

UNIT 4 Overview Worksheet

Challenges to a Religious Tradition over time **involving the Aspect of Social Structures**

This Worksheet is to focus on the key knowledge points of 4.1 that include looking at a religious tradition and how its theology, ethics and existence have been challenged **over time** and how **aspects** have been **involved** both as the source of challenges and the means of response to the challenges.

This is an exploration wider than the **three** particular challenges chosen for special study. It is the preparatory broad overview of the history of the tradition and challenges to it throughout its existence. It is from this broad overview that **three** representative challenges are selected for further study.

For the particular religious tradition/denomination you have selected, consider:

1. How has the Aspect of Social Structures (of the religious tradition) been a **source** of challenge to the tradition over time?
2. How has the Aspect of Social Structures (of the religious tradition) been used to **resolve** the challenges to the tradition over time?
3. Over time, what have been the implications of the stances and their supporting responses for the social structures of the religious tradition? (Consider the strengths and weaknesses of the social structures.)
4. Try these questions for the other Aspects.