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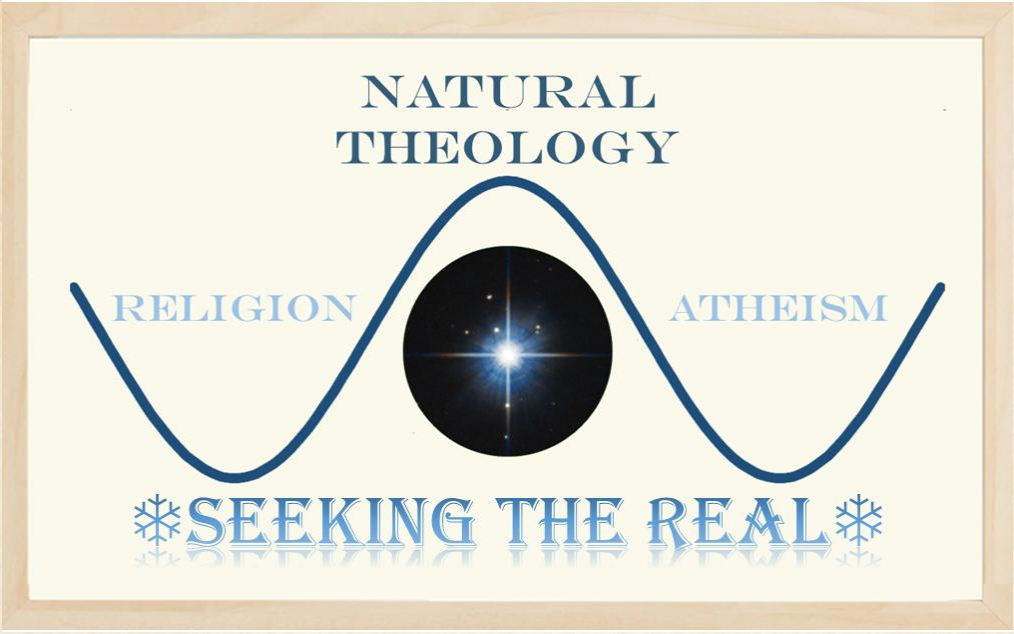

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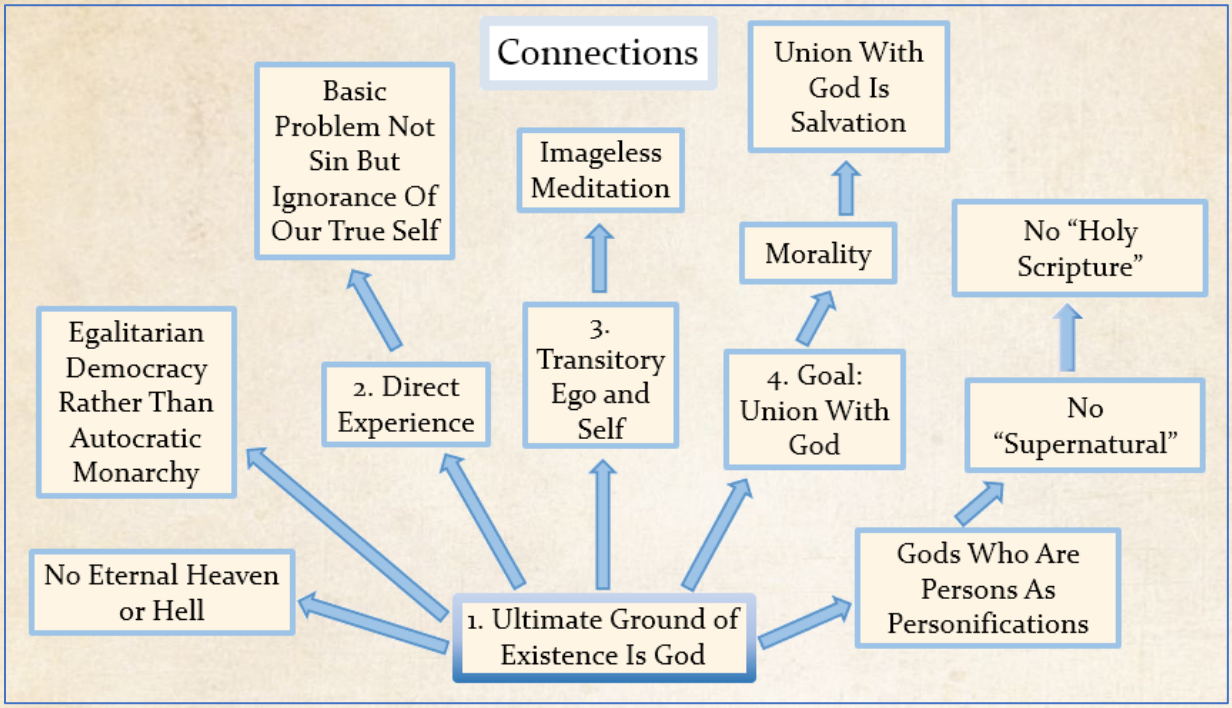
Welcome to Natural Theology

