**Theme 1: Religious figures and sacred texts, AS**

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| ‘The birth narratives provide insight into the doctrine of the incarnation.’ | |
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| ‘Redaction criticism is important for understanding the biblical birth narratives.’ | |
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| ‘Christians should agree about the nature of the resurrected body.’ | |
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| ‘Accounts of the resurrection are historically reliable.’ | |
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| ‘The Bible gives useful teaching on the meaning and purpose of life.’ | |
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| ‘The Psalms studied offer a useful guide to living for Christians.’ | |
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**Theme 2: Religious concepts, AS**

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| ‘It is valid to refer to God as mother.’ | |
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| ‘The theological implications of a suffering God are significant.’ | |
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| ‘The monotheistic claims of the doctrine of the Trinity are consistent.’ | |
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| ‘The doctrine of the Trinity is necessary to understand the God of Christianity.’ | |
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| ‘The three theories of the Atonement are contradictory.’ | |
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| ‘The three theories suggest that the Christian God is cruel.’ | |
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**Theme 2: Religious life, AS**

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| ‘Both faith and works are aspects of justification.’ | |
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| ‘The New Testament letters support arguments for justification by faith alone.’ | |
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| ‘The main role of the church is to provide religious teaching.’ | |
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| ‘Contemporary Christian churches should follow the New Testament model.’ | |
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| ‘Love of neighbour is the most important moral principle in Christianity.’ | |
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| ‘God’s behaviour towards humans is the basis for Christian morality.’ | |
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**Theme 4: Religious practices that shape religious identity, AS**

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| ‘Both infant and adult baptism are just symbolic acts.’ | |
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| ‘There are clear criteria for expressing the commitment to be baptised.’ | |
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| ‘There is common ground within contemporary understandings of the Eucharist.’ | |
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| ‘Theoretical beliefs about the Eucharist affect the practice of different denominations.’ | |
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| ‘The different emphases and practices mean that Easter is a different celebration in the Eastern Orthodox and Western churches.’ | |
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| ‘Easter and Christmas are very important.’ | |
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