Resources for Teachers: Philosophy & Religion

Mind, Science, and Religion

YouTube Playlist of MOOC videos:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lWdwWKX16Gg&list=PLKuMaHOvHA4olaPyBZ4KhYdwlkf0J7QK9a

Reading:
Does Contemporary Neuroscience Debunk Religious Belief? (with study questions, reading suggestions, and glossary of terms)

Essay/Discussion question: Does neuroscience show us that religious belief is just caused by particular brain activations? If so, does this present a problem for those who believe in God?

Further resources on the web
Justin Barrett on Cognitive Science, Religion, and Theology:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KfUbRn9H2ac

Religious Disagreement and Friendly Theism/Atheism

YouTube Playlist of MOOC videos:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WFWaRhAERu0&list=PLKuMaHOvHA4onQTWM8gdU9EqfziANMrfv

Essay/Discussion question:
Which epistemic communities are you a member of?

Reading:
Are Theism And Atheism Totally Opposed? Can They Learn From Each Other?

Advanced Reading:
Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy entry on Religious Disagreement
Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy entry on The Epistemology of Religion
Testimony and the Transmission of Religious Knowledge
The Social Science of Religion and Science

YouTube Playlist of MOOC videos:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gtsa_NKO3Po&list=PLKuMaHOvHA4qwWf3i2jccESQ-LIBMR2WD

Essay/Discussion question: Are religion and science incompatible ways of knowing about the world?

Advanced Reading:

The Hiddenness Argument and the Contribution of Philosophy

YouTube Playlist of MOOC videos:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7nBpZ-ystOg&list=PLKuMaHOvHA4qePAEaCyr77lieZRtuqEYm

Essay/Discussion question: If God is perfectly loving then he is always open to a personal relationship with us. Do you agree?

Reading:
Is God Hidden, Or Does God Simply Not Exist?

Religious and Scientific Fundamentalism

YouTube Playlist of MOOC videos:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ykr9XTfvsFY&list=PLKuMaHOvHA4qj6Wym_xMqT0UbW59K3s

Essay/Discussion question: Scientism tell us that the supernatural does not exist. So why do people compare it to a religion/worldview. Do you think they are right to do so? Why?

Reading:
Is Fundamentalism Just a Problem for Religious People?
Epistemic Virtues and Vices in Science and Religion

YouTube Playlist of MOOC videos:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W53ESyidJbg&list=PLKuMaHOvHA4rxgca9iyNgNyXkEUdqU1Fp

Essay/Discussion question:
- What kind of problems are presented by massive collaborations in science such as the 5000-author paper published on work with the large hadron collider?
- Should we believe what others tell us about science? If so should we believe what others tell us about religion?

Further resources on the web
Intellectual Humility Free Online Course Module: “What is an Intellectual Virtue?”
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ri_ayxVBRq0&list=PLKuMaHOvHA4pxDNSdst7smhchnGc8nPhs

Educating for Intellectual Virtues online resources: http://intellectualvirtues.org/