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**COMPONENT 1:  
PHILOSOPHICAL & ETHICAL  
ISSUES IN THE MODERN WORLD  
FROM A CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE**

## Component 1: Religious, Philosophical and Ethical Studies in the Modern World

### Theme 1: Issues of Relationships: Content from a Christian perspective

Where references are very long, the most relevant sections have been highlighted.

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<p>Relationships</p>	<p><b>Mark 10: 6-8</b>  <sup>6</sup> But at the beginning of creation God ‘made them male and female.’<sup>7</sup> ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife,<sup>8</sup> and the two will become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh.</p> <p><b>Matthew 19:8-9</b>  <sup>8</sup> Jesus replied, “Moses permitted you to divorce your wives because your hearts were hard. But it was not this way from the beginning. <sup>9</sup> I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another woman commits adultery.</p> <p><b>Mark 10:9</b>  <sup>9</sup> Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.</p>
<p>Sexual Relationships</p>	<p><b>Leviticus 20:13</b>  <sup>13</sup> If a man has sexual relations with a man as one does with a woman, both of them have done what is detestable. They are to be put to death; their blood will be on their own heads.</p> <p><b>1 Timothy 1: 8-10</b>  <sup>8</sup> We know that the law is good if one uses it properly. <sup>9</sup> We also know that the law is made not for the righteous but for lawbreakers and rebels, the ungodly and sinful, the unholy and irreligious, for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers, <sup>10</sup> for the sexually immoral, for those practising homosexuality, for slave traders and liars and perjurers—and for whatever else is contrary to the sound doctrine.</p>
<p>Issues of equality: gender prejudice and discrimination</p>	<p><b>1 Timothy 2:11-12</b>  <sup>11</sup> A woman should learn in quietness and full submission. <sup>12</sup> I do not permit a woman to teach or to assume authority over a man; she must be quiet.</p> <p><b>Galatians 3:27-29</b>  <sup>27</sup> For all of you who were baptised into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. <sup>28</sup> There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup> If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.</p>

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### Theme 2: Issues of Life and Death: content from a Christian perspective

<p>The world</p>	<p><b>Genesis 1:1-31</b></p> <p><b>The Beginning</b> <sup>1</sup> In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup> Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. <sup>3</sup> And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. <sup>4</sup> God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup> God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day. <sup>6</sup> And God said, "Let there be a vault between the waters to separate water from water." <sup>7</sup> So God made the vault and separated the water under the vault from the water above it. And it was so. <sup>8</sup> God called the vault "sky." And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day. <sup>9</sup> And God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear." And it was so. <sup>10</sup> God called the dry ground "land," and the gathered waters he called "seas." <b>And God saw that it was good.</b> <sup>11</sup> Then God said, "Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds." And it was so. <sup>12</sup> The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup> And there was evening, and there was morning—the third day. <sup>14</sup> And God said, "Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years, <sup>15</sup> and let them be lights in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth." And it was so. <sup>16</sup> God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. <sup>17</sup> God set them in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth, <sup>18</sup> to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. <b>And God saw that it was good.</b> <sup>19</sup> And there was evening, and there was morning—the fourth day. <sup>20</sup> And God said, "Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the vault of the sky." <sup>21</sup> So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living thing with which the water teems and that moves about in it, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup> God blessed them and said, <b>"Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth."</b> <sup>23</sup> And there was evening, and there was morning—the fifth day. <sup>24</sup> And God said, "Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground, and the wild animals, each according to its kind." And it was so. <sup>25</sup> God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds,</p>
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and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

<sup>27</sup> So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup> God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

<sup>29</sup> Then God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food." <sup>30</sup> And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food." And it was so.

<sup>31</sup> God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

#### Genesis 2:1-25

<sup>1</sup> Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array.

<sup>2</sup> By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. <sup>3</sup> Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.

#### Adam and Eve

<sup>4</sup> This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, when the LORD God made the earth and the heavens.

