A RE teacher can find in the list below a number of religious topics of the main Abrahamic Religions (Judaism, Christianity, Islam) which are related to the Competences of Democratic Culture and can be taught in RE courses in Primary of Secondary Education aiming to develop these competences.





Competence/es	Type of the resource (e.g, text, symbol, art etc.)	Education Primary (P) Secondary (S)	Religion Judaism (J) Christianity (C) Islam (I)	Πηγή	Religious Topic
Values / Attitudes	Text	P & S	J	Babylonia n Talmud (Sanhedri n 37a)	God creates each and every human in a unique way; one human equals one world
Values / Attitudes	Text	P & S	J	Genesis 2:4-25	God offers a perfect garden to care; polarities are important
Values / Skills / Knowledge and comprehension	Text	S	J	Genesis 3:1-23	Unity and harmony can be easily disrupted, should sinister agents creep in
Attitudes / Values / Skills	Text	P & S	J	Genesis 13:1-18	The land is given by God to humans and there is plenty for all
Values / Attitudes	Text	S	J	Genesis 18:1-15	Heaven presents gifts not according to the book; hospitality matters
Attitudes / Knowledge and comprehension	Text	S	J	Genesis 22:1-19	Even during impossible tasks, faith rewards the steady
Knowledge and comprehension	Text	S	J	Genesis 28:1-22	God speaks to humans through dreams, visions, and symbols
Attitudes / Values / Skills	Text	S	J	Genesis 33:1-20	Reconciliation is divine
Skills / Knowledge and comprehension	Text	S	J	Numbers 22:1-39	God speaks through mysterious ways; an unexpected teacher for the wise
Values / Attitudes / Comprehension	Text	S	J	Ezekiel 37	Word of God brings life; man is the scout of God







Values / Attitudes / Comprehension	Text	S	J	Ezekiel 28:1-19	Prides brings hubris and fall
Values / Attitudes / Comprehension	Text	S	J	Daniel 4	Man is a Tree of God; the ways of Heaven must be followed
Skills / Attitudes / Values	Text	S	J	Daniel 5	The writing on the wall and the passing of all human hubris
Values / Comprehension	Text	P & S	J	Daniel 6	Even in the face of great hostility and danger, the faithful are saved
Values / Comprehension	Text	S	L	Babylonia n Talmud (Hullin 59b – 60a)	Measures of humans are not measures of God
Attitudes / Comprehension	Text	P & S	J	Babylonia n Talmud ( <i>Sanhedr</i> <i>in 39a</i> )	God spreads his grace upon all without discrimination
Attitudes / Comprehension	Text	S	ſ	Babylonia n Talmud ( <i>Sanhedr</i> <i>in 39a</i> )	What one considers a loss, another may value as gain
Values / Attitudes / Comprehension	Text	S	J	Babylonia n Talmud (Yoma 38b)	The righteous are the pillars of the world
Attitudes / Comprehension	Text	S	J	Babylonia n Talmud (Sakhedri n 98a)	Had we an attentive heart, we would see that Messiah is here today
Values / Attitudes / Comprehension	Text	P&S	L	Babylonia n Talmud (Bava Metzia 83a)	The law of love rises above all other laws
Values / Attitudes / Comprehension	Text	P & S	J	Babylonia n Talmud (Berakhot 58a)	In the great painting of life, everyone is precious; practicing gratitude attracts divine grace
Values / Attitudes / Comprehension	Text	P & S	J	Babylonia n Talmud (Eruvin 53b)	Unforeseen teachers spread humility among the wise







Values /	Symbol:	S	J	Exodus	The one is many and the
Attitudes / Comprehension	The lampstand (menorah)			25:31-40; 37:17-24	many are one; everything is inter-connected
Values / Attitudes / Comprehension	Symbol: the Tree of Life	S	J	Genesis 3:9, 22, 24. Ezekiel 31:8. Revelation 22:2, 14 ,19	The living Word of God sustains, blesses and heals all
Values	Text	S	C	Old Testament New testament Prov 18,9- 12, Dan 8,11- 25, Ez 27,1-36. 38,1-23, Jer 51,1- 64, Is 46,1- 49,26, Lc 13,29, Jn 21,11, Rev, 13,4- 18. 14,9- 11	Students will be taught about the question: "Should a Christian be opposed to globalization?" Globalization is "the act extending an influence to all parts of the world" Particularly will be answered the questions: (1) How does globalization affect Christianity? (2) How does globalization affect culture? (3) What is the meaning of the word world in the Bible? Changes in technology excite the average consumer. The integration of global culture, politics, and economies are embraced worldwide. However, the prophecies of the writers of Daniel and Revelation are being fulfilled before our eyes. These changes that are taking place have been part of a carefully crafted plan that was written about thousands of years ago.
Values	Text	S	С	Greek New Testament Rom 8,18- 22, Rom 1,18- 3,20, Jn 4,16-20, 1 Cor 15,20-22, Eph 2,5, Col 3,4	Students will be taught about the biblical text, with a focus on its meaning and its larger implications for the life of Christian. The main aspect lacking, however, is contextualization of the biblical material within a broader historical and socio- cultural context. Working through texts within a





					broader context offered a rich and engaging perspective on meaning and application. They will be taught first and foremost that reading any biblical text is a complex and multivalent enterprise.
Values	Text	S	C	Greek New Testament Gen 2,18- 20, Lc 19,15- 27. 22,23.16,1 9-31. 12,16-21	Students will be taught about the questions: (1) What is the church's role in society? (2) What is church and society? (3) What does church mean in the new Testament? (4) What type of society is church? The church has at least three roles to play in the society in which it finds itself: a) Witness to God's love and power. b) Call society to peace, justice and compassion. c) Work toward the welfare of all members of society. The church has a ministry of being, telling and doing. To be witness, to tell the surrounding society of its conviction that peace, justice and compassion are the better way, and to demonstrate its belief through action.
Values	Text	S	C	Greek New Testament Gal 3,28, Col 3,11	The abolition of racial discrimination in Paul's Theology. It is now possible to remove from most of the human race the curse of ignorance. A duty most appropriate in our times, especially for Christians, is to work untiringly to the end that fundamental economic and political decisions are taken, nationally and internationally, which will ensure the recognition and implementation everywhere of everyone's right to human and civil culture in





