

## **Debate titles**

When running a debate first decide who you will be running the event with and get them to say yes. Try your Christian Union or Islamic Society. I would suggest you decide as a committee on 5 title suggestions and give the other group the choice. (saying you are open to new suggestions if you are). Internal debates within your society are quite fun too and way less stressful to organise. If you need a speaker for a debate look at the speakers directory or contact Helena at [education@ahsstudents.org.uk](mailto:education@ahsstudents.org.uk).

Note when debating another society a good chair is needed. It is recommended you contact your friendly neighbourhood debate society to help with this.

N.B. Most of these titles have been used. In many cases they were picked by the speaker so they could talk on their interest area or make a specific point. Many of the debates are on youtube, so it might be worth watching them. Don't be afraid to change the titles for your needs.

### **Christianity**

This house believes in the power of prayer.

This house believes in the historical accuracy of the bible.

This house believes Jesus was the son of God.

There is enough evidence to believe Jesus is the son of God.

This house believes the pope should resign.

The doctrine of trinity: Man made or divine revealed?

### **Islam**

This house believes that Islam provide everything that we need to lead our lives.

This house believes the Qur'an is the word of god.

This house believes Islam contradicts basic human rights.

Does the media project an untrue negative image of Islam?

Fact vs Fiction - the case of Dr. Aafia Siddiqui?

Jihad on trial: Is Jihad justifiable?

Suicide bombings: Jihad or terrorism?

Is Islamic law barbaric?

Islam and liberal values

Islam: an outdated religion?

Is Orthodox religion compatible with 21st century and western society?

Islam & Secularism; Reconcilable?

Islam & Secular Liberalism; which is the way forward?

Has freedom of speech gone too far or is Islam stopping freedom of speech?

This house believes the Qur'an is a miracle.

Shar'ia law in the UK or one law for all?

### **Scientology**

This house believes Scientology is a cult - Went down quite well when Leeds Atheist Society ran this.

Is Scientology a valid religion?

### **Any religion**

This house believes ..... is the one true religion.

This house believes (insert religion) is misogynistic.

The benefits of religion.

Religion - positive or negative

This house believes the (insert religious text) is the word of god.  
The benefits of religion out way the negatives.  
This house believes religion is homophobic.  
Is religion a barrier to economic progress?  
Secularism vs (insert religion)  
Science and religion: the unresolvable conflict?  
Can we live better lives without religion?  
This house believes (insert religion) is the path of guidance.  
Are we better off without religion?  
This house believes god can perform miracles  
This house believes that religion is a force of good in this world.

### **Existence of God?**

Does god exist  
The god hypothesis - true or false  
This house believes in the existence of god  
There is no god.  
Is benevolence reconcilable with an omnipotent God?  
Is god a delusion?  
Can you be without god?  
Goodness without god enough?  
Can you be good without god?  
Should we choose theism or atheism  
Does god exist and can we live good lives without him?  
Does god exist and can we be good without him?  
God delusion or truth?  
God vs Free will.  
Should we choose theism or atheism?

### **Morals**

Are morals without god a delusion?

### **Atheism/Humanism**

This house believes Atheism is a religion.  
This house believes atheist arguments aren't much good.  
This house believes Richard Dawkins has a positive impact on atheism.  
United Church of Atheism, good idea or very bad idea?  
Is Humanism a religion?  
Should we choose theism over atheism  
Do atheists just learn about religion so they can find ways to make it sound stupid?

### **Creation vs Evolution**

Evolution vs Intelligent Design  
This house believes there is no evidence for a divine creator.

### **Other**

The planet - plan it or damn it.  
Should the troops be in Afghanistan?  
The Flying Spaghetti Monster is the one true God.