Welcome to Natural Theology, a modern theology harmonious with science and reason, a theology suitable for the third millennium. Natural Theology is built on single premise: that there is a single Ultimate Ground of everything which exists and it makes sense to regard that Ultimate Ground as God. From that premise, much follows naturally.



From "114 – The One True God: A Life, Calling, and Worldview"

In the 1960s, the philosopher Alan Watts dreamed of a worldview that seamlessly integrates science and religion.

> For a long time, we have been accustomed to the compartmentalization of religion and science as if they were two quite different and basically unrelated ways of seeing the world. I do not believe that this state of doublethink can last. It must eventually be replaced by a view of the world which is neither religious nor scientific but simply our view of the world. More exactly, it must become a view of the world in which the reports of science and religion are as concordant as those of the eyes and the ears.
>
> —Alan Watts, The Joyous Cosmology (1962) p. xviii

Natural Theology attempts to fulfill Watts' vision.

Not Just For Quakers! This video presents a good explanation of what Natural Theology is about.

119 - Non-Theism And Quakers https://vimeo.com/1211472388

These videos also have a good explanation.

118 – What's This All About? https://vimeo.com/1206652635

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Explores the idea that Gods Who are Persons are personifications of the Ultimate Ground. Discussed the possibility of extra-terrestrial Gods. Discusses how the Christian Trinity and the Hindu God Krishna may be viewed as personifications of a single Fundamental Ground, the Godhead, the Ultimate Ground of Existence. Discusses existence (creation) from the viewpoint of a God who is a Person and the Ultimate Ground.

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Topics:

- **Non-Theism:** relation to atheism, agnosticism, and apatheism
- **Our Goal:** a comprehensive worldview, harmonious with science and spirituality
- **Religions Diverge:** do not agree on what is true, even after thousands of years
- **Science:** science converges to truth
- **Science Constrained:** historical reasons why science avoids some topics in religion
- **Science Plus:** there is a single, ultimate foundation for everything
- **Ultimate Ground of Existence as God:** we may regard the single foundation a God
- **Connections:** natural, logical implications of the fundamental idea
- **Conclusion:** final thoughts

Connections:

- Supernatural Beings as Personifications
- The Supernatural and Scripture
- Sin and Salvation
- Political Consequences
- Morality
- Imageless Meditation
  - The Four-Part View
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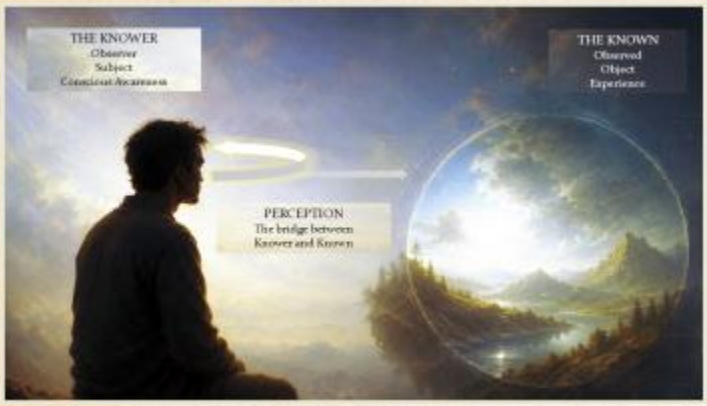

