



**B. A. (Hons) Theology Part-Time Year II**

*List of titles for Theology Paper (THL2003)*

The Theology Paper is to be handed in not later than four weeks following the end of the lectures of the second semester of academic year.

2,000 – 3,000 words: *Contact respective tutor before beginning research and writing.*

1. An analysis of the role of the priesthood or the prophets or the wise men in biblical Israel (*Rev. Dr Stefan M. Attard*)
2. An analysis of one of the major figures of the Old Testament, such as Abraham, Moses, Joshua, David or Solomon, with due regard to their historical and theological significance (*Rev. Dr Stefan M. Attard*)
3. The concept of covenant in the Old Testament (*Rev. Dr Stefan M. Attard*)
4. Sanctuaries and temples in the Old Testament (*Rev. Dr Stefan M. Attard*)
5. The theological significance of a major Old Testament event such as the institution of the priesthood, the Exodus, entry into the Promised Land, the Babylonian Exile, or the Return (*Rev. Dr Stefan M. Attard*)
6. Major characteristics of God in the Old Testament as revealed gradually throughout the history of Israel (*Rev. Dr Stefan M. Attard*)
7. The Christology of the Gospel of John (*Rev. Dr Martin Micallef ofmcap*)
8. The role of symbolism in the Gospel of John (*Rev. Dr Martin Micallef ofmcap*)
9. The choice of the seven signs in the Fourth Gospel. How do they function with the purpose of this narrative? (*Rev. Dr Martin Micallef ofmcap*)
10. Zionism and the secularisation of the beliefs in the Messiah, Messianic Age and the Immortality of the Soul in Contemporary Judaism (*Rev. Dr Marcello Ghirlando ofm*)
11. Vatican II and its Reception in the Maltese Islands. (*Professor John Berry*)
12. Rediscovering the Church with a Human Face. (*Professor John Berry*)
13. A Living Faith: A Comparative Study among Major Theologians (*Professor John Berry*)
14. The Church in the Writings of Pope Benedict XVI (*Professor John Berry*)

15. Hans Urs von Balthasar and Karl Rahner on God's Self-Gift (Revelation) or Christ's Death (Soteriology) (*Professor John Berry*)
16. The Christian's Disturbing Freshness in Today's World (*Professor John Berry*)
17. Living Faith in the Thought of Yves Congar (*Professor John Berry*)
18. Interiority, Mysticism and Daily Life: A Theological Investigation (*Professor John Berry*)
19. Risking the Church: The Steps Ahead (*Professor John Berry*)
20. What is so Fundamental about Theology? (*Professor John Berry*)
21. Like an Aeolian Harp upon Which the Spirit of God Blows. Ecclesiology and Pneumatology (*Professor John Berry*)
22. Sketches of a Local Theology (*Professor John Berry*)
23. Retrieving the Transcendentals: Good, Truth and Beauty in the Theologies of Augustine, Aquinas and Hans Urs von Balthasar (*Professor John Berry*)
24. A Faith that Matters: The Christian in the Writings of C.S. Lewis (*Professor John Berry*)
25. Christ and Sinners. A Theological Reflection on Friendship and Healing (*Professor John Berry*)
26. The influence of personalism on the theology of marriage (*Rev. Prof. Emmanuel Agius*)
27. Responsible parenthood and the advantages and disadvantages of Natural Family Planning (*Rev. Prof. Emmanuel Agius*)
28. Reform in Moral Theology: "from confessing sins to liberating consciences" (*Rev. Dr Carlo Calleja*)
29. The virtues in political and moral life (*Rev. Dr Carlo Calleja*)
30. Pope Francis and formation in the Christian life (*Rev. Dr Carlo Calleja*)
31. Evangelization in a digital age (*Professor Nadia Delicata*)
32. Christian life as a response to God's call to a life of communion (*Rev. Dr Carlo Calleja*)
33. The Eucharist and Daily Life in the Church Fathers: Themes and Exhortations to the Faithful (*Rev. Prof. Hector Scerri*)
34. The Debate on the Sacrament of Confirmation: A Sacrament of Initiation or a Sacrament of Christian Maturity? (*Rev. Prof. Hector Scerri*)
35. Ecumenical Dialogue in the Thought of Pope Francis (*Rev. Prof. Hector Scerri*)

36. The Role of the Laity in the Homilies of Pope Benedict XVI (*Rev. Prof. Hector Scerri*)
37. A Christian Theology of the Afterlife in Maltese Poetry: A Selection (*Rev. Prof. Hector Scerri*)
38. The Vision of the Church in the Pastoral Synod of the Archdiocese of Malta (*Rev. Prof. Hector Scerri*)
39. Aspects of the Maltese Pastoral Synod and the Thought of Pope Francis: Convergency and Confluence (*Rev. Prof. Hector Scerri*)
40. The Theology of Beauty in Hans Urs von Balthasar (*Rev. Prof. Hector Scerri*)
41. Pneumatology in the Eastern Church Fathers (*Rev. Prof. Hector Scerri*)

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