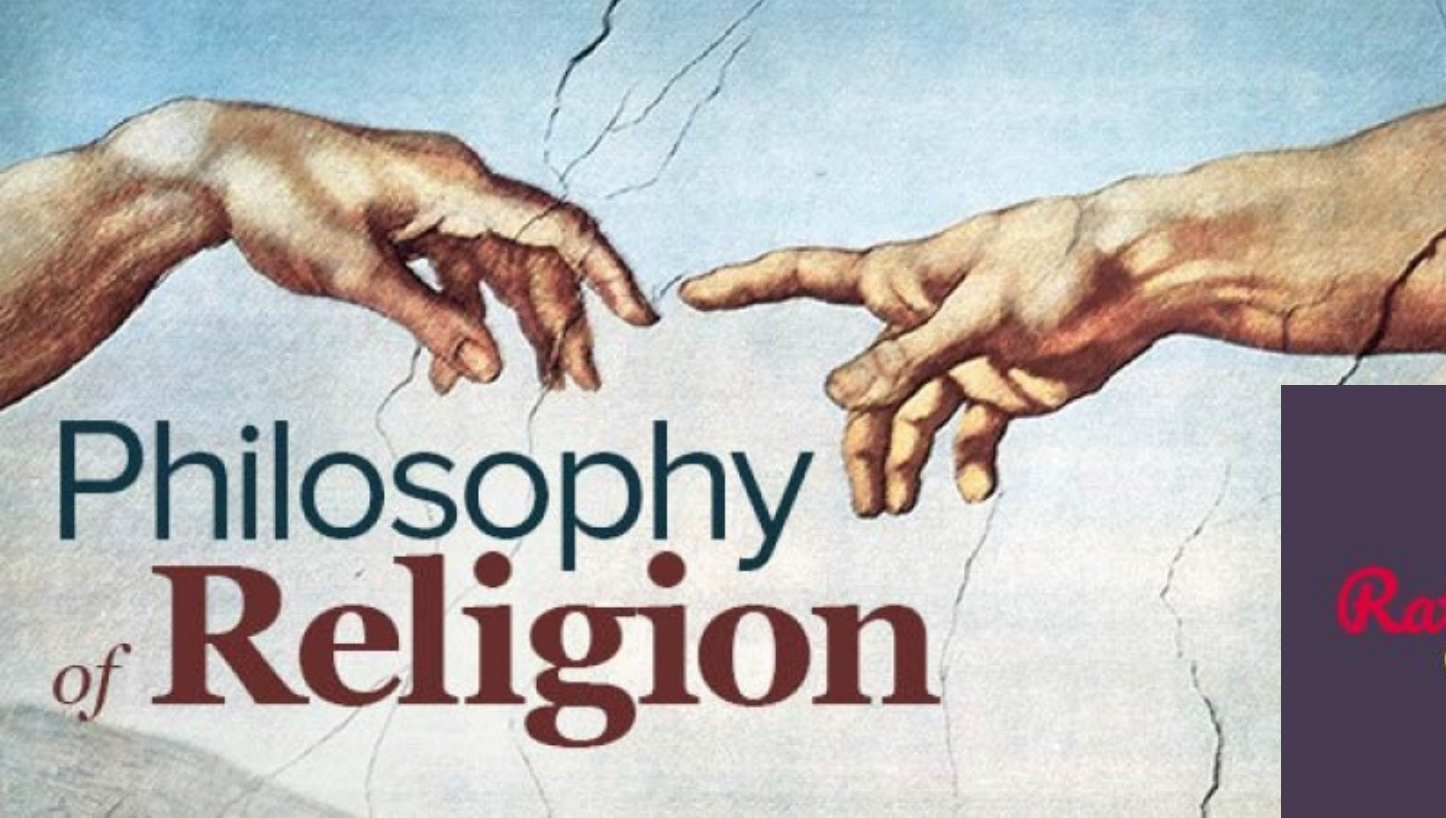
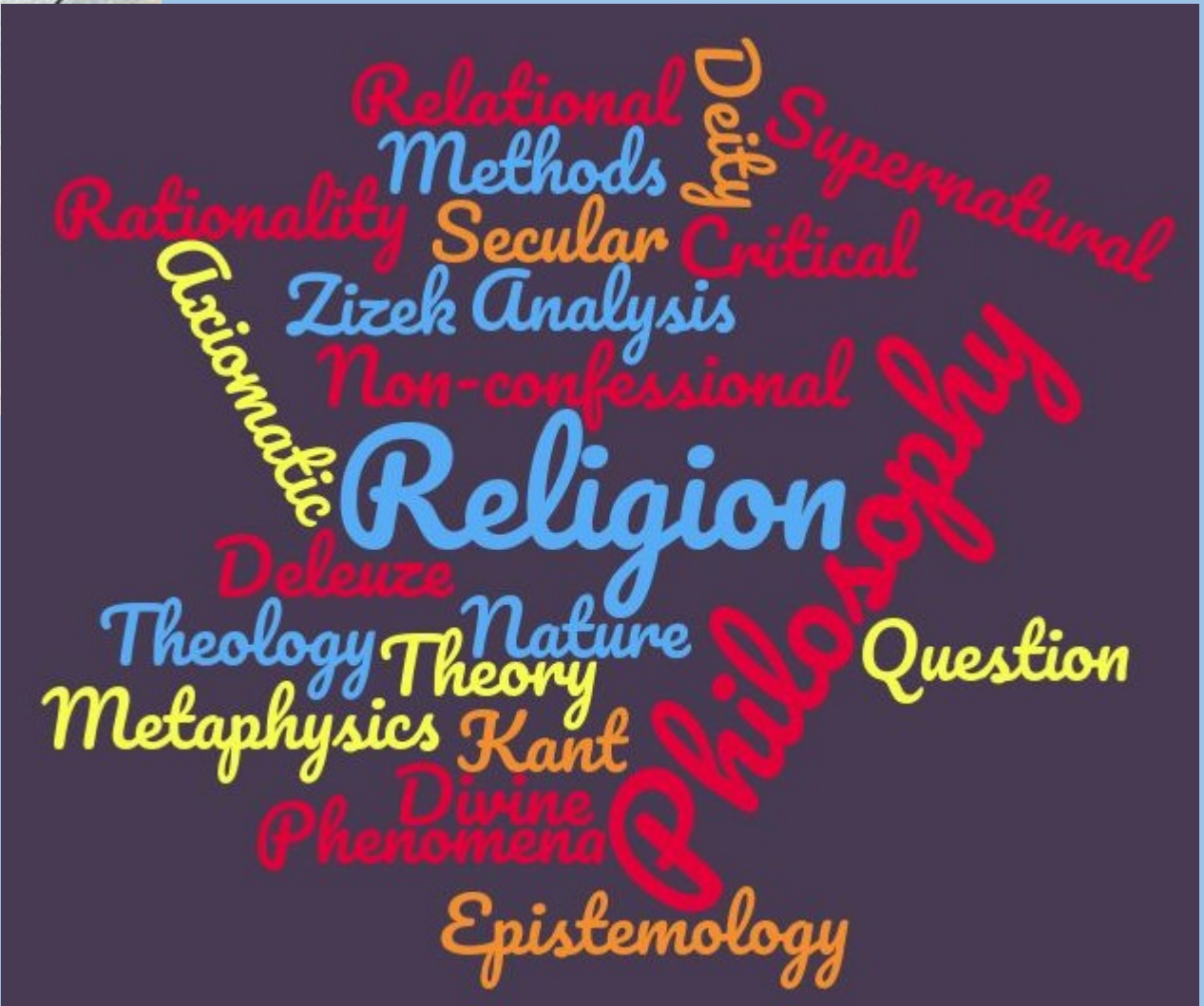


