

Resources for Teachers: Philosophy & Religion

Mind, Science, and Religion

YouTube Playlist of MOOC videos:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IWdwWKX16Gg&list=PLKuMaHOvHA4olaPyBZ4KhYdwkf0J7QK9a>

Reading:

[Does Contemporary Neuroscience Debunk Religious Belief? \(with study questions, reading suggestions, and glossary of terms\)](#)

Essay/Discussion question: Does neuroscience show us that religious belief is just caused by particular brain activations? If so, does this present a problem for those who believe in God?

Further resources on the web

Justin Barrett on Cognitive Science, Religion, and Theology:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KfUbRn9H2ac>

Religious Disagreement and Friendly Theism/Atheism

YouTube Playlist of MOOC videos:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WFWaRhAERu0&list=PLKuMaHOvHA4onQTWM8gdU9EqfziANMrfv>

Essay/Discussion question:

Which epistemic communities are you a member of?

Reading:

[Are Theism And Atheism Totally Opposed? Can They Learn From Each Other?](#)

Advanced Reading:

[Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy entry on Religious Disagreement](#)

[Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy entry on The Epistemology of Religion](#)

[Testimony and the Transmission of Religious Knowledge](#)

The Social Science of Religion and Science

YouTube Playlist of MOOC videos:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gtsa_NKO3Po&list=PLKuMaHOvHA4qwWf3i2jccESQ-LIBMR2WD

Essay/Discussion question: Are religion and science incompatible ways of knowing about the world?

Advanced Reading:

Evans, J. H., & Evans, M. S. (2008). Religion and Science: Beyond the Epistemological Conflict Narrative. <https://doi.org/10.1146/annurev.soc.34.040507.134702>

The Hiddenness Argument and the Contribution of Philosophy

YouTube Playlist of MOOC videos:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7hBpZ-ystOg&list=PLKuMaHOvHA4qePAEaCyr77lieZRtuqEYm>

Essay/Discussion question:

If God is perfectly loving then he is always open to a personal relationship with us. Do you agree?

Reading:

[Is God Hidden, Or Does God Simply Not Exist?](#)

Religious and Scientific Fundamentalism

YouTube Playlist of MOOC videos:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ykr9XTfvsFY&list=PLKuMaHOvHA4qX4j6Wym_xMqT0UbW59K3s

Essay/Discussion question:

Scientism tell us that the supernatural does not exist. So why do people compare it to a religion/worldview. Do you think they are right to do so? Why?

Reading:

Hughes, A. L. (n.d.). The Folly of Scientism. Retrieved July 13, 2017, from <http://www.thenewatlantis.com/publications/the-folly-of-scientism>
[Is Fundamentalism Just a Problem for Religious People?](#)

Epistemic Virtues and Vices in Science and Religion

YouTube Playlist of MOOC videos:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W53ESyidJbg&list=PLKuMaHOvHA4rxgca9iyNgNyXkEUdqU1Fp>

Essay/Discussion question:

- What kind of problems are presented by massive collaborations in science such as the 5000-author paper published on work with the large hadron collider?
- Should we believe what others tell us about science? If so should we believe what others tell us about religion?

Further resources on the web

Intellectual Humility Free Online Course Module: "What is an Intellectual Virtue?"

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ri_ayxVBRq0&list=PLKuMaHOvHA4pxDNSdst7smhchnGc8nPhs

Educating for Intellectual Virtues online resources: <http://intellectualvirtues.org/>