					harmony with personal dignity, without distinction of race, nation, religion, or social circumstances. Particularly will be taught the biblical passage of Apostle Paul to Galatians: "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male or female: for you are all one in Christ Jesus" (3,28). Let the church proclaim to all the sin of racism defiles the image of God and degrades the sacred dignity of humankind which has been revealed by the mystery of the Incarnation. Let all know that it is a terrible sin that mocks the cross of Christ and redicules the Incarnation. For the brother and the sister of our Brother Jesus Christ are brother and sister to us.
Values	Text	S	C	Greek New Testament 1 Cor 7,17- 24, Phm	Freedom and Slavery according to Apostle Paul. Students will be taught the Apostle's thinking on Freedom and Slavery, particularly on the questions: (1) Was Apostle Paul indifferent to slavery? (2) What does Apostle Paul mean on the passage to korinthians: "But if you can gain your freedom" (1 Corinthians 7, 17-24)?. Apostle Paul "lays himself open to put the word "slavery" or the word "freedom" ("make use of this chance to become free"). The frequent mistranslation, in verse 21, of Apostle Paul's elliptical advice to the slave whose master has



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					decided to free him is the result of ignorance of the contemporary practice of manumission in Europe. The slave had no choice (having no legal rights) of remaining a slave or accepting freedom, all depended upon the master's decision. Hence Apostle Paul haw been wrongly accused of trying to persuade the slave to remain in bondage. In fact, apostle Paul implicitly favours the status of freedman. He is however more concerned that such a one should make use of his newfound freedom to become a better Christian.
Values	Text	P & S	С	Official Document s of the Holy and Great Council of the Orthodox Church. THE MISSION OF THE ORTHODO X CHURCH IN TODAY'S WORLD https://www .holycouncil. org/official- documents/- /asset_publis her/VA0WE2 pZ4Y01/conte nt/mission- orthodox- church- todays- world?_101_ INSTANCE_V A0WE2pZ4Y 01_languagel d=en_US	Human person's dignity and humanity. The human person's unique dignity, which stems from being created in the image and likeness of God and from our role in God's plan for humanity and the world, was the source of inspiration for the Church Fathers, who entered deeply into the mystery of divine <i>oikonomia</i> .







Values	Text	S	C	St. Gregory the Theologia n Homily 45, On Holy Pascha, 7. PG 36, 632AB	Regarding the human being. Regarding the human being, St. Gregory the Theologian characteristically emphasizes that: The Creator sets a sort of second world upon the earth, great in its smallness, another angel, a worshipper of composite nature, contemplator of visible creation, and initiate of intelligible creation, a king over all that is on earth a living being, prepared here and transported elsewhere
Values	Tevt	s	ſ	Official	and (which is the culmination of the mystery) deified through attraction towards God
Values	Text	S	C	Official Document s of the Holy and Great Council of the Orthodox Church. THE MISSION OF THE ORTHODO X CHURCH IN TODAY'S WORLD https://w ww.holyco uncil.org/o fficial- document s/- /asset_pu blisher/VA OWE2pZ4Y OI/content /mission- orthodox- church- todays-	The deification of human being. The purpose of the incarnation of the Word of God is the deification of the human being. Christ, having renewed within himself the old Adam (cf. Eph 2:15), made the human person divine like himself, the beginning of our hope (Eusebius of Caesarea, Demonstrations on the Gospel, Book 4, 14. PG 22, 289A). For just as the entire human race was contained in the old Adam, so too, the entire human race is now gathered in the new Adam: The Only-begotten One became man in order to gather into one and return to its original condition the fallen human race (Cyril of Alexandria, Commentary on the Gospel of John, Book 9, PG 74, 273D–275A). This teaching of the Church is the endless source of all Christian efforts to safeguard the dignity and







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				Great	cooperation in every
				Council of	direction for the protection
				the	of human dignity and of
				Orthodox	course for the good of
				Church.	peace, so that the peace-
				THE	keeping efforts of all
				MISSION	Christians without exception
				OF THE	may acquire greater weight
				ORTHODO	and significance.
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Attitudes. Skills. Knowledge and critical understanding. Values	Text	P & S	C	Irenaeus of Lyons, FRAGMEN TS FROM THE LOST WRITINGS OF IRENAEUS	Relations with other or neighbours. As long as any one has the means of doing good to his neighbours, and does not do so, he shall be reckoned a stranger to the love of the Lord.
Attitudes. Skills. Knowledge and critical understanding	Text	P & S	C	Official Document s of the Holy and Great Council of the Orthodox Church. THE MISSION OF THE ORTHODO	God's fellow workers and love for peace. We are convinced that, as God's fellow workers (I Cor 3:9), we can advance to this common service together with all people of good will, who love peace that is pleasing to God, for the sake of human society on the local, national, and international levels. This







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critical understanding				Holy and Great Council of the Orthodox Church. THE MISSION OF THE ORTHODO X CHURCH IN TODAY'S WORLD https://w ww.holyco uncil.org/o fficial- document s/- /asset_pu blisher/VA OWE2pZ4Y Ol/content	one of God's greatest gifts to the human being. He who created man in the beginning made him free and self-determined, limiting him solely by the laws of the commandment (Gregory the Theologian, Homily 14, On Love for the Poor, 25. PG 35, 892A). Freedom renders the human being capable of progressing toward spiritual perfection; yet, it also includes the risk of disobedience as independence from God and consequently the fall, which tragically gives rise to evil in the world.





