

GCSE Religious Studies Specification A

Anthology of Sources of Wisdom & Authority

Only the texts that are prescribed in the specification are *compulsory*, the other references *could be helpful* for understanding the beliefs and perspectives of each faith, and they could be paraphrased or referenced as appropriate.

Resource Notes:

- All translations are open to a degree of interpretation from the original, and ancient, languages. Accepted translations and contexts are not restricted to the versions cited below.

Islam

Teaching	Source of Authority	Specification
Say, "He is God the One, God the eternal. He begot no one nor was He begotten. No one is comparable to Him.	Qur'an 112	Prescribed: 3.1.5.1 The Oneness of God (Tawhid) (page 17)
Read: In the Name of your Lord who created. Created man from a clot. Read: And your Lord is the Most Generous. He who taught by the pen. Taught man what he never knew.	Qur'an 96:1–5.	Prescribed: 3.1.5.2 The Night of Power (page 18) NB could also use for: Beliefs – Authority Themes – Religion and life Themes – existence of God and revelation

Other useful teachings

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You who believe, obey God and the Messenger	Qur'an 4:59	Beliefs – Key beliefs, Authority Themes – existence of God and revelation
The Most Excellent names belong to God: use them to call on Him	Qur'an 7:180	Beliefs – Key beliefs Themes – existence of God and revelation
He is with you wherever you are	Qur'an 57:4	Beliefs – Key beliefs Themes – existence of God and revelation
This is God, your Lord....the Creator of all things	Qur'an 6:102	Beliefs – Key beliefs Themes – Religion and life Themes – existence of God and revelation

Praise be to God....who made angels messengers with two, three, four (pairs of) wings	Qur'an 35:1	Beliefs – Key beliefs
Each person has angels before him and behind, watching over Him by God's command	Qur'an 13:11	Beliefs – Key beliefs
Those who believe, do good deeds, keep up the prayer, and pay the prescribed alms will have their reward with their Lord	Qur'an 2:277	Beliefs – Key beliefs, Authority Practices – Worship, Duties and festivals Themes – existence of God and revelation Themes – religion and life Themes – religion, human rights and social justice
Allah will cause those who believed and acted righteously to enter the Gardens beneath which rivers flow. They shall be decked in them with bracelets of gold and pearls and their raiment shall be of silk.	Qur'an 22:23	Beliefs – Key beliefs Themes – religion and life
Every community is sent a messenger	Qur'an 10:47	Beliefs – Key beliefs Beliefs - Authority
He first created man from clay....then He moulded him; He breathed from His Spirit into him	Qur'an 30:20	Beliefs – Key beliefs Themes – Religion and life Themes – existence of God and revelation
We have indeed revealed this (Message) in the night of Qadr: And what will explain to thee what	Qur'an 97:1-5	Beliefs – Key beliefs Beliefs - Authority

the night of Qadr is? The night of Qadr is better than a thousand months. Therein come down the angels and the Spirit by Allah's permission, on every errand: Peace! This until the rise of dawn!		
God took Ibrahim as a friend	Qur'an 4:125	Beliefs – Authority Themes – existence of God and revelation
Muhammad....he is God's Messenger and the seal of the prophets	Qur'an 33:40	Beliefs – Key beliefs, Authority Themes – existence of God and revelation
This is the Scripture in which there is no doubt	Qur'an 2:2	Beliefs – Key beliefs, Authority Themes – existence of God and revelation

You who believe, when you are about to pray, wash your faces and your hands up to the elbows, wipe your heads, wash your feet up to the ankles and, if required, wash your whole body	Qur'an 5:6	Practices – Worship
Your Lord says, 'Call on Me and I will answer you'	Qur'an 40:60	Beliefs – Key beliefs Practices – Worship, Duties and festivals
Believers! When the call to prayer is made on the day of congregation, hurry towards the reminder of God and leave off your trading	Qur'an 62:9	Practices – Worship, Duties and festivals
The month of Ramadan is that in which the Qur'an was revealed	Qur'an 2:18	Beliefs – Authority Practices – Duties and festivals
'Verily it is only a festival for he whose fasts Allah has accepted and whose prayers He has acknowledged, and every day in which one does not disobey Allah is a day of celebration.'	Imam Ali (Shia Islam)	Practices – Duties and festivals
Alms are meant only for the poor, the needy	Qur'an 9:60	Practices – Worship, Duties and festivals Themes – religion, human rights and social justice
Pilgrimage to the House is a duty owed to God by people who are	Qur'an 3:97	Practices – Worship, Duties and festivals

