion

- Sources of wisdom and authority.
- God/gods/ultimate reality.
- Self, death and the afterlife.
- Good conduct and key moral principles.
- Expression of religious identity.
- Religion, gender and sexuality.
- Religion and science.
- Religion and secularisation.
- Religion and religious pluralism.



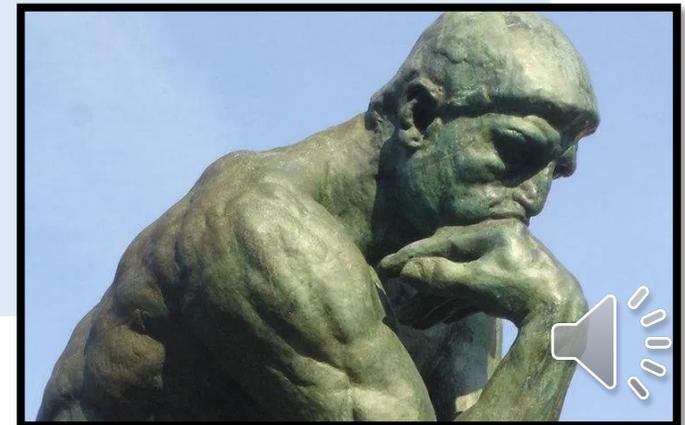
# How it's assessed

## Philosophy and ethics bit

- Written exam: 3 hours
- 100 marks
- 50% of A-level

## Study of a religion

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# OK, But Philosophy and Ethics isn't a useful qualification to have is it?

- Our students disagree
- With many of them embarking on studies in Philosophy or Theology at prestigious universities all around the UK.
- The Russell Group of top universities has made it clear that P & E A level provides 'suitable preparation for University generally', and both Oxford and Cambridge University include it in the top level list of 'generally suitable Arts A levels'.

- Philosophy graduates have highly transferable skills that are valuable to employers.
- The skills learned on a philosophy degree, including clear and analytical thinking, persuasive writing and speaking, innovative questioning and effective reasoning, give a solid foundation for entering the workforce and are beneficial in careers that require problem-solving and assessing information from various angles.

# Useful for Many Careers Paths

- The skills and knowledge that you will develop through studying Philosophy and Ethics can help with a range of career options
- Medicine: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rbgqu79QROQ>
- Law: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NE3ktUB6Tpk&feature=emb\\_title](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NE3ktUB6Tpk&feature=emb_title)
- Reporter / Journalist: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MkuZxHbqI88&feature=emb\\_title](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MkuZxHbqI88&feature=emb_title)
- Politics Philosophy and Economics: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VgNT\\_Gd7HWo&feature=emb\\_title](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VgNT_Gd7HWo&feature=emb_title)

# Cogito Ergo Sum

Descartes said: “I think therefore I am”

A Philosophy and Ethics course will get you thinking...

According to Descartes...

If you're thinking then you exist!

Do you need another reason to take Philosophy and Ethics?!?!?