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				Great	shortcomings prevailing
				Council of	today, including: secularism;
				the	violence; moral laxity;
				Orthodox	detrimental phenomena
				Church.	such as the use of addictive
				THE	substances and other
				MISSION	addictions especially in the
				OF THE	lives of certain youth;
				ORTHODO	racism; the arms race and
				X CHURCH	wars, as well as the resulting
				IN	social catastrophes; the
				TODAY'S	oppression of certain social
				WORLD	groups, religious
				https://w	communities, and entire
				ww.holyco	peoples; social inequality;
				uncil.org/o	the restriction of human
				fficial-	rights in the field of freedom
				document	of conscience—in particular
				s/-	religious freedom; the
				/asset_pu	misinformation and
				blisher/VA	manipulation of public
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				orthodox-	
				church-	resources or complete lack
					thereof; the hunger of
				todays-	millions of people; forced
				world?_10	migration of populations
				1_INSTAN	and human trafficking; the
				CE_VAOW	refugee crisis; the
				E2pZ4Y0I_	destruction of the
				languageId	environment; and the
				=en_US	unrestrained use of genetic
					biotechnology and
					biomedicine at the
					beginning, duration, and
					end of human life. These all







					create infinite anxiety for
					humanity today.
Values.	Text	P&S	С	Official	Orthodox Church support
Attitudes.	. ent		•	Document	peace and justice in
Skills.				s of the	people's lives. The Orthodox
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critical				Great	recognized and revealed the
understanding				Council of	centrality of peace and
understanding				the	justice in people's lives. The
				Orthodox	
				Church.	very revelation of Christ is
					characterized as a gospel of
				THE	peace (Eph 6:15), for Christ
				MISSION	has brought peace to all
				OF THE	through the blood of his
				ORTHODO	Cross (Col 1:20), preached
				X CHURCH	peace to those afar and near
				IN	(Eph 2:17), and has become
				TODAY'S	our peace (Eph 2:14). This
				WORLD	peace, which surpasses all
				https://w	understanding (Phil 4:7), as
				ww.holyco	the Lord Himself told His
				uncil.org/o	disciples before His passion,
				fficial-	is broader and more
				document	essential than the peace
				s/-	promised by the world:
				/asset_pu	peace I leave with you, my
				blisher/VA	peace I give to you; not as
				0WE2pZ4Y	the world gives do I give to
				0I/content	you (Jn 14:27). This is
				/mission-	because the peace of Christ
				orthodox-	is the ripe fruit of the
				church-	restoration of all things in
				todays-	Him, the revelation of the
				world?_10	human person's dignity and
				1_INSTAN	majesty as an image of God,
				CE_VA0W	the manifestation of the
				E2pZ4Y0I_	organic unity in Christ
				languageId	between humanity and the
				=en_US	world, the universality of
				_	the principles of peace,
					freedom, and social justice,
					and ultimately the
					, blossoming of Christian love
					among people and nations
					of the world. The reign of all
					these Christian principles on
					earth gives rise to authentic
					peace. It is the peace from
					above, for which the
					Orthodox Church prays
					constantly in its daily
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					petitions, asking this of the
					almighty God, Who hears
					the prayers of those that
					draw near to Him in faith.
Values.	Text	S	С	Official	Church as a body which
Attitudes.				Document	supports peace and
Skills.				s of the	reconciliation. The Church,
Knowledge and				Holy and	as the body of Christ (I Cor
critical				Great	12:27), always prays for the
understanding				Council of	peace of the whole world;
				the	this peace, according to
				Orthodox	Clement of Alexandria, is
				Church.	synonymous with justice
				THE	(Stromates 4, 25. PG 8,
				MISSION	1369B-72A). To this, Basil
				OF THE	the Great adds: I cannot
				ORTHODO	convince myself that
				X CHURCH	without mutual love and
				IN	without peace with all
				TODAY'S	people, in as far as it is
				WORLD	within my possibilities, I can
				https://w	call myself a worthy servant
				ww.holyco	of Jesus Christ (Epistle 203,
				uncil.org/o	2. PG 32, 737B). As the same
				fficial-	Saint notes, this is self-
				document	evident for a Christian, for
				s/-	nothing is so characteristic
				/asset_pu	of a Christian as to be a
				blisher/VA	peacemaker (Epistle 114. PG
				0WE2pZ4Y	32, 528B). The peace of
				0I/content	Christ is a mystical power
				/mission-	that springs forth from the
				orthodox-	reconciliation between the
				church-	human being and the
				todays-	heavenly Father, according
				world?_10	to the providence of Christ,
				1_INSTAN	Who brings all things to
				CE VAOW	perfection in Him and who
				E2pZ4Y0I_	makes peace ineffable and
				languageId	predestined from the ages,
				=en_US	and Who reconciles us with
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					Himself, and in Himself with
					the Father (Dionysius the
					Aeropagite, On the Divine
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Values.	Text	P & S	С	Official	Gifts of peace and justice. At
Skills				Document	the same time, we are
				s of the	obligated to underline that
				Holy and	the gifts of peace and justice
				Great	also depend on human
				Council of	synergy. The Holy Spirit







				the Orthodox Church. THE MISSION OF THE ORTHODO X CHURCH IN TODAY'S WORLD https://w ww.holyco uncil.org/o fficial- document s/- /asset_pu blisher/VA OWE2pZ4Y OI/content /mission- orthodox- church- todays- world?_10 1_INSTAN CE_VAOW E2pZ4Y0I_ languageId =en_US	bestows spiritual gifts when, in repentance, we seek God's peace and righteousness. These gifts of peace and justice are manifested wherever Christians strive for the work of faith, love, and hope in our Lord Jesus Christ (I Thes 1:3).
Attitudes. Knowledge and critical understanding	Text	S	C	Official Document s of the Holy and Great Council of the Orthodox Church. THE MISSION OF THE ORTHODO X CHURCH IN TODAY'S WORLD https://w ww.holyco uncil.org/o	The Church of Christ condemns war and mass destruction. The Church of Christ condemns war in general, recognizing it as the result of the presence of evil and sin in the world: Where do wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members? (Jm 4:1). Every war threatens to destroy creation and life. This is most particularly the case with wars with weapons of mass destruction because their consequences would be horrific not only because