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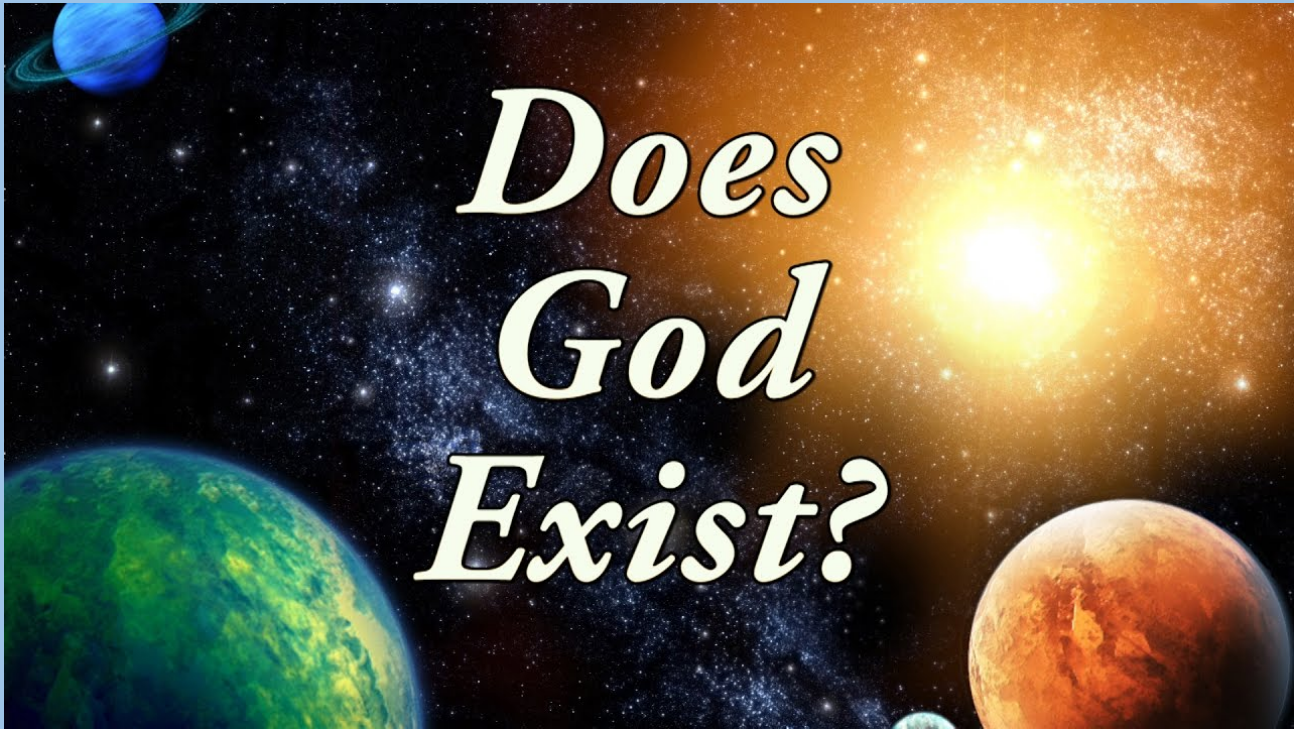
Philosophy of Religion



