

Religious Studies: Philosophy and Ethics Induction Task:

Are actions “good” because God commands them?



Key Skills

- Research and read complex information
- Select and apply relevant information
- Explain key concepts
- Critically analyse different theories

Your Task:

Your task is to formulate an argument that responds to the question “**are actions good because God commands them?**”

This task will encourage you to investigate how different philosophers and scholars throughout history have responded to the question of where our morality comes from and what makes something good. You should start by researching the euthyphro dilemma in order to explain the origins of the question 'are actions good because God commands them?' and discuss why this could pose a dilemma.

You must also include information explaining how at least **three** different ethical theories attempt to explain what makes an action good; whether this is a coherent approach and finally, to what extent each theory would agree with the key question.

You could research any of the following ethical approaches:

Utilitarianism

Kantian Ethics

Natural Law Theory

Situation Ethics

Your work should be presented as an essay.

Your starting point:

<http://www.philosopherkings.co.uk/godandcreation.html>

<http://peped.org/>

<https://www.iep.utm.edu/>

How you will be assessed:

Grade A – Your work will include:

Engagement with the question

Good use of technical terms

A range of examples and evidence to support your points

Some critical analysis of different ideas and arguments

Grade C – Your work will include:

some technical terms

appropriate understanding of key ideas

Views asserted but not fully justified

Grade E – Your work will include:

Limited and/or partially accurate knowledge

limited use of key terms correctly