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Values Skills.	Text	P & S	C	Official Document s of the Holy and Great Council of the Orthodox Church. THE MISSION OF THE ORTHODO X CHURCH IN TODAY'S WORLD https://w ww.holyco uncil.org/o fficial- document s/- /asset_pu blisher/VA OWE2pZ4Y	The Orthodox Church condemns the conflicts and wars provoked by fanaticism that derives from religious principles. The Orthodox Church resolutely condemns the multifaceted conflicts and wars provoked by fanaticism that derives from religious principles. There is grave concern over the permanent trend of increasing oppression and persecution of Christians and other communities in the Middle East and elsewhere because of their beliefs; equally troubling are the attempts to uproot Christianity from its traditional homelands. As a result, existing interfaith and international relations are threatened, while many Christians are forced to abandon their homes.







				OI/content /mission- orthodox- church- todays- world?_10 1_INSTAN CE_VAOW E2pZ4Y0I_ languageId =en_US	Orthodox Christians throughout the world suffer with their fellow Christians and all those being persecuted in this region, while also calling for a just and lasting resolution to the region's problems. Wars inspired by nationalism and leading to ethnic cleansing, the violation of state borders, and the seizure of territory are also condemned. The Lord, as King of righteousness (Heb 7:2-3) denounces violence and injustice (Ps 10:5), while condemning the inhumane treatment of one's neighbor (Mt 25:41-46; Jm 2:15-16). In His Kingdom, reflected and present in His Church on earth, there is no place for hatred, enmity, or intolerance (Is 11:6; Rom 12:10).
Values. Attitudes. Skills. Knowledge and critical understanding	Text	P & S	C	Official Document s of the Holy and Great Council of the Orthodox Church. THE MISSION OF THE ORTHODO X CHURCH IN TODAY'S WORLD	Against discrimination. Equality. The Orthodox Church's position on this is clear. She believes that God has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth (Acts 17:26) and that in Christ there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female: for you are all one in Christ Jesus (Gal 3:28). To the question: Who is my neighbor?, Christ responded with the parable of the Good Samaritan (Lk 10:25- 37). In so doing, He taught us to tear down all barriers erected by enmity and







					prejudice. The Orthodox Church confesses that every human being, regardless of skin color, religion, race, sex, ethnicity, and language, is created in the image and likeness of God, and enjoys equal rights in society. Consistent with this belief, the Orthodox Church rejects discrimination for any of the aforementioned reasons since these presuppose a difference in dignity between people.
Values. Attitudes. Skills. Knowledge and critical understanding	Text	S	C	Official Document s of the Holy and Great Council of the Orthodox Church. THE MISSION OF THE ORTHODO X CHURCH IN TODAY'S WORLD	Economic conditions that negatively imp The Church cannot remain indifferent before economic conditions that negatively impact humanity as a whole. She insists not only on the need for the economy to be grounded upon ethical principles, but that it must also tangibly serve the needs of human beings in accordance with the teaching of the Apostle Paul: By laboring like this, you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that he said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive' (Acts 20:35). Basil the Great writes that each person should make it his duty to help those in need and not satisfy his own needs (Moral Rules, 42. PG 31, 1025A).act humanity.
Values. Attitudes. Skills. Knowledge and critical understanding	Text	S	C	Official Document s of the Holy and Great Council of the Orthodox Church. THE	Social inequality and sustainable economy. The gap between rich and poor is dramatically exacerbated due to the financial crisis, which normally results from the unbridled profiteering by some representatives of financial circles, the concentration of wealth in







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				MISSION	the hands of the few, and
				OF THE	perverted business practices
				ORTHODO	devoid of justice and
				X CHURCH	humanitarian sensitivity,
				IN	which ultimately do not
				TODAY'S	serve humanity's true
				WORLD	needs. A sustainable
					economy is that which
					combines efficiency with
					justice and social solidarity.
					In light of such tragic
					circumstances, the Church's
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					great responsibility is
					perceived in terms of
					overcoming hunger and all
					other forms of deprivation
					in the world. One such
					phenomenon in our time—
					whereby nations operate
					within a globalized
					economic system—points to
					the world's serious identity
					crisis, for hunger not only
					threatens the divine gift of
					life of whole peoples, but
					also offends the lofty dignity
					and sacredness of the
					human person, while
					simultaneously offending
					God. Therefore, if concern
					over our own sustenance is
					a material issue, then
					concern over feeding our
					neighbor is a spiritual issue
					(Jm 2:14-18). Consequently,
					it is the mission of all
					Orthodox Churches to
					exhibit solidarity and
					administer assistance
					effectively to those in need.
Values.	Text	P & S	С	Official	Universal solidarity,
Attitudes.				Document	cooperation of nations and
Skills.				s of the	states. The Holy Church of
Knowledge and				Holy and	Christ, in her universal
critical				, Great	body—embracing in her fold
understanding				Council of	many peoples on earth—
				the	emphasizes the principle of
				Orthodox	universal solidarity and
				Church.	supports the closer
				THE	cooperation of nations and
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				MISSION	states for the sake of







