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A reference is invited to the syllabi relating to the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) Degree Course vide this office Circular No.UG/141 of 2010, dated 30th June, 2010 and Principals of the affiliated Colleges in Arts and the Professor-cum-Director, Institute of Distance and Open Learning (IDOL) are hereby informed that the recommendation made by Ad-hoc Board of Studies in Logic and Philosophy at its meeting held on 27th February, 2017 has been accepted by the Academic Council at its meeting held on 11th May, 2017 vide item 4.161-A and that in accordance therewith, the revised syllabus as per the (CBCS) for the T.Y.B.A. Course in Philosophy (6 paper for Sem-V & VI) for paper V Philosophy of Religion, which is available on the University's website (www.mu.ac.in) and that the same has been brought into force with effect from the academic year 2018-19.

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२५th July, 2017
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The Principals of the affiliated Colleges in Arts and the Professor-cum-Director, Institute of Distance and Open Learning (IDOL).

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- 1)The Co-ordinator, Faculty of Arts,
- 2) The Offg. Director, Board of Examinations and Evaluation.
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TYBA Paper 5: Semester V

Paper Title: Philosophy of Religion

Credits: 4

Code: UAPHI502

No. of Lectures: 60

Unit 1: Introduction to Philosophy of Religion (15 lects)

What is Philosophy of Religion and how it is different from Theology and Comparative Religion?

Relation between the God and the World Deism, Pantheism and Theism (with Critique).

Attributes of God: omnipotence, omniscience, omnipresence, benevolence and personal.

Unit 2 Theories of existence of God (15 lects)

Ontological Argument (Anselm's version, Descartes' version and Kant's critique)

Causal/Cosmological Argument (Aquinas' argument, Leibniz's argument and Hume's critique)

Teleological (Aquinas and William Paley's view; and Hume's critique) and Moral Argument for Existence of God (Kant)

Unit 3: Mysticism (15 lects)

Characteristics of Mysticism: Ranade and Underhill

Mystic: Rumi and St Avila

William James' analysis of Mystical experiences

Unit 4: Problem of Religious Language (15 lects)

Analogical function of religious language (Thomas Aquinas' view)

Symbolic function of religious language (Paul Tillich's view)

Non Cognitive Theories: J. R. Randall (Jr.) – Religious language as functional (cultural, artistic, social and religious) and symbolic; R. B. Braithwaite – Religious language from Linguistic perspective (emotive, ethical and prescriptive)

Books recommended for the course

Stephen Davis. *God, Reason and Theistic Proofs* (Edinburgh University Press, 1997)

Anthony C. Thiselton. *The Concise Encyclopaedia of the Philosophy of Religion* (One World Publications, 2006).

S. P. Kanal. *The Philosophy of Religion* (Lotus Publishers, 1984).

D. Miall Edwards. *The Philosophy of Religion* (Progressive Publishers, 1963).

Steven Katz. *Mysticism and Religious Tradition* (Oxford University Press, 1983).

George Galloway. *Philosophy of Religion* (T & T Clark Edinburgh, 1960).

John Hick. *Philosophy of Religion* 4th Edition (Prentice Hall of India, New Delhi).

Geddes McGregor. *Introduction to Religious Philosophy* (MacMillan & Co. Ltd.)

Material for Rumi, St Avila and Underhill to be added

TYBA Paper 5: Semester VI

Paper Title: Philosophy of Religion

Credits: 4

Code: UAPHI602

No. of Lectures: 60

Unit I: Existential approach to Religion (15 lects)

Theistic and Atheistic Existential Approach to Religion: Soren Kierkegaard (three stages of existence: aesthetics, ethical and religious), Karl Jaspers: The Dialogical Possibilities of Existenz with Existenz Communication, Frederich Nietzsche (critique of slave morality in favour of transvaluation of values) and Sartre on Religion

Unit II: Immortality (15 lects)

Plato (the arguments contained in the dialogue *Phaedo*)

The concept of Resurrection and philosophical problems associated with it

Transmigration: Karma and Rebirth (Vedantic View),

Kantian and Charvaka Critique of Immortality

Unit III Question of Evil (15 lects)

Problem of evil: Hume's Account, Leibniz: Best of the possible worlds

St. Augustine's account of the problem and solution

Sankaracharya's view on evil

Unit IV: Challenges to Religion (15 lects)

The Marxist Challenge: Karl Marx,

The Freudian Challenge: Sigmund Freud,

The Humanist Challenge: M.N. Roy; Feminist Challenge to Religion

Books recommended for the course

William L. Rowe and Wainwright. *Philosophy of Religion* (selected readings) 3rd edition
Harcourt Brace college publishers.

Peterson and Vanarragon (ed.) *Contemporary debates in philosophy of Religion*, Blackwell publishing.

Peterson, Hasker, Rwichenbach, Basinger. *Philosophy of Religion*. 2nd Edition, Oxford University Press.

John Hick. *Philosophy of Religion*, 4th Edition Prentice-Hall off India Pvt Ltd New Delhi

Geddes Macgregor. *Introduction Of Religious Philosophy*, Macmillan Co Ltd St. Martin's Press

Brightman E.S. *Philosophy of Religion*, Skeffington and Son Ltd

Bankey Behari. *Sufis, Mystics and Yogis of India* (Bhartiya Vidya Bhavan)

Titus, Smith, Nolan. *Living Issues in Philosophy*, (D.VanNostrand Co.)

Bronstein and Schulweis. *Approaches to the Philosophy of Religion* (Prentice Hall, INC.)

William J Wainwright. *The Philosophy of Religion* (Wardsworth INC Thomson Publishing Co.)

Yakub Masih. *Philosophy of Religion*.

Max Charlesworth. *Philosophy and Religion – From Plato to Postmodernism* (Oneworld Publications, Oxford, 2006).

Benjamin R. Tilghman. *Introduction to Religious Philosophy* (Blackwell, 1994).

Blackwell, Companion to Philosophy of Religion....Chapter of feministic approach to religion

