

Ideology, science and religion

- Science and religion, what's the difference?
- Arguments for the compatibility of science and religion
- Arguments against the compatibility of religion and science
- Is science any less ideological than religion?

Theories of religion and social change, stability and conflict

- Functionalism
- Marxism
- Neo-marxism
- Feminism
- Post modernism
- Max Weber's protestant ethic and spirit of capitalism

Different social groups and religious belief, practice and organisations

- Ethnicity
- Class
- Gender
- Age



Religious organisations

- Churches and denominations
- New religious movements (sects and cults)
- The new age movement

The nature and extent of secularisation

- Theories of secularisation
 - Including problems of defining and measuring
- Evidence for secularisation and limitations
 - Belonging
 - Behaving
 - Believing
- Globalisation and religion, evidence against secularisation
 - Including fundamentalism