				OF THE ORTHODO X CHURCH IN TODAY'S WORLD	resolving conflicts peacefully.
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					know that the whole
					creation groans and labors
					with birth pangs together
					until now (Rom 8:20-22).
					The ecological crisis, which
					is connected to climate
					change and global warming,
					makes it incumbent upon
					the Church to do everything
					within her spiritual power to
					protect God's creation from
					the consequences of human
					greed. As the gratification of
					material needs, greed leads
					to spiritual impoverishment
					of the human being and to
					environmental destruction.
					We should not forget that
					the earth's natural
					resources are not our
					property, but the Creator's:
					The earth is the Lord's, and
					all its fullness, the world,
					and those who dwell therein
					(Ps 23:1). Therefore, the
					Orthodox Church
					emphasizes the protection
					of God's creation through
					the cultivation of human
					responsibility for our God-
					given environment and the
					promotion of the virtues of
					frugality and self-restraint.
					We are obliged to
					remember that not only
					present, but also future
					generations have a right to
					enjoy the natural goods
					granted to us by the
					Creator.
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				the	biotechnologies. Many of
				Orthodox	these achievements are
				Church.	considered beneficial for
				THE	humankind, while others
				MISSION	raise ethical dilemmas and
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				OF THE	still others are deemed
				ORTHODO	unacceptable. The Orthodox
				X CHURCH	Church believes that the
				IN	human being is not merely a
				TODAY'S	composition of cells, bones,
				WORLD	and organs; nor again is the
					human person defined
					solely by biological factors.
					Man is created in the image
					of God (Gen 1:27) and
					reference to humanity must
					take place with due respect.
					The recognition of this
					fundamental principle leads
					to the conclusion that, both
					in the process of scientific
					investigation as well as in
					the practical application of
					new discoveries and
					innovations, we should
					preserve the absolute right
					of each individual to be
					respected and honored at
					all stages of life. Moreover,
					we should respect the will of
					God as manifested through
					creation. Research must
					take into account ethical
					and spiritual principles, as
					well as Christian precepts.
					Indeed, due respect must be
					rendered to all of God's
					creation in regard to both
					the way humanity treats
					and science explores it, in
					accordance to God's
					commandment (Gen 2:15).
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understanding.				s of the	Council addresses itself with
				Holy and	particular love and care to
				Great	children and to all young
				Council of	people. Amid the medley of
				the	mutually contradictory
				Orthodox	definitions of childhood, our
				Church.	most holy Church presents
				THE	the words of our Lord:
				MISSION	"Unless you turn and
				OF THE	become like children, you
				ORTHODO	will never enter the
				X CHURCH	kingdom of heaven" (Matt
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				IN	18.3) and "whoever does
				TODAY'S	not receive the kingdom of
				WORLD	God like a child shall not
					enter it (Luke 18.17), as well
					as what our Savior says
					about those who "prevent"
					(Luke 18.16) children from
					approaching Him and about
					those who "scandalize"
					them (Matt 18.6).
					To young people the Church
					offers not simply "help" but
					"truth," the truth of the new
					divine-human life in Christ.
					Orthodox youth should
					become aware that they are
					bearers of the centuries-old
					and blessed tradition of the
					Orthodox Church and also
					the continuers of this
					tradition who will
					courageously preserve and
					will cultivate in a dynamic
					way the eternal values of
					Orthodoxy in order to give
					life-giving Christian witness.
					From among them will come
					the future ministers of the
					Church of Christ. The young
					people thus are not simply
					the "future" of the Church,
					but also the active
					expression of her God-loving
					and human-loving life in the
					present.
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				Orthodox	existential matters. She
				Church.	rests firmly on divinely
				THE	taught criteria and reveals
				MISSION	the relevance of Orthodox
				OF THE	anthropology in the face of
				ORTHODO	the contemporary
				X CHURCH	overturning of values. Our
				IN	Church can and must
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					the Christian tradition
					demands not only
					repentance for the sin of the
					exploitation of the natural
					resources of the planet,
					namely, a radical change in
					mentality and behavior, but
					also asceticism as an
					antidote to consumerism,
					the deification of needs and
					the acquisitive attitude. It
					also presupposes our
					greatest responsibility to
					hand down a viable natural
					environment to future
					generations and to use it
					according to divine will and
					blessing. In the sacraments
					of the Church, creation is
					affirmed and man is
					encouraged to act as a
					steward, protector and
					"priest" of creation, offering
					it by way of doxology to the
					Creator – "Your own of your
					own we offer to You in all
					and for all" – and cultivating
					a Eucharistic relationship
					with creation. This
					Orthodox, Gospel and
					Patristic approach also turns
					our attention to the social
					dimensions and the tragic
					consequences of the
					destruction of the natural
					environment.
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				MISSION	the identities of peoples and
				OF THE	the strengthening of local
				ORTHODO	identity. As an alternative
				X CHURCH	example for the unity of
				IN	mankind, she proposes the







				TODAY'S	articulated organization of
				WORLD	the Church on the basis of
				-	the equality of the local
					Churches. The Church is
					opposed to the provocative
					threat to contemporary man
					and the cultural traditions of
					peoples that globalization
					involves and the principle of
					the "autonomy of the
					economy" or "economism,"
					that is, the autonomization
					of the economy from man's
					essential needs and its
					transformation into an end
					in itself. She therefore
					proposes a viable economy
					founded on the principles of
					the Gospel. Thus, guided by
					the words of the Lord, "man
					shall not live by bread
					alone" (Luke 4.4), the
					Church does not connect
					the progress of mankind
					only with an increase in
					living standards or with
					economic development at
					the expense of spiritual
					values.
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				, Great	response to contemporary
				Council of	social and political crises
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				Orthodox	to protect the freedom of
				Church.	the individual. The approach
				THE	to human rights on the part
				MISSION	of the Orthodox Church
				OF THE	centers on the danger of
				ORTHODO	individual rights falling into
				X CHURCH	individualism and a culture
				IN	of "rights". A perversion of
				TODAY'S	this kind functions at the
				WORLD	expense of the social
					content of freedom and
					leads to the arbitrary
					transformation of rights into
					claims for happiness, as well
					as the elevation of the







