

AQA RELIGIOUS STUDIES SPEC A	Red	Amber	Green	Revised
Christianity:				
Beliefs				
1. Nature of God, including Trinity				
2. Creation				
3. Jesus (incarnation, crucifixion, resurrection, ascension.)				
4. Life after death (judgement, resurrection, Heaven/Hell etc)				
5. Sin and salvation (including Role of Jesus)				
Practices				
6. Worship and Prayer				
7. Sacraments (Baptism and communion)				
8. Pilgrimage and festivals				
9. Church in the community (Food Banks & Street Pastors)				
10. Mission and Evangelism				
11. Church Growth and the worldwide church				
12. Christian Persecution				
13. Christian Response to world poverty				
Buddhism	Red	Amber	Green	Revised
Beliefs				
1. Siddhartha Gautama (Birth, 4 sights, asceticism, enlightenment)				
2. Dhamma& Refuge				
3. Dependent Arising				
4. 3 marks of existence (Dukkha, Anicca, Anatta)				
5. Four Noble Truths (& details of each)				
6. Theravada				
7. Mahayana				
8. Pure Land				
9. Arhat versus Bodhisattva				
Practices				
10. Temples				
11. Worship (how and why?)				
12. Meditation (how, why, Samatha, Vipassana)				
13. Visualisation of Buddhas/Bodhisattvas				
14. Death/Mourning Ceremonies				
15. Wesak/Paranirvana Day				
16. Karma and Rebirth				
17. Metta and Karuna				
18. 5 Moral Precepts				
19. Six Perfections				
Themes	Red	Amber	Green	Revised
Religion and Life				
1. Value of Environment, Stewardship/Dominion				
2. Use and abuse of environment & Pollution				
3. Use and abuse of animals				
4. Origins of human Life				
5. Abortion				
6. Euthanasia				
7. Death and Afterlife				
8. Useful religious teachings/quotes relevant to topic				

Religion Peace and Conflict				
1. Peace, Justice, Forgiveness				
2. Reconciliation				
3. Violent Protest/Terrorism				
4. Reasons for War				
5. Nuclear War (& WMDs)				
6. Just War Theory				
7. Holy War				
8. Pacifism & Peace-making				
9. Religious response to victims of war				
10. Useful religious teachings/quotes relevant to topic				
Religion Crime and Punishment				
1. What are Crime and Punishment?				
2. Reasons for Crime?				
3. Religious attitudes to lawbreakers/types of crime				
4. 3 aims of punishment				
5. Religious attitudes to suffering/causing suffering				
6. Prison/Corporal Punishment/Community Service (and religious views on them)				
7. Religious Attitudes to forgiveness				
8. Religious Attitudes to Death Penalty				
9. Useful religious teachings/quotes relevant to topic				
Relationships and Family				
1. Human Sexuality (& religious views on it)				
2. Sex before and outside marriage				
3. Contraception				
4. Marriage				
5. Divorce and Remarriage				
6. Nature of Families				
7. Purpose of Families				
8. Gender Equality				
9. Useful religious teachings/quotes relevant to topic				
Exam Skills				
1. SPAG (especially for key terms)				
2. Description skills				
3. Explanation skills				
4. Critical Analysis skills				
5. Evaluation skills				
6. Conclusions for 12 marker Qs				
7. 12 marker Qs structure/requirements				
8. Understanding of the exam paper layout/timings				
9. Use of AQA.com practice Paper 1: Christianity				
10. Use of AQA.com practice Paper 1: Buddhism				
11. Use of AQA.com practice Paper 2: Themes (answering only the themes listed above)				