<sup>5</sup> Now no shrub had yet appeared on the earth and no plant had yet sprung up, for the LORD God had not sent rain on the earth and there was no one to work the ground, <sup>6</sup> but streams came up from the earth and watered the whole surface of the ground. <sup>7</sup> Then the LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

<sup>8</sup> Now the LORD God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. <sup>9</sup> The LORD God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground—trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

<sup>10</sup>.... <sup>15</sup> The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. <sup>16</sup> And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; <sup>17</sup> but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die."

<sup>18</sup> The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a

	<p>helper suitable for him.”</p> <p><sup>19</sup> Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup> So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals.</p> <p>But for Adam no suitable helper was found. <sup>21</sup> So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man’s ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. <sup>22</sup> Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.</p> <p><sup>23</sup> The man said, “This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called ‘woman,’ for she was taken out of man.”</p> <p><sup>24</sup> That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.</p> <p><sup>25</sup> Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.”</p> <p><b>Genesis 1:28</b></p> <p><sup>28</sup> “God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.</p> <p><b>Psalm 8:6</b></p> <p><sup>6</sup> You made them rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under their feet.</p>
The origin and value of human life	<p><b>Genesis 1:31</b></p> <p><sup>31</sup> God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.</p> <p><b>Jeremiah 1:5</b></p> <p><sup>5</sup> Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.</p>

<p>Beliefs about death and the afterlife</p>	<p><b>John 11:24-27</b>  <sup>24</sup> Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."  <sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; <sup>26</sup>and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"  <sup>27</sup> "Yes, Lord," she replied, "I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world."</p> <p><b>1 Corinthians 15:42-44</b>  <sup>42</sup> So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; <sup>43</sup> it is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; <sup>44</sup> it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.</p>
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### Theme 3: Issues of Good and Evil: Content from a Christian perspective

<p>Crime and Punishment</p>	<p><b>Exodus 20:13</b>  <sup>13</sup>You shall not murder.</p> <p><b>Matthew 5:38-39</b>  <b>Eye for Eye</b>  <sup>38</sup>You have heard that it was said, 'Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.'<sup>39</sup> But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also.</p> <p><b>Matthew 5:43-47</b>  <b>Love for Enemies</b>  <sup>43</sup>You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbour and hate your enemy.'<sup>44</sup> But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,<sup>45</sup> that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.<sup>46</sup> If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that?<sup>47</sup> And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that?</p>
<p>Forgiveness</p>	<p><b>Matthew 18:21-22</b>  <b>The Parable of the Unmerciful Servant</b>  <sup>21</sup>Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?"  <sup>22</sup>Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy times seven times.</p> <p><b>Matthew 6:14-15</b>  <sup>14</sup>For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.<sup>15</sup> But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.</p>
<p>Good, Evil and Suffering</p>	

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### Theme 4: Issues of Human Rights: Content from a Christian perspective

<p>Human Rights and Social Justice</p>	<p><b>Genesis 1:26-27</b>  <sup>26</sup>Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."  <sup>27</sup>So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.</p>
<p>Prejudice and discrimination</p>	<p><b>Galatians 3:27-29</b>  <sup>27</sup>for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. <sup>28</sup>There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup>If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.</p>
<p>Issues of wealth and poverty</p>	<p><b>Luke 16:19-31</b>  <b>The Rich Man and Lazarus</b>  <sup>19</sup>There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. <sup>20</sup>At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores <sup>21</sup>and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.  <sup>22</sup>"The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. <sup>23</sup>In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. <sup>24</sup>So he called to him, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.'  <sup>25</sup>"But Abraham replied, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. <sup>26</sup>And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.'  <sup>27</sup>"He answered, 'Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, <sup>28</sup>for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.'  <sup>29</sup>"Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.'  <sup>30</sup>"'No, father Abraham,' he said, 'but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.'  <sup>31</sup>He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'</p>