able to undertake it		
This is My path, leading straight, so follow it	Qur'an 6:153	Beliefs – Key beliefs, Authority Practices – Worship, Duties and festivals
Marry those who are single among you for (God) will develop their moral traits (through marriage)	Hadith	Themes – relationships & families
Must you....lust after males and abandon the wives God has created for you?	Qur'an 26:165	Themes – relationships & families
A man should not stay with a woman in seclusion unless he is a relative	Hadith	Themes – relationships & families Themes – religion, human rights and social justice
And do not go near adultery: it is an outrage, and an evil path	Hadith	Themes – relationships & families

Heaven is under the feet of the mothers	Hadith	Themes – relationships & families Themes – religion, human rights and social justice
Honour your children and perfect their manners	Hadith	Themes – relationships & families
People, We created you all from a single man and a single woman, and made you into races and tribes so that you should recognise on another	Qur'an 49:13	Themes – relationships & families Themes – religion and life Themes – religion, human rights and social justice
It is He who had made you successors on earth	Qur'an 6:165	Themes – religion and life Beliefs – Key beliefs
It is to God that everything in the heavens and earth belongs: God is fully aware of all things	Qur'an 4:126	Themes – religion and life Themes – existence of God and revelation Beliefs – Key beliefs
Eat and drink, but do not be extravagant	Qur'an 7:31	Themes – religion and life Themes – religion and social justice
Whoever kills a sparrow or anything bigger than that, without a just cause, God will hold him accountable on the Day of Judgement	Hadith	Themes – religion and life Beliefs – Key beliefs
You were lifeless and He gave you life	Qur'an 2:28	Themes – religion and life Beliefs – Key beliefs
Do not kill your children for fear of poverty.....killing them is a great sin	Qur'an 17:31	Themes – religion and life

If anyone kills a person – unless in retribution for murder or spreading corruption in the land – it is as if he kills all mankind, while if any saves a life it is as if he saves the lives of all of mankind	Qur'an 5:32	Themes – religion and life Themes – religion, crime and punishment Themes – religion, peace and conflict Themes – religion, human rights and social justice
Do not take life which God has made sacred, except by right	Qur'an 17:33	Themes – religion and life Themes – religion, crime and punishment Themes – religion, peace and conflict
Among His signs too, are that He shows you the lightning that terrifies and inspires hope; that He sends water down from the sky to restore the earth to life after death	Qur'an 30:24	Themes – existence of God and revelation Themes – religion and life Beliefs – Key beliefs

Those who have been attacked are permitted to take up arms because they have been wronged	Qur'an 22:39	Themes – religion, peace and conflict
There is cause to act against those who oppress people.....though if a person is patient and forgives, this is one of the greatest things	Qur'an 42-43	Themes – religion, peace and conflict Themes – religion, crime and punishment Themes – religion, human rights and social justice
Do not contribute to your destruction with your own hands, but do good, for God loves those who do good	Qur'an 2:195	Themes – religion, peace and conflict Themes – religion, crime and punishment Themes – religion, human rights and social justice Practices – Duties and festivals
God commands justice...and prohibits wrongdoing and injustice	Qur'an 16:90	Themes – religion, peace and conflict Themes – religion, crime and punishment Themes – religion, human rights and social justice
Be compassionate towards the destitute	Hadith	Themes – religion, human rights and social justice Practices – Duties and festivals
Pardon each other's faults and God will grant you honour	Hadith	Themes – religion, peace and conflict Themes – religion, crime and punishment Themes – religion, human rights and social justice
Now the truth has come from your Lord: let those who wish to believe in it do so, and let those who wish to reject it do so	Qur'an 18:29	Themes – religion, human rights and social justice Themes – existence of God and revelation
Anyone, male or female, who does good works and is a believer, will enter paradise	Qur'an 4:124	Themes – religion, human rights and social justice Themes – existence of God and revelation Themes – relationships and families Beliefs – Key beliefs
Be good to your parents, to relatives, to orphans, to the needy , to neighbours near and far	Qur'an 4:36	Themes – religion, human rights and social justice Themes – relationships and families Beliefs – Key beliefs Practices – Duties and festivals