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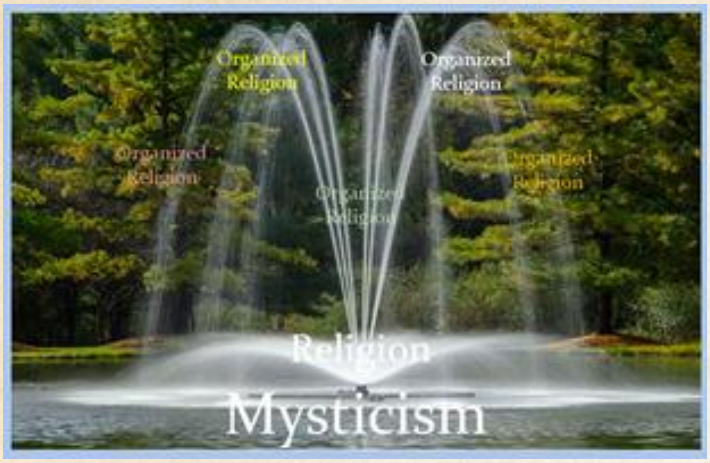

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4. Passacaglia - Handel/Halvorsen
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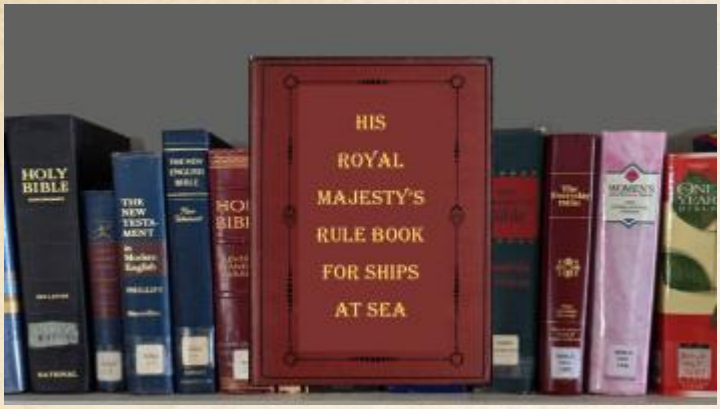
19 March 2026

113 – Understanding *Sola Scriptura* {19:43}



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Discusses the dogma of *Sola Scriptura*, its meaning, it historical context, and describes religion in medieval Europe under the Catholic Church. Uses a ship at sea analogy to show how *Sola Scriptura* provided an alternate source of spiritual authority. Discusses the impact of *Sola Scriptura* and some of its problems. Closes by giving Natural Theology's perspective on *Sola Scriptura*.

(Natural Theology video) 109 – Why Religions Fail {9:29} https://vimeo.com/1135038855
(Natural Theology video) 108 - Religion 2.0 (Science+Religion) https://vimeo.com/1135038281

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112 –The Divine Mother and the Virgin Mary {20:48}

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In our theology, Gods who are Persons are regarded as personifications of The One. A popular personification is God as the Divine Mother. This video describes how in Christianity the Bible says little about Mary and how Christians have elevated Mary into a form of the Divine Mother.

Other Natural Theology videos:
- 78 – What is God? https://vimeo.com/1135085553
- 79 - True God, False Gods https://vimeo.com/1135085573
- 108 - Religion 2.0 (Science+Religion) https://vimeo.com/1135038281

(Article) Pope St. Gregory the Great and the Marian Mold of the Church
https://churchlifejournal.nd.edu/articles/pope-st-gregory-the-great-and-the-marian-mold-of-the-church/

(Article) Mary, mother of Jesus and all believers, is not co-redeemer, Vatican says
https://www.usccb.org/news/2025/mary-mother-jesus-and-all-believers-not-co-redeemer-vatican-says

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(footnote to Isaiah 7:14) d. Or young woman
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(footnote) a. John 2:4 The Greek for Woman does not denote any disrespect.
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111 – AI Describes Natural Theology {29:41}

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The ideas of Natural Theology videos as described by Google's Artificial Intelligence, NotebookLM.google.com. Overall, it does an impressive job of describing basic ideas of the videos and even creates a mindmap of the ideas. Note: mindmap section was added over a month after the original portion was created.

