



Core Curriculum

1 God, Religion and Islam: An Introduction

1.1 The Problem of Evil, Suffering and Pain

Word : The emotional problem of evil

Meaning : People's dislike or even hatred of God who permits suffering in the world. They are angry that God doesn't do anything about it.

Word : The intellectual problem of evil

Meaning : This problem sees God and evil as mutually incompatible from a logical perspective.

1.2 God, Allah and Religion

Word : Allah

Meaning : Arabic word for God

Word : Deism

Meaning : Belief in God without belief in religion

1.3 Introduction to Islam

Word : Mecca

Meaning : city in modern day Saudi Arabia, the Prophet Muhammad's (s) place of birth.

Word : Abrahamic religion

Meaning : Religion that traces itself back to the Prophet Abraham (as)

Word : Orthodoxy

Meaning : right creed

Word : Orthopraxy

Meaning : right practice

1.4 What is "Religion" and What's the Point of it Anyways?

Word : Dīn

Meaning : Way of Life, Arabic term for Religion

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A Brief Introduction to the Prophet Muhammad (s), the Prophet of Islam

Word : Ismā'īl

Meaning : Ishmael

Word : Hanif

Meaning : Monotheist follower of Abraham (as) in pre-Islamic Arabia

Word : Hawa

Meaning : the carnal desires of the self

Word : Al-Amīn

Meaning : the truthful one, a name given to the Prophet Muhammad (s) as he was always truthful.