What is PoR?

...it examines the general philosophical problems about religion and God

Discussion 1



*Does
God
Exist?*

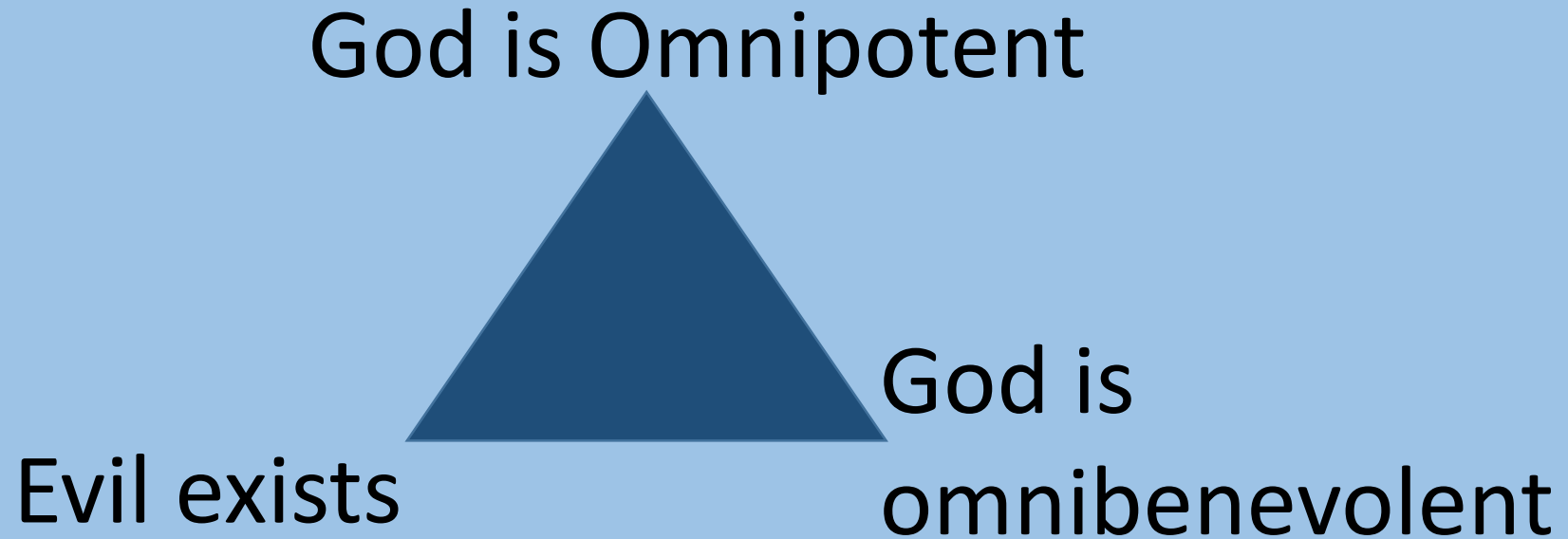
Why do some people believe God exists and others do not?