Natural Theology video mentioned:
108 - Religion 2.0 (Science+Religion) https://vimeo.com/1135038281

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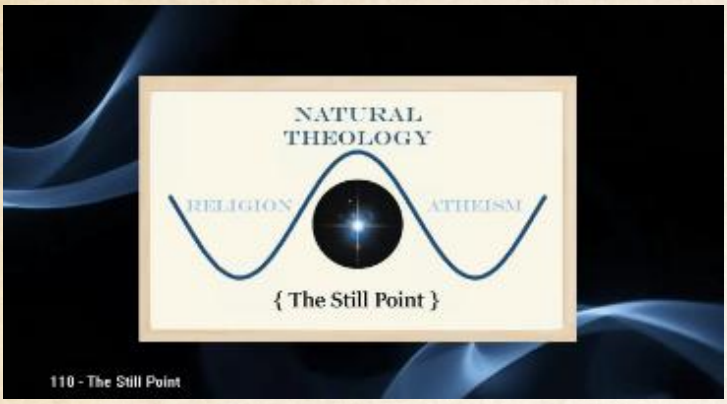
110 – The Still Point (Meditative) {10:10}



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Describes awareness as “The Still Point,” the place within ourselves that is constant and unchanging as opposed to our constantly changing physical, emotional, and mental sensations. Ultimate ground of existence, Isness. Changing physical, emotional, and mental sensations as a movie. Existence itself becomes the foreground. Coming home. What people who believe in Gods who are Persons are missing. Two types of faith. The want the movie to continue forever in heaven. The myth of Satan’s rebellion in heaven. Eternal separate existence from God is not desirable. Becoming aware of my eternal foundation. My name refers to my transitory ego. Brother Lawerence: The Practice of the Presence of God. Playing my part in the movie. Morality as detachment from the movie. “The work of the Church ends when the knowledge of God begins.”

The Natural Theology video playlist (above) has links to other Natural Theology videos.
(Natural Theology Video) “04 - God as Ultimate Ground of Existence”

(YouTube): "God Is the Unfolding of this Moment" | Mystic Christian Poetry of Meister Eckhart to Lift the Veil
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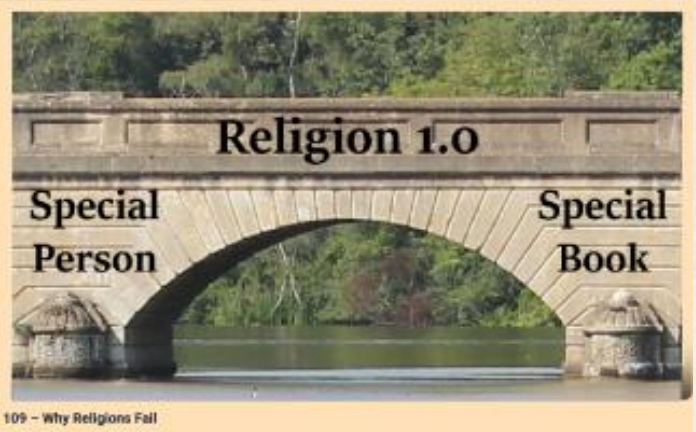
109 – Why Religions Fail {9:29}



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Existing religions have failed to find the truth. Why? This video explains the cause. This video is an excerpt of a longer video
(Natural Theology video) 108 - Religion 2.0 (Science+Religion)
where existing religions are called “Religion 1.0”

The Natural Theology video playlist (above) has links to other Natural Theology videos.

Natural Theology videos mentioned
(Natural Theology video) 53 - Future Religion
(Natural Theology video) 94 - After Life & Salvation

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Date: 23 July 2025

108 - Religion 2.0 (Science+Religion) {51:38}

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This video presents a mystical theology that integrates science and religion.

