

Course Title	:	Faith and Reason
Course Code	:	GEF1009
Department	:	CRSE

Synopsis

This course aims at exploring religions with a philosophical approach. By studying a number of controversial religious doctrines, the relationship between religious beliefs and reasoning as found in various traditions will be critically examined. Examples of religious questions to be examined include whether it is possible for human beings to know who God is; whether God exists; whether religious experience is justifiable; and whether religious belief is only a personal and arbitrary matter. How about the phenomenological realities of “self” or the “soul”, and of the Evil? Did or does the all-powerful and all-loving God create evil? As such, this course seeks to clarify the relationship between religious beliefs and reasoning. It will deepen one’s appreciation of the relations between Reason and Faith. The students will be enabled to come up with their own justifiable understanding about the nature of religion and religious beliefs and their positions in the social and the transcendental aspects of human life as observable across cultural traditions.