What is the evidence they give for their case?

Summarise what each person says here and then conclude with your own reasons – stating where you stand.

But why evil, suffering?

The problem:
Mackie – Inconsistent triad



Some solutions...(theodicies)

- Augustine:
 - Evil is a privation, a lack of goodness. So evil does not exist really!
 - Free will – nothing to do with God, it is all our fault!
- Irenaeus:
 - Evil is good for us – to make us better
 - God created us in his **'image'** – we then have time to develop in to his **'likeness.'**

Homework task 1 ...

What do you make of this?

Professor John Lennox, a scientist and mathematician, says why he believes in God - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=otrqzITuSqE>

Richard Dawkins gives his reasons for not believing in God - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DMqTEfeqvmM>

Discussion 2: Think, reflect and 'wonder'...



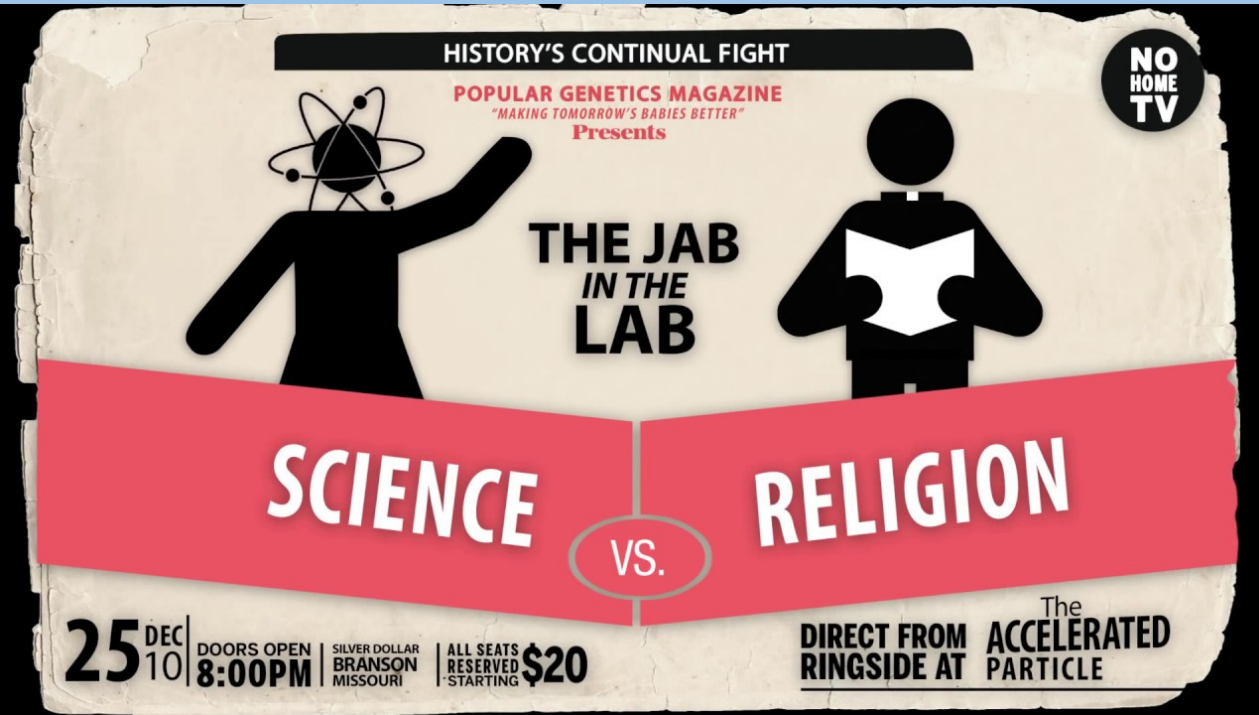
What are human beings made of?

Body and soul?



What happens when we die?

Discussion 3: Think, reflect and 'wonder'...



Can you be religious and also a scientist?

Is religion and science compatible?

Homework task 2 ...

Write down your response to the 4 questions we have covered in this lesson:

1. Does God exist?
2. Why evil and suffering?
3. What are humans made of?
4. Can you be religious and a scientist?

Why you have chosen RS



Meaning?

