



WHERE CAN RELIGIOUS STUDIES
TAKE YOU?

*Exploring careers with Purpose, People
and Perspective*

Why Study Religious Studies?

1. Explore Life's Big Questions:

- How did the universe come to exist?
- What is right and wrong?
- Is there life after death?

2. Understand cultures and beliefs

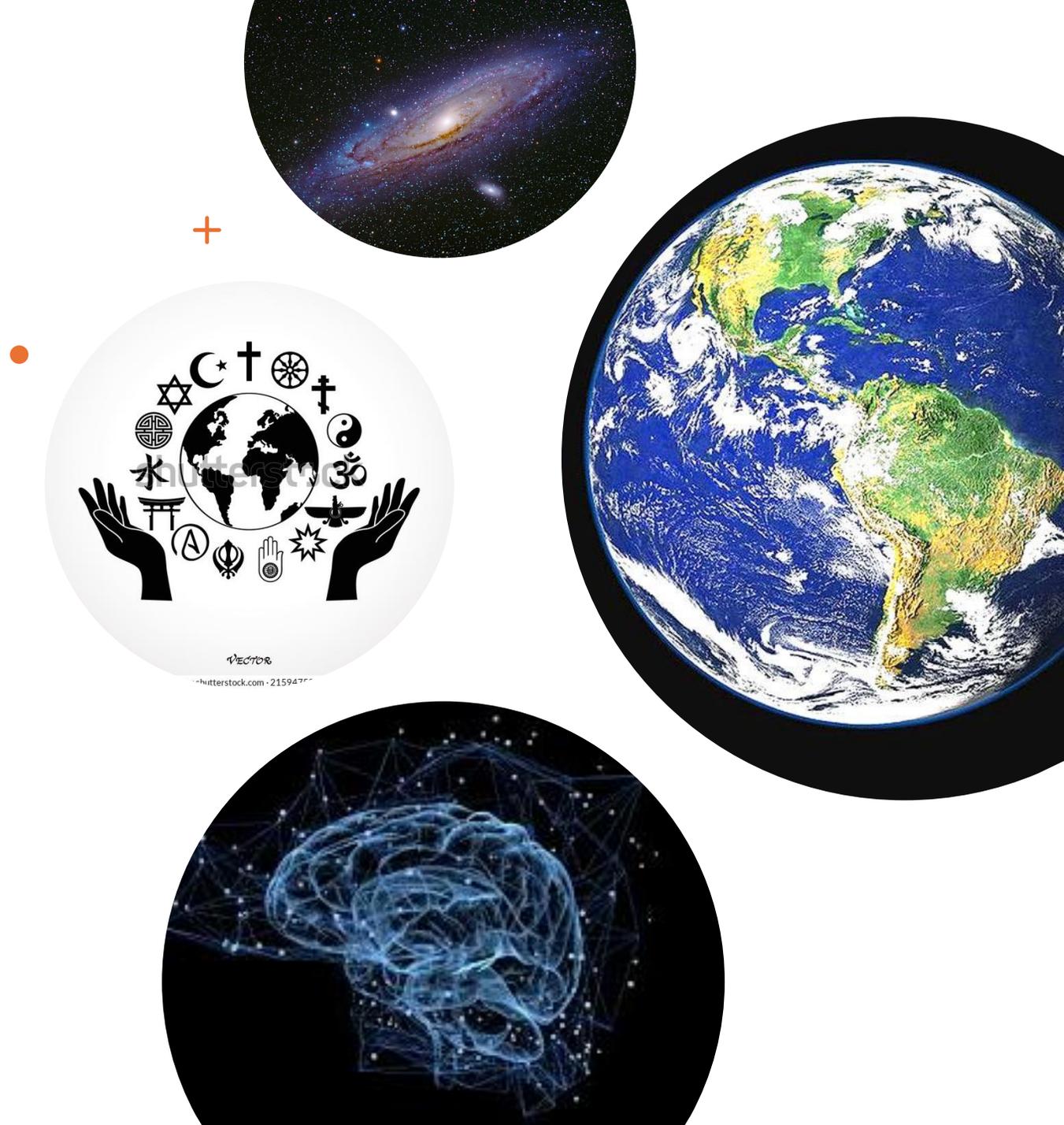
- Learn how people around the world live and believe.

3. Think deeply and argue clearly

- Practice debate, discussion and ethical thinking

4. Teaches us invaluable skills for the real world

- Critical thinking
- Ethical reasoning



Skills you gain from RS :

