

Core Curriculum

1 God, Religion and Islam: An Introduction

1.1 **The Problem of Evil, Suffering and Pain**

problem of evil, intellectual problem of evil, emotional problem of evil, evil in this world, day of judgment

1.2 **God, Allah and Religion**

God, Allah, special revelation, Islam, God in Arabic, religion, Muslim God

1.3 **Introduction to Islam**

Islam, basic beliefs, muhammad, abdullah, prophet muhammad, abraham, mooses, jesus, noah, mecca, devil, day of judgment, introduction to islam, qur'an

1.4 **What is “Religion” and What’s the Point of it Anyways?**

religion, purpose of religion, function of religion, islam, way of life, dīn, Clifford Geertz, Emile Durkheim, Sigmund Freud, deen, what’s the point of religion, polytheism, monotheism

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

Prophet Muhammad, Hanif, Ismā‘īl, Jesus, Abraham, Abrahamic, Qur’an, Mecca, polytheists, idol worshipers, al-amīn, prophet of islam, jesus, mooses, noah, adam, meccans, tribes, war, slave women, prostitution