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				the Orthodox Church. THE MISSION OF THE ORTHODO X CHURCH IN TODAY'S WORLD	religious minorities in the Middle East. In particular, she addresses an appeal to governments in that region to protect the Christian populations – Orthodox, Ancient Eastern and other Christians – who have survived in the cradle of Christianity. The indigenous Christian and other populations enjoy the inalienable right to remain in their countries as citizens with equal rights.
Values. Attitudes. Skills. Knowledge and critical understanding	Text	P & S	C	Official Document s of the Holy and Great Council of the Orthodox Church. THE MISSION OF THE ORTHODO X CHURCH IN TODAY'S WORLD	War, reconciliation, respect for human rights. We therefore urge all parties involved, irrespective of religious convictions, to work for reconciliation and respect for human rights, first of all through the protection of the divine gift of life. The war and bloodshed must be brought to an end and justice must prevail so that peace can be restored and so that it becomes possible for those who have been exiled to return to their ancestral lands. We pray for peace and justice in the suffering countries of Africa and in the troubled country of Ukraine. We reiterate most emphatically in conciliar unity our appeal to those responsible to free the two bishops who have been abducted in Syria, Paul Yazigi and John İbrahim. We pray also for the release of all our brothers and sisters being held hostage or in captivity.
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		me in, I was naked and you
		clothed me, I was sick and
		you visited me, in prison and
		you came to me", and "Truly
		I tell you, whatever you did
		for one of the least of these
		my brethren, you did for
		me" (Matt 25.40).
		Throughout its history, the
		Church was always on the
		side of the "weary and
		heavy laden" (cf. Matt
		11.28). At no time was the
		Church's philanthropic work
		limited merely to
		circumstantial good deeds
		toward the needy and
		suffering, but rather it
		sought to eradicate the
		causes which create social
		problems. The Church's
		"work of service" (Eph 4.12)
		is recognized by everyone.
		We appeal therefore first of
		all to those able to remove
		the causes for the creation
		of the refugee crisis to take
		the necessary positive
		decisions. We call on the
		civil authorities, the
		Orthodox faithful and the
		other citizens of the
		countries in which they have
		sought refuge and continue
		to seek refuge to accord
		them every possible





					assistance, even from out of their own insufficiency.
Attitudes. Skills. Knowledge and critical understanding	Text	S	C	Official Document s of the Holy and Great Council of the Orthodox Church. THE MISSION OF THE ORTHODO X CHURCH IN TODAY'S WORLD	The Church manifests sensitivity towards those who have severed themselves from communion with her and is concerned for those who do not understand her voice. Conscious that she constitutes the living presence of Christ in the world, the Church translates the divine economy into concrete actions using all means at her disposal to give a trustworthy witness to the truth, in the precision of the apostolic faith. In this spirit of recognition of the need for witness and offering, <i>the</i> <i>Orthodox Church has</i> <i>always attached great</i> <i>importance to dialogue</i> , and especially to that with non- Orthodox Christians. Through this dialogue, the rest of the Christian world is now more familiar with Orthodoxy and the authenticity of its tradition. It also knows that the Orthodox Church has never accepted theological minimalism or permitted its dogmatic tradition and evangelical ethos to be called into question. Inter- Christian dialogues have provided Orthodoxy with the opportunity to display her respect for the teaching of the Fathers and to bear a trustworthy witness to the genuine tradition of the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. The multilateral dialogues undertaken by the Orthodox Church have never signified, and do not signify,



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					nor will they ever signify, any compromise in matters of faith. These dialogues are a witness to Orthodoxy, grounded on the Gospel message "come and see" (John 1.46), see, namely, that "God is love" (1 John 4.8).
Values. Skills. Knowledge and critical understanding	Text	P & S	C	Official Document s of the Holy and Great Council of the Orthodox Church. THE MISSION OF THE ORTHODO X CHURCH IN TODAY'S WORLD	Respect for the particular characteristics of individual peoples. Against the levelling and impersonal standardization that is promoted in so many ways, Orthodoxy proposes respect for the particular characteristics of individual peoples. It is also opposed the making of the economy into something autonomous from basic human needs and turning it into an end in itself. The progress of mankind is not connected only with an increase in living standards or with economic development at the expense of spiritual values.
Values. Attitudes. Skills.	Text	S	C	Official Document s of the Holy and Great Council of the Orthodox Church. THE MISSION OF THE ORTHODO X CHURCH IN TODAY'S WORLD	Orthodox Church and politics. The Orthodox Church does not involve herself in politics. Her voice remains distinct, but also prophetic, as a beneficial intervention for the sake of man. Human rights today are at the center of politics as a response to the social and political crises and upheavals, and seek to protect the citizen from the arbitrary power of the state. Our Church also adds to this the obligations and responsibilities of the citizens and the need for constant self-criticism on the part of both politicians







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					and citizens for the improvement of society.
					And above all she
					emphasises that the
					Orthodox ideal in respect of man transcends the horizon
					of established human rights
					and that "greatest of all is
					love", as Christ revealed and as all the faithful who follow
					him have experienced. She
					insists also that a
					fundamental human right is
					the protection of religious
					freedomnamely, freedom
					of conscience, belief, and
					religion, including, alone
					and in community, in private
					and in public, the right to
					freedom of worship and
					practice, the right to
					manifest one's religion, as
					well as the right of religious
					communities to religious
					education and to the full
					function and exercise of
					their religious duties,
					without any form of direct
					or indirect interference by
					the state.
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				Orthodox	believes that this dialogue
				Church.	should always be
				THE	accompanied by witness to
				MISSION	the world through acts
				OF THE	expressing mutual
				ORTHODO	understanding and love,
				X CHURCH	which express the "ineffable
				IN	joy" of the Gospel (1 Pt 1:8),
				TODAY'S	eschewing every act of
				WORLD	proselytism, uniatism, or
					other provocative act of
					inter-confessional
					competition. In this spirit,
					the Orthodox Church deems







