

TRDL7095 – The Doctrine of the Trinity

ASSESSMENT

There are three parts to the assessment for this module. You need to complete:

2 x 1500 word textual analyses (each worth 30% of the final mark for the module)

1 x 2000 word essay (worth 40% of the final mark for the module)

In this document you will find details of the textual analyses.

TEXTUAL ANALYSIS 1

In 'The Incarnation', you will find a PDF of Athanasius' work *De Incarnatione Verbi Dei*. Read the document and then use it in answering the following question:

Analyse the primary characteristics of Athanasius's Christology. To what extent, if at all, is it dependent on faith in the Triune God?

TEXTUAL ANALYSIS 2

In 'The Incarnation in Anselm and Aquinas', you will find PDFs which comprise extracts from Athanasius's *Cur Deus Homo?* and from Aquinas's *Summa Theologiae*. Choose one of these sets of extracts and then use it in answering the following question:

To what extent, of at all, is the person and work of Christ as explained in either (a) Anselm's *Cur Deus Homo* or (b) Aquinas's *Summa Theologiae* (as found in the extracts provided) a contribution to our understanding of the Doctrine of the Trinity?

NOTE: These questions require you to offer a close analysis of the texts, as they are included in the relevant Units. However, you should avoid offering simply a description of what each text says. You need to concentrate on the implications of what is written for the Doctrine of the Trinity. In doing so, you can draw on information contained in other Units in the Module, while you should also try, where possible, to enter into dialogue with other scholarly material which comments on the relevant texts and the relevant historical characters. You only have 1500 words, so you need to be selective and you need to base your selection on the needs highlighted by the argument you wish to make in answering the set questions.