

A level Philosophy Reading list:

Introduction

Gaarder J. Sophie's World	
Robert M. Martin: Epistemology: A Beginners guide (Oneworld, 2010)	
Jennifer Nagel: Knowledge: A very short introduction (OUP, 2014)	
Duncan Pritchard: What is this Thing called Knowledge? (third edition, Routledge, 2013)	
Anthony Kenny: A New History of Western Philosophy (OUP, 2010)	
Western Philosophy: An Anthology Ed. John Cottingham (Blackwell, 2008)	

Philosophical language and thought (Plato, Aristotle)

Plato, <i>Republic</i> Book V.476f, Book VII.507b–513e • Aristotle, <i>Physics</i> II.3 and <i>Metaphysics</i> V.2	
Annas, J. (1998) <i>An Introduction to Plato's Republic</i> , Oxford University Press, Chapters 9 and 10	
Julia Annas: <i>A very short introduction</i> (OUP, 2003)	
• Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy (2004, rev.2013), <i>Plato</i> , http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/plato/	
Descartes, <i>Principles of Philosophy</i> , I.60–65	
Blackmore, S. (2010) <i>Consciousness; an introduction</i> , Routledge, Chapters 1, 2 and 17	
Ryle, G. (1949–many editions available) <i>The Concept of Mind</i> , Chapter 1	
Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy (2003 rev. 2009) <i>Ancient Theories of the Soul</i> http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/ancient-soul/	
Socrates had it coming (essay) http://christian-identity.net/lindstedt/Socrates.html	
Jonathan Barnes: Aristotle: A Very Short Introduction (OUP, 2000)	
Aristotle in Plain and Simple English Bookcaps (2012)	

Philosophical language and thought (Soul, Mind and Body)

Blackmore, S (2010) Consciousness; an introduction	
Routledge Chapters 1, 2 and 17	
Ryle, G 1949 The concept of Mind	
Chapter 1 Standford Encyclopedia of Philosophy 2009	
Ancient Theories of the Soul http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/ancient.soul/	
Phaedo of Plato online or in The last days of Socrates	
Nichomachean Ethics, Book 1 Chapter 13 and Book VI	
Meditation VI Descartes	
Gilbert Rye: The concept of Mind, Chapter 1 (University of Chicago Press, 1949, Penguin, 2000)	

The Existence of God (arguments based on observation and arguments based on reason)

Aquinas, <i>Summa Theologiae</i> , I.2.3	
Paley, <i>Natural Theology</i> Chapters 1 and 2	
Hume, <i>Dialogues Concerning Natural Religion</i> Part II	
Dawkins, R. (1991) <i>The Blind Watchmaker</i> , Penguin, Chapter 1	
Palmer, M. (2002) <i>The Question of God</i> , Routledge, Chapters 2 and 3	
Anselm, <i>Proslogion</i> 2 and 3	
Gaunilo, <i>In behalf of the fool</i>	
Kant, <i>A critique of pure reason</i> , Second Division III.IV	
Psalm 14.1	
Van Inwagen, P. 'Necessary Being: the Ontological Argument' in Stump, E and Murray, M. J. (ed) (1999) <i>Philosophy of Religion: The Big Questions</i> , Blackwell	
Plantinga, A. (1978) <i>God, Freedom and Evil</i> , Grand Rapids, II.c	

God and the World (Religious experience and the problem of evil)

James, W. <i>The Varieties of Religious Experience</i> , lectures 9,10,16,17 and 20	
Acts 9.4–8, 22.6–10, 26	
Otto, R. (1923/1968) <i>The Idea of the Holy</i> , Oxford University Press, Chapters 4 and 5	
Saint Teresa of Avila, from <i>The Autobiography of Saint Teresa</i> (1960/2010) Allison Peers, E. (ed. and trans.) Dover Publications	
Augustine, <i>The City of God</i> Part II	
• Hick, J. <i>Evil and the God of Love</i> , Part IV	
Genesis 2:4–25, 3:1–24	
Romans 5:12–13 Augustine, ‘What is evil?’ in Davies, B. (2000) <i>Philosophy of Religion: a guide and anthology</i> , Oxford University Press	

Part 2

Theological and Philosophical Developments

Boethius, <i>Consolation of Philosophy</i> , Book V	
Anselm, <i>De Concordia</i>	
Swinburne, R. <i>the Coherence of Theism</i> , Part II	
Matthew 19:23–26	
Vardy, P. (1999) <i>The Puzzle of God</i> , Harper Collins, Section 4	
Macquarrie, J. (1966) <i>Principles of Christian Theology</i> , SCM Press, Chapter 11	

Religious Language: Negative, Analogical or Symbolic

Aquinas, <i>Summa Theologiae</i> I.13	
Tillich, <i>Dynamics of Faith</i> , Part 3	
Ayer, A. J. (2001) <i>Language, Truth and Logic</i> , Dover Publications	

Swinburne, R. (1997) ‘God-talk is not evidently nonsense’ in Davies, B. (2000) <i>Philosophy of Religion: a guide and anthology</i> , Oxford University Press Internet Encyclopaedia of Philosophy, <i>Religious Language</i> , http://www.iep.utm.edu/rel-lang/	

Religious Language: Twentieth Century Perspectives

Ayer, A. J. <i>God Talk is Evidently Nonsense</i>	
Wittgenstein, L. <i>Philosophical Investigations</i>	
Swinburne, R. (1993) <i>The Coherence of Theism</i> , Oxford University Press, Part I	
Internet Encyclopaedia of Philosophy, <i>Religious Language</i> , http://www.iep.utm.edu/rel-lang/	