 **Communication** – Explain ideas clearly, listen to others and discuss deep philosophical ideas

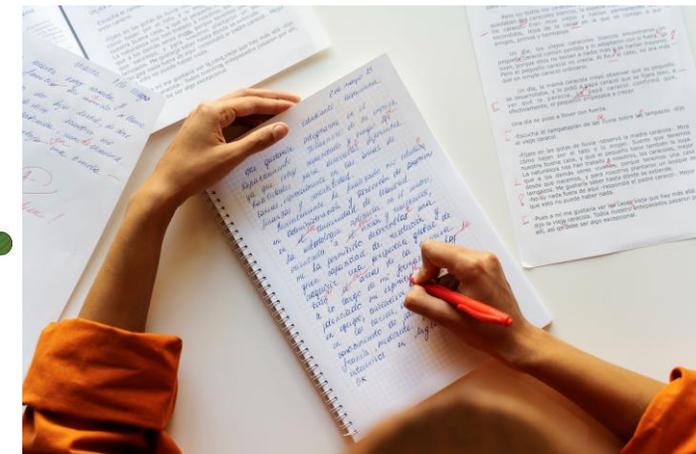
 **Empathy** – Understand people with different beliefs and values that may be contrasting with your own

 **Critical Thinking** – Analyse arguments and beliefs, think logically

 **Ethical Reasoning** – Decide what's right and wrong in real-life situations

 **Essay Writing** – Build persuasive, well-structured arguments with evidence to build your point

 **Cultural Understanding** – Explore world religions and different ways of life



Common Misconceptions About RS !!

 Myth

 Reality

“RS is only about religion and prayers.”

RS is about ethics, philosophy, justice, and real-world issues.

“You have to be religious to do well.”

RS is for everyone – it’s about understanding, not believing.

“You can only become a priest or teacher.”

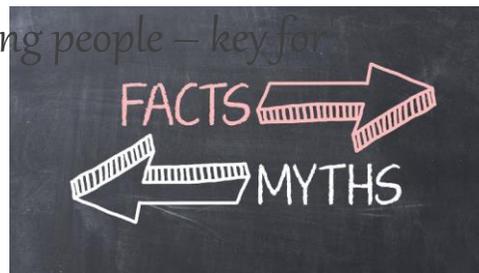
RS forms a foundation for careers in law, social work, media, healthcare, and more.

“It’s just sitting and learning facts.”

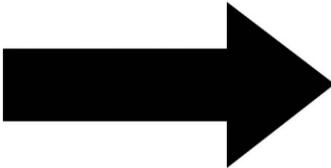
RS builds debating, writing, and critical thinking skills.

“It won’t help me in real life.”

RS helps with empathy, decision-making, and understanding people – key for most jobs.



Religious Studies Alevel also contains philosophy and ethics

- Though many will assume that studying philosophy and ethics will only lead to philosophically related careers, there are so many transferable skills that can be useful to a multitude of professions such as:
 - Critical thinking skills
 - Logical reasoning
 - Analytical skills
 - The ability to structure well reasoned arguments
 - Problem solving
 - Mental dexterity
 - Clear and concise writing ability
 - Rest each skills
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- Philosophy teacher/lecturer
 - Lawyer
 - Government minister
 - Historian
 - Psychotherapist
 - Content manager
 - Human Resources
 - MP
 - Political scientist
 - Journalist
 - Director of films and series's
 - Religious leader
- *For more info check unifrog out!*

How does the subject help YOU?

Helping you

- It enhances your self awareness , encouraging a better understanding of your personal believes, morals and values and motivations.
- It develops your ethical decision making skills
- It delthens your communication and thinking abilities
- It can increase your resilience to pursue all challenges life may throw at you!