1) Welcome! (Music: Titan by Scott Buckley)
    a. Alan Watts' Quote
    b. What is a Worldview?
2) Religion 1.0 (2:18, Music: Serenade - Schubert)
    a. Question: What happens after I die?
    b. Question: Is Jesus God or just a prophet?
    c. Question: According to Christianity, how can I be saved?
    d. Religions diverge and have failed to find truth.
    e. How religions decide what is true
    f. Religion 1.0 and Science
    g. Why believe in God?
    h. What about Faith?
3) The Perennial Philosophy (9:44, Music: Prelude in C BWV 846)
    a. Where religions intersect
    b. Aldous Huxley's "The Perennial Philosophy"
    c. What is mysticism?
    d. Mystics speak the same language
    e. Essential ideas of the perennial philosophy
4) Religion 2.0 (13:24, Music: Passacaglia - Handel/Halvorsen)
    a. Fundamental idea: The cosmos is the manifestation of a Divine Ground
    b. Fundamental idea: The cosmos is the manifestation of a Divine **Ground**
    c. Fundamental idea: The cosmos is the manifestation of a **Divine** Ground
    d. Does calling the ground "Divine" (i.e., God) make sense?
    e. The Divine Ground is God, but not a God who is a Person
    f. Gods who are Persons are personification of the one, universal God
    g. Basic idea: 2. We can experience the Ground by a direct intuition
    h. Direct experience of the Divine Ground
    i. Basic idea: 3. Dual nature: transitory ego and a deeper, more enduring self

j. Basic idea: 4. Life's ultimate purpose: to identify with eternal Self, unitive knowledge

5) Religion 2.0 and Science (31:25, Music: Handel Sarabande)
   a. Are the four basic ideas testable and repeatable?
   b. Comparing Ontology (What Exists)
   c. Comparing Epistemology (How to determine what is true)
   d. Religion 1.0, Religion 2.0, and Science Compared
   e. Religion 2.0 as a scientific theory
   f. Conclusion: Religion 2.0 is compatible with science
6) Consequences and Related Topics (38:54, Music: Moonlight Sonata)
   a. Does it matter?
   b. The Contemplative Way
   c. Yogis and the Desert Fathers
   d. Morality (Contemplative Morality)
   e. Approaching God from within the world
   f. Eternal Life and Salvation
   g. Religion 1.0's God are Personifications of the One
   h. Rituals, Ceremonies, Entheogens
7) Afterword (48:57, Music: Titan by Scott Buckley)

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01 - Existence
13 - Emanations
14 - Ontology and Epistemology
48 - The Perennial Philosophy
53 - Future Religion
63 - Meditation and Quakers
74 - (2/2) Why The Bible Matters
78 - What is God?
79 - True God, False Gods
83 - Invitation to the Mystic Quest
86 - But Is It God?
89 - From Science To Natural Theology
94 - After Life & Salvation
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95 – Science's Ontological Trajectory
97 - From Atheism to Natural Theology: Religion for the Intelligent
103 - The Doors of Perception (Huxley)
104 - Natural Theology and Entheogens (Psychedelics)
106 - The Four-Part View of a Human Being
107 - Union with God

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(book): The “Perennial Philosophy: Fundamental Ideas” come from Huxley’s introduction to this book.) The Song of God: Bhagavad-Gita, Translated by Swami Prabhavananda and Christopher Isherwood, With an Introduction by Aldous Huxley.

(book) - The World Was Flooded with Light; A Mystical Experience Remembered, Genevieve W. Foster, Univ of Pittsburgh Press; First Edition (January 1, 1985)

(book): Psychedelics and Spirituality: The Sacred Use of LSD, Psilocybin, and MDMA for Human Transformation Paperback – August 18, 2020 by Thomas B. Roberts Ph.D. (Editor), Brother David Steindl-Rast (Introduction), Roger Walsh (Foreword)

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Perennial Philosophy
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Religion 2.0
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Relation to Science
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Consequences and Related Topics (dramatic)
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Afterword
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107 – Union with God {21:28}

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There are many possible temporary goals to life, but is there some ultimate goal, something that once attained there is nothing more to be desired? Union with God. What does "union with God" mean? Union when God is regarded as a Person separate from the universe is spending eternity in the company of that God. Union like metal ingot in a fire; it becomes hot and glows but never becomes fire. Is an eternity of being separate from God really to be desired? Maybe not. The legend of Satan's fall from heaven. Union as merging with God which is Ultimate Ground of Existence. Dream analogy. The contemplative way. Obstacles and aids to union with God. The contemplative morality (contemplative virtues/aids): the seven obstacles and the seven aids. The active way. Third Order of Saint Francis. Ramakrishna: "Do your worldly duties but fix your mind on God." Genevieve Forter quote. The Perennial Philosophy: religions' common core. Meister Eckhart quote.

