OCR H573 | INDEPENDENT REVISION

A* Model Essay

Situation Ethics

Religion and Ethics

Does a single commitment to agape provide enough guidance for responsible moral decisions?

1,583 response words | Complete annotated PDF | Individual topic edition

What is included

A complete original response, an argument plan, paragraph-level AO1/AO2 annotations and source works for further reading.

A* describes the intended style of this teaching model. This is independently written, not an OCR-marked script or a guaranteed grade.

Use this model to study argument and evaluation, then write your own answer. Do not submit it as your own assessed work.

Individual-use digital edition | 10 November 2026

Argument plan

Does a single commitment to agape provide enough guidance for responsible moral decisions?

Thesis: Agape supplies a demanding and coherent moral orientation, but it cannot by itself resolve disputes about what benefits people or how risks should be distributed. Fletcher is strongest when love disciplines the use of established rules and public reasons, rather than replacing them with an individual's prediction of a loving outcome.

1. Agape is an impartial commitment to another person's good, rather than preference or affection.

Counter-argument: The good to be pursued remains disputed, even among sincere and informed agents.

Interim judgement: Love identifies the right moral concern but does not supply a complete account of welfare.

2. Fletcher's working principles and Christian foundations make situated judgement responsible rather than arbitrary.

Counter-argument: Biblical love and practical flexibility do not establish that every other norm may be overridden.

Interim judgement: The framework needs stronger justification for its movement from love's priority to unrestricted exceptions.

3. Justice and attention to consequences can constrain the situationist's judgement.

Counter-argument: Uncertainty and self-deception can still expose vulnerable people to another person's calculation.

Interim judgement: Agape works best with accountable reasoning, protective presumptions and exceptional rather than routine rule-breaking.