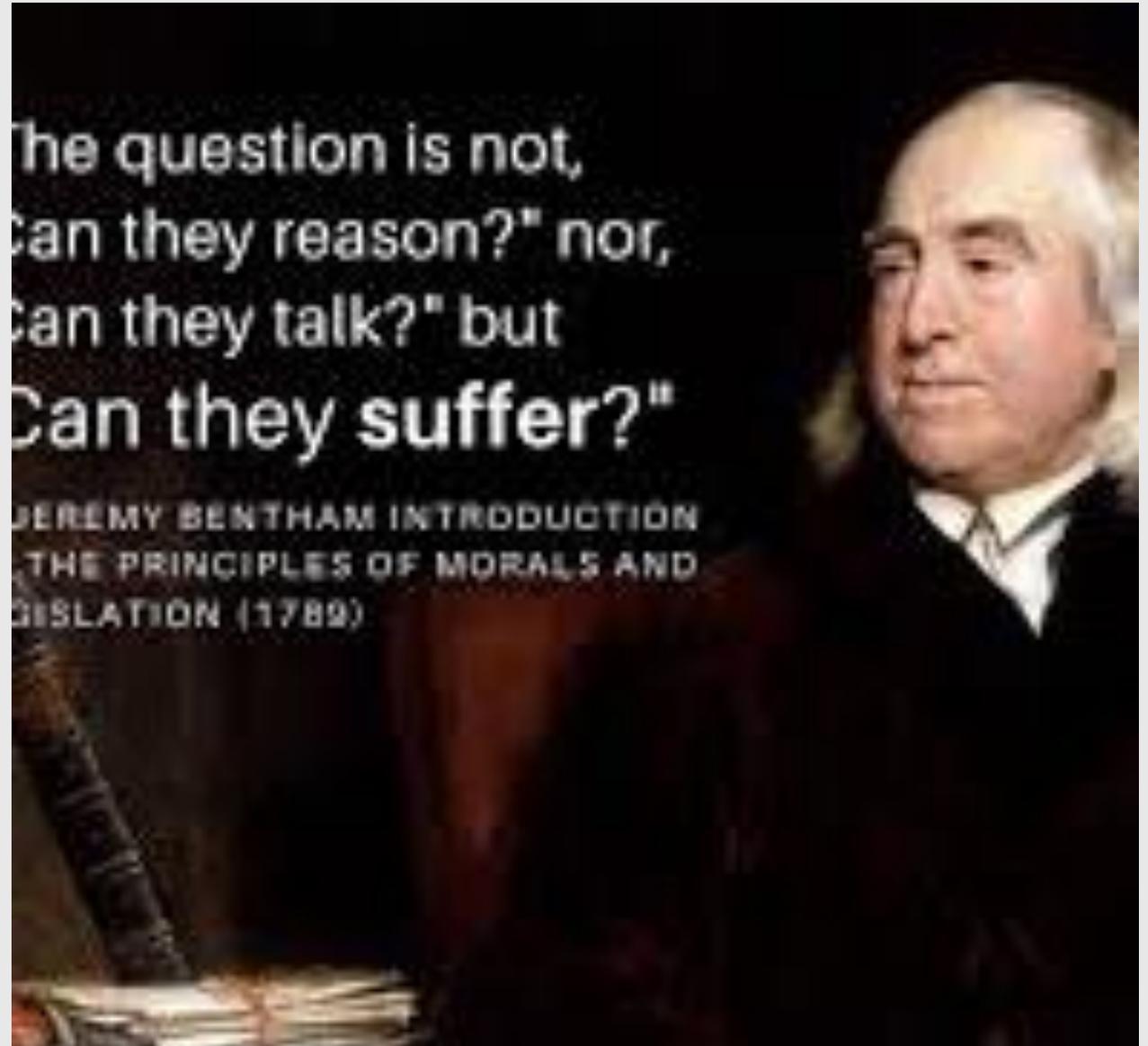
Helping others

- It equips individuals with critical thinking, ethical reasoning and communication skills which are highly beneficial to your community amd your involvement and help in it.

Who is this?

This is the great Jeremy Bentham:

- A utilitarian
- And a founder of UCL (rich in philosophical history!)
- He believes in achieving the most happiness for the most amount of people....
- ***Does anyone see any problems with this?***



Pathways available by doing RS:

1 People-Focused Jobs

- Counsellor
- Social worker
- Community support officer

2 Law & Justice Careers

- Lawyer or barrister
- Police officer
- Civil servant

3 Education Careers

- RE teacher
- School chaplain
- Museum educator
- University lecturer

4 Media & Culture

- Journalist
- Writer or blogger

- Theology & Philosophy graduates have one of the highest employment rates in roles that require strong reasoning and people skills.
- Over 90% of Theology & Philosophy grads are employed or in further study within 6 months of graduating



Real people, Real Careers in RS....

All these people are examples of how Religious Studies has shaped them – by giving them the tools to think deeply, speak boldly and lead with purpose.



Martin Luther King Jr. – Civil Rights Leader

- Studied theology and ethics
- Used his faith and moral reasoning to fight injustice



Nihal Arthanayake – BBC Radio Presenter

- Studied religion and Philosophy at University
- Talks about culture, belief and ethics on national radio



Baroness Sayeeda Warsi – Politician & Human Rights Advocate

- Combines religious values and law
- Fights for justice, human dignity and interfaith dialogue

What grades do you need?

- Grade 6 in RS GCSE

Or

- Grade 6 in English – if not studies RS at GCSE

A+



How RS Prepares You for what Employees want:

What Employers Want

Critical thinking

Communication skills

Empathy & people skills

Problem-solving

Open-mindedness

Decision-making with integrity

How RS Helps

RS teaches you to break down complex arguments and analyse different viewpoints.

RS involves discussion, debate, and clear writing — all essential in the workplace.

You learn to understand different cultures, beliefs, and moral views. Great for teamwork and customer-facing roles.

RS explores ethical dilemmas with no clear answers — training your brain to think carefully and creatively.

RS shows you how to respectfully consider views that are different from your own — key for working in diverse teams.

RS explores morality and consequences, helping you make fair and responsible choices.

“Religious Studies students are able to think critically about real-world issues — a skill that’s invaluable in law, healthcare, and public service.”

– Careers Advisor, University of Leeds

Why this subject matters?



It helps us understand people

- The world is full of different beliefs and cultures.
- RS teaches you to respect others, even if you disagree with them.
- This is essential for peace, inclusion, and global citizenship.



It trains your mind

- RS develops thinking, arguing, debating, and writing skills.
- You explore real-world issues — from ethics to identity to justice.
- These are core skills employers look for in any career.



It helps you grow

- RS asks deep questions about life, death, purpose, and morality.
- You learn to reflect and question your own beliefs and values – rather than blindly following.
- It's not just about *what* you think, but *how* you think.

Some useful Unifrog links :

- <https://www.unifrog.org/student/subjects/school-subjects/theology-and-religion>