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					through you. But woe to him by whom the name of the Lord is blasphemed! Teach, therefore, sobriety to all, and manifest it also in your own conduct.
Values	Text	S	C	Clement of Alexandria THE INSTRUCT OR. [PAEDAGO GUS.] http://ww w.earlychr	Men and women alike under the instructor's charge. CHAP. IV. Let us, then, embracing more and more this good obedience, give ourselves to the Lord; clinging to what is surest, the cable of faith in Him, and understanding that the virtue of man and







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				istianwriti	woman is the same. For if
				ngs.com/t	the God of both is one, the
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				nt-	one church, one
				instructor-	temperance, one modesty;
				book1.htm	their food is common,
				I	marriage an equal yoke;
					respiration, sight, hearing,
					knowledge, hope,
					obedience, love all alike.
					And those whose life is
					common, have common
					graces and a common
					salvation; common to them
					are love and training. "For in
					this world," he says, "they
					marry, and are given in
					marriage," in which alone
					the female is distinguished
					from the male; "but in that
					world it is so no more."
					There the rewards of this
					social and holy life, which is
					based on conjugal union,
					are laid up, not for male and
					female, but for man, the
					sexual desire which divides
					humanity being removed.
					Common therefore, too, to
					men and women, is the
					name of man. For this
					reason I think the Attics
					called, not boys only, but
					girls, paidarion, using it as a
					word of common gender; if
					Menander the comic poet,
					in Rhapizomena, appears to
					any one a sufficient
					authority, who thus speaks:-
					"My little daughter; for by
					nature The child (paidarion)
					is most loving.
					Arnes, too, the word for
					lambs, is a common name of
					simplicity for the male and
					female animal.
Attitudes	Text	S	С	Clement	The mutual and reciprocal
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				Alexandria	primeval justice. God is
					good on His own account,
					and just also on ours, and
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				THE INSTRUCT OR. [PAEDAGO GUS.]	He is just because He is good. And His justice is shown to us by His own Word from there from above, whence the Father
				http://ww w.earlychr istianwriti ngs.com/t ext/cleme nt- instructor-	was. For before He became Creator He was God; He was good. And therefore He wished to be Creator and Father. And the nature of all that love was the source of righteousnessthe cause,
				book1.htm I	too, of His lighting up His sun, and sending down His own Son. And He first announced the good righteousness that is from heaven, when He said, "No
					man knoweth the Son, but the Father; nor the Father, but the Son." This mutual and reciprocal knowledge is the symbol of primeval justice. Then justice came down to men both in the
					letter and in the body, in the Word and in the law, constraining humanity to saving repentance; for it was good.
Values. Skills. Knowledge and critical understanding.	Text	P & S	с	Clement of Alexandria THE INSTRUCT OR. [PAEDAGO GUS.] http://ww w.earlychr istianwriti ngs.com/t ext/cleme nt- instructor-	To know the law is characteristic of a good disposition. But it is the highest and most perfect good, when one is able to lead back any one from the practice of evil to virtue and well-doing, which is the very function of the law. So that, when one fails into any incurable evil, - - when taken possession of, for example, by wrong or covetousness, it will be for his good if he is put to
				book1.htm	death. For the law is beneficent, being able to make some righteous from unrighteous, if they will only give ear to it, and by releasing others from







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	necessity that the trial of
	the case should be brought
	forward in the other world.
	As then many men when
	they have a dispute with
	one another, if they come to
	a friendly understanding
	together outside the law
	court save themselves loss,
	and alarm, and many risks,
	the issue of the case turning
	out in accordance with the
	sentiment of each party; but
	if they severally entrust the
	affair to the judge the only
	result to them will be loss of
	money, and in many cases a
	penalty, and the permanent
	endurance of their hatred;
	even so here if we come to
	terms during our present life
	we shall relieve ourselves
	from all punishment; but if
	while remaining enemies we
	depart to that terrible
	tribunal in the other world
	we shall certainly pay the
	utmost penalty at the
	sentence of the judge there,
	and shall both of us undergo
	inexorable punishment: he
	who is unjustly angry
	because he is thus unjustly
	disposed, and he who is
	justly angry, because he has,
	however justly, cherished
	resentment. For even if we
	have been unjustly ill-
	treated, we ought to grant
	pardon to those who have
	wronged us. And observe
	how he urges and incites
	those who have unjustly
	given pain to reconciliation
	with those whom they have
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	wronged. If you offer your gift before the altar, and
	there rememberest that
	your brother has anything
	against you, go your way;
	first be reconciled to your







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	brother. Matthew 5:23-24
	He did not say, assemble,
	and offer your sacrifice but
	be reconciled and then offer
	it. Let it lie there, he says, in
	order that the necessity of
	making the offering may
	constrain him who is justly
	angry to come to terms
	even against his will. See
	how he again prompts us to
	go to the man who has
	provoked us when he says
	Forgive your debtors in
	order that your Father may
	also forgive your trespasses.
	For He did not propose a
	small reward, but one which
	far exceeds the magnitude
	of the achievement.
	Considering all these things
	then, and counting the
	recompense which is given
	in this case and
	remembering that to wipe
	away sins does not entail
	much labour and zeal, let us
	pardon those who have
	wronged us. For that which
	others scarcely accomplish, I
	mean the blotting out of
	their own sins by means of
	fasting and lamentations,
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	and prayers, and sackcloth,
	and ashes, this it is possible
	for us easily to effect without sackcloth and ashes
	and fasting if only we blot
	out anger from our heart,
	and with sincerity forgive
	those who have wronged us.
	May the God of peace and
	love, having banished from
	our soul all wrath and
	bitterness, and anger, deign
	to grant that we being
	closely knit one to another
	according to the proper
	adjustment of the parts,
	Ephesians 4:16 may with
	one accord, one mouth and







					one soul continually offer up our hymns of thanksgiving due to Him: for to Him be glory and power for ever and ever.
Values.	Text	S		Cairo Declaratio n of Human Rights in Islam (1990) WEERAMA NTRY J. (1988) Islamic Jurisprude nce: an Internatio nal Perspectiv e, Macmillan , Basingstok e 64	«(Human dignity) provides the basis of modern doctrines of human rights» «All men are equal in terms of basic human dignity and basic obligations and responsibilities, without any discrimination on the basis of race, colour, language, belief, sex, religion, political affiliation, social status or other considerations»
Values	Text	S	1	KAMALI M. H. (2002) The Dignity of Man: An Islamic Perspectiv e, Islamic Texts Society, Cambridge xv	«To take dignity as the goal and purpose of human rights would be to enrich the caliber and substance of these rights. Islam's perception of human rights is rooted in human dignity and it is, at the same time, intertwined with human obligation»
Values	Text	P & S	1	Quran 5:8 5:32 6:152	«O believers! Stand firm for Allah and bear true testimony. Do not let the hatred of a people lead you to injustice. Be just! That is closer to righteousness. And be mindful of Allah. Surely Allah is All-Aware of what you do» «Whoever takes a life— unless as a punishment for murder or mischief in the







					land—it will be as if they killed all of humanity; and whoever saves a life, it will be as if they saved all of humanity» «Give full measure and weigh with justice. We never require of any soul more than what it can afford. Whenever you speak maintain justiceThis is what He has commanded you»
Values	Text	S	1	Cairo Declaratio n of Human Rights in Islam (1990)	Fairness «Islam is the religion of true unspoiled nature. It is prohibited to exercise any form of pressure on man or to exploit his poverty or ignorance in order to force him to change his religion to another religion or to atheism»
Values	Text	P & S		Quran 49:13 4:58	Fairness «We created you from a male and a female, and made you into peoples and tribes so that you may get to know one another. Surely the most noble of you in the sight of Allah is the most righteous among you. Allah is truly All-Knowing, All- Aware» «Allah commands you to return trusts to their rightful owners; and when you judge between people, judge with fairness. What a noble commandment from Allah to you! Surely Allah is All-Hearing, All-Seeing»
Values	Text	P & S	1	Quran 49:13 5:47	Equality «Indeed, We created you from a male and a female, and made you into peoples and tribes so that you may 'get to' know one another. Surely the most noble of you in the sight of Allah is





					the most righteous among you. Allah is truly All- Knowing, All-Aware» «So let the people of the Gospel judge by what Allah has revealed in it. And those who do not judge by what Allah has revealed are truly the rebellious»
Attitudes	Text	P & S	1	Cairo Declaratio n of Human Rights in Islam (1990)	Respect «Everyone shall have the right to live in security for himself, his religion, his dependents, his honour and his Property»
Attitudes	Text	P & S	1	Quran 4:58	«Allah commands you to return trusts to their rightful owners; and when you judge between people, judge with fairness. What a noble commandment from Allah to you! Surely Allah is All-Hearing, All-Seeing»
Knowledge and Critical Understanding	Text	P & S	1	Quran 2:117 27:88	«He is the Originator of the heavens and the earth! When He decrees a matter, He simply tells it, "Be!" And it is!» «That is' the design of
					Allah, Who has perfected
Knowledge and Critical Understanding	Text	S	1	Universal Islamic Declaratio n of Human Rights (1981)	everything» Culture/cultures «The Qur'anic principle "There is no compulsion in religion" shall govern the religious rights of non-Muslim minorities.In a Muslim country religious minorities shall have the choice to be governed in respect of their civil and personal matters by Islamic Law, or by their own laws»
Knowledge and Critical Understanding	Text	P & S	1	Universal Islamic Declaratio n of	Other Religions «Every person has the right to freedom of conscience







				Human Rights (1981)	and worship in accordance with his religious beliefs» «Every person has the right to express his thoughts and beliefs so long as he remains within the limits prescribed by the Law No one shall hold in contempt or ridicule the religious beliefs of others or incite public hostility against them; respect for the religious feelings of others is obligatory on all
Knowledge and Critical Understanding	Text	P & S		Quran 109:6 2:256 6:108 29:46	Muslims» Other Religions «You have your way, and I have my Way» «Let there be no compulsion in religion, for the truth stands out clearly from falsehood» «Do not insult what they invoke besides AllahThis is how We have made each people's deeds appealing to them» «Do not argue with the People of the Book unless gracefully, except with those of them who act wrongfullyAnd say, "We believe in what has been revealed to us and what was revealed to you. Our God and your God is only One. And to Him we fully submit»
Knowledge and Critical Understanding	Text	S	1	Quran 26:151- 152	Politics «And do not follow the command of the transgressors, who spread corruption throughout the land, never setting things right»
Knowledge and Critical Understanding	Text	S	1	DALAKOU RA K. (2007)	Politics «Islam –and hence the relationship between Islam







				Islam, Liberalism and Human Rights, I.B.Tauris, London xi.	and human rights, and the prospects of an Islamic liberalism- is shaped by the economic, political and social circumstances in which it finds itself, and that it has no independent existence from these circumstances»
Attitudes	Text	P & S	1	Quran 33:72	Responsibility «Indeed, We offered the trust to the heavens and the earth and the mountains, but they all declined to bear it, and were apprehensive of it; but the human being accepted it. He was unfair and ignorant»
Attitudes	Text	P & S	1	M.Y.IZZI DIEN, «Islamic Ethics and the Environme nt», στο F.KHALID- J.O'BRIEN (1992) (eds.) Islam and Ecology, Cassell & Co, London 27-28	Responsibility «Human beings are the only creatures with the special qualities that enable them to serve the earth. One of these qualities is the ethiqal notion which leads them to care about their environmentThis ability of humankind which is unique to them puts the surrounding creation in a very different position if humans do not do what is right for them»
Skills	Text	S	1	Quran 9:71	Empathy «The believers, both men and women, are guardians of one another. They encourage good and forbid eviland pay alms-tax»