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(Natural Theology Video) 94 – After Life & Salvation
(Natural Theology Video) 86 - But Is It God?
(Natural Theology Video) 79 - True God, False Gods
(Natural Theology Video) 78 - What is God?
(Natural Theology Video) 97 – From Atheism to Natural Theology: Religion for the Intelligent
(Natural Theology Video) 106 - The Four-Part View of a Human Being
(Natural Theology Video) 10 - Theologia Germanica
(Natural Theology Video) 48 - The Perennial Philosophy

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106 - The Four-Part View of a Human Being {13:18}

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What is a human being? Describes a human being as having four parts: body, emotion, mind, and awareness. Shows how the Four-Part view occurs in Christianity, Catholicism, and Yoga. Discusses related ideas: 1) awareness as our permanent self, 2) imageless meditation and self-reflexive awareness, 3) matter explains what we directly experience but may not be its cause, 4) the hard problem of consciousness.

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The four-part view
- (Natural Theology Video) 08 - Approaching Identity
- (Natural Theology Video) 83 - Invitation to the Mystic Quest
- (Natural Theology Video) 92 – Experience Itself

If we have an enduring, permanent self, it can only be awareness
- (Natural Theology Video) 08 - Approaching Identity
- (Natural Theology Video) 09 - Who Am I? What Happens After Death?
- (Natural Theology Video) 92 – Experience Itself

Imageless Meditation
(book) Dionysius, The Areopagite, *The Divine Names and The Mystical Theology,* Trans. by C.E. Rolt (S.P.C.K., London, 1940)
(book) There are many free electronic versions of the Theologia Germanica on the Internet.
(book) There are various print versions of The Cloud of Unknowing

Matter
- (Natural Theology Video) 51 - Dumb Matter M
- (Natural Theology Video) 82 – Materialism and Some Alternatives
- (Natural Theology Video) 92 – Experience Itself

Hard Problem of Consciousness
- (Natural Theology Video) 09 - Who Am I? What Happens After Death?
- (Natural Theology Video) 72 - Mechanism and the Hard Problem of Consciousness

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105 – Science's Trajectory Interrupted {32:34}

105 – Science's Trajectory Interrupted

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Third of the Science's Trajectory trilogy. Thesis: Failure to reconcile science and religion has in the past led to the demise of science, and might do so again today. Excerpt of Neil deGrasse Tyson describing Islam's Golden Age. Sections: 1) The Western Intellectual Heritage, 2) Neoplatonism in the Roman World, 3) Islam's Golden Age, 4) Europe's Renaissance and Enlightenment, 5) Today?, 6) Closing Comments. Socrates, Plato, Aristotle. Plato's academy. Eratosthenes, Euclid, Anaxagoras. Neoplatonism. Plotinus, Hypatia, Emperor Justinian, Dionysius the Areopagite, Islam's historical contributions to civilization. Al-Ghazali. Reason as the enemy. Martin Luther, Giordano Bruno, Galileo, Robert Hooke, Isaac Newton. Medicine and Mental Health. Bogus history, medicine, biology. Learning to walk on both legs: science and religion. Alan Watts quote. Carl Sagan quote. Two types of faith. The Goal: A worldview solidly based on science and reason which at the same time satisfies religious/spiritual needs.

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Science's Trajectory Trilogy
- (Natural Theology Video) 95 – Science's Ontological Trajectory
- (Natural Theology Video) 96 - Science's Subject Trajectory

Others
- (Natural Theology Video) 81 - Meeting God: Dionysius the Areopagite
- (Natural Theology Video) 53 - Future Religion
- (Natural Theology Video) 89 - From Science To Natural Theology
- (Natural Theology Video) 97 – From Atheism to Natural Theology: Religion for the Intelligent
- (Natural Theology Video) 98 – Einstein's Religion: Religion for the Intelligent
- (Natural Theology Video) 99 – Spinoza's God: Religion for the Intelligent

