

#### 4. Development

*Significant social and historical developments in Christian thought, such as those influenced by ethics, philosophy or studies of religion*

| Topic   | Content  | Key Knowledge  |
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| Religious pluralism and theology  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The teaching of contemporary Christian theology of religion on:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ exclusivism</li> <li>○ inclusivism</li> <li>○ pluralism</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the view that only Christianity fully offers the means of salvation</li> <li>• the view that although Christianity is the normative means of salvation, 'anonymous' Christians may also receive salvation</li> <li>• the view that there are many ways to salvation, of which Christianity is one path</li> </ul> |
| <p>Learners should have the opportunity to discuss issues related to religious pluralism and Christian theology of religion, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• whether or not if Christ is the 'truth' there can be any other means of salvation</li> <li>• whether or not a loving God would ultimately deny any human being salvation</li> <li>• whether or not all good people will be saved</li> <li>• whether or not theological pluralism undermines central Christian beliefs</li> </ul>   |  |  |
| <p><b>Suggested scholarly views, academic approaches and sources of wisdom and authority</b><br/> <i>Learners will be given credit for referring to any <b>appropriate</b> scholarly views, academic approaches and sources of wisdom and authority, however the following examples may prove useful</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hick, J. (1995) <i>God and the Universe of Faiths</i>, SCM Press, Chapters 1 and 10</li> <li>• McGrath, A. E. (2010 5<sup>th</sup> Edition) <i>Christian Theology</i>, Wiley-Blackwell, Chapter 17</li> <li>• D'Costa, G. (2009) <i>Christianity and World Religions</i>, Wiley-Blackwell, Chapter 5</li> </ul> |  |  |