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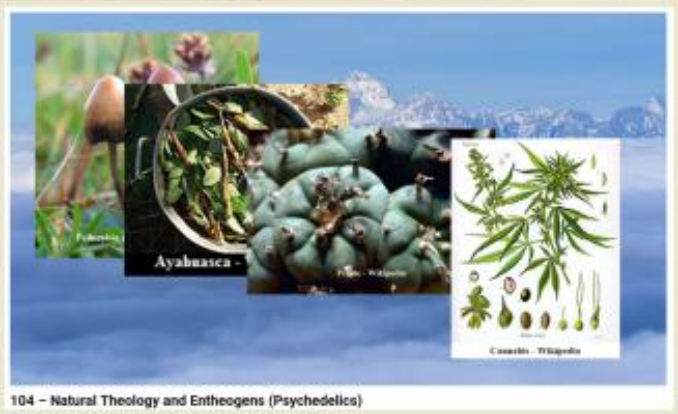
104 – Natural Theology and Entheogens (Psychedelics) {17:31}



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Discusses the relation of Natural Theology and entheogens (psychoactive substances such as psilocybin, ayahuasca, peyote, mescaline, LSD, and cannabis, used in a religious, spiritual, or ritualistic context); Quotes from the book "Psychedelics and Spirituality: The Sacred Use of LSD, Psilocybin, and MDMA for Human Transformation"; fears: 1) fear of inauthentic spirituality, 2) fear of drugs, 3) fear of an ill-prepared encounter with the holy; how can we help spiritual experiences transform lives? Primary Clear Light in the Tibetan Book of the Dead; Quotes from the book "Universal Theology"; R.C. Zaehner's types of mysticism: 1) Nature Mysticism, 2) Monist Mysticism, 3) Theistic Mysticism. The superiority of Monist Mysticism over Theistic Mysticism.

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(Natural Theology video) 103 – The Doors of Perception (Huxley)

(book) "Psychedelics and Spirituality: The Sacred Use of LSD, Psilocybin, and MDMA for Human Transformation" Paperback – August 18, 2020 by Thomas B. Roberts Ph.D. (Editor), Brother David Steindl-Rast (Introduction), at https://www.amazon.com/Psychedelics-Spirituality-Sacred-Psilocybin-Transformation/dp/1644110229

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103 – The Doors of Perception (Huxley) {18:33}

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Discusses the essay “The Doors of Perception” by Aldous Huxley. Describes Huxley’s experience after taking mescaline. Mentions the perennial philosophy. Peyote cactus. Entheogenic. Naked existence. Isness. Meister Eckhart. God is Isness. Being and becoming. How one ought to see. Ego loss and oneness with the universe. Contemplation. Quietist vs active-contemplative, arhat vs Bodhisattva. Suchness. World of contingencies. Mysterium tremendum. Burning, purgatorial fire. The Tibetan Book of the Dead. Pure Light of the Void. Unmitigated Reality. Gratuitous Grace. Enlightenment, the Beatific Vision. Good Friday experiment. Heaven and Hell.

(Book) The Doors of Perception and Heaven and Hell, Aldous Huxley, Copyright 1954, 1955, 1956. First Harper Colophon Edition published 1963.

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(Natural Theology Video) “23 - Looking Back”
(Natural Theology Video) "97 – From Atheism to Natural Theology: Religion for the Intelligent"

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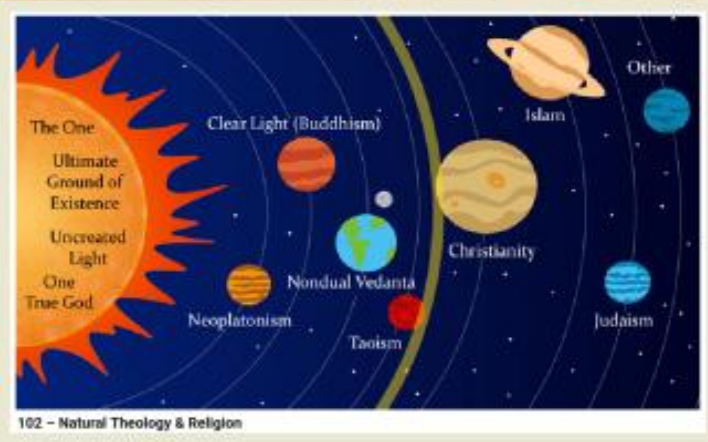
Date: 24 March 2025

102 – Natural Theology & Religion {7:38}



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Discusses the relation between Natural Theology and religion. Uses a solar system analogy, where the One is like the sun and religions are like planets orbiting the sun. Religions within the asteroid belt are closer to the sun in that they accept a supreme entity similar to the One. Religions outside the belt are further from the sun in that the accept a God who is a Person, different from the One.

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(Natural Theology Video) 89 - From Science To Natural Theology
(Natural Theology Video) 78 - What is God?
(Natural Theology Video) 79 - True God, False Gods
(Natural Theology Video) 86 - But Is It God?

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Date: 22 March 2025

101 – Angelus Silesius and the Perennial Philosophy {16:25}

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Presents some verses of the 17th century mystic Angelus Silesius and compares with basic ideas of the Perennial Philosophy. Sample verse: “The wise have one wish left: to know the Whole, the Absolute. The foolish lose themselves in fragments and ignore the root.”

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(Natural Theology Video): 48 - The Perennial Philosophy

(Book): “The Book of Angelus Silesius: The 17th century European Zen poet whose verses form a bridge between the mysticism of the East and the West,“ Translated, drawn, and handwritten by Frederick Franck, Vintage Books, 1976, ISBN-10: 0394716418; ISBN-13: 978-039471641

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Date: 17 March 2025

100 – Hermann Hesse's Siddhartha: A story of Ego-Transcendence {28:38}

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Discusses Herman Hesse's novel Siddhartha. A story of ego-transcendence. Outlines the plot. Discusses the novel: 1) Siddhartha is religious in his youth, 2) He loses religion, crosses river, becomes worldly, 3) He abandons worldly life, returns to the river, 4) He becomes enlightened, achieves mystical union. Comments: 1) river analogy, 2) Tzinacan's ego-transcendence, 3) Neoplatonism, emanation and returning to the source, 4) the perennial philosophy, 5) The less there is of me, the more there is of Thee.

Wikipedia "Siddhartha 1972 film": https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Siddhartha_(1972_film)

Movie: Siddhartha Herman Hesse 1972 movie
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Novel: Siddhartha by Hermann Hesse. English translation by Hilda Rosner
New Directions Publishing Corporation, 1951

The Natural Theology video playlist (above) has links to other Natural Theology videos.
(Natural Theology Video) 94 – After Life & Salvation
(Natural Theology Video) 48 - The Perennial Philosophy

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Date: 11 March 2025

99 – Spinoza's God: Religion for the Intelligent {12:32}

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This video is the third of a "Religion for the Intelligent" trilogy. Sections: 1) Who was Baruch Spinoza? 2) Einstein's and Spinoza's Beliefs; 3) Spinoza's God. Spinoza (1632-1677). Rejected Abrahamic religions as human inventions; God is not a Person with emotions, desires, and a will, Bible's "miracles" were not supernatural. Shunned from the Jewish community at age 23. Einstein: "I believe in Spinoza's God . . ." God who is not a Person is real, not "metaphorical." Richard Dawkin's "The God Delusion". Spinoza: God is the sole substance, absolutely infinite, self-caused, eternal. Aristotle's substance (the thing) and accidents (properties). Catholic Transubstantiation dogma. The natural universe as modes of the one Substance: God. Spinoza: "God is not He who is, but That which is." Philosopher George Santayana. Three videos that discuss the idea of the God who is not a Person.

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This video is the third of a trilogy. Here are the other two.
(Natural Theology Video) 97 – From Atheism to Natural Theology: Religion for the Intelligent
(Natural Theology Video) 98 – Einstein's Religion: Religion for the Intelligent

Videos about the God which is not a Person
(Natural Theology Video) 86 - But Is It God?
(Natural Theology Video) 78 - What is God?
(Natural Theology Video) 79 - True God, False Gods

Music: 35 Georg Friedrich Handel Sarabande, 1706
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Background image: Excommunicated Spinoza, 1907 painting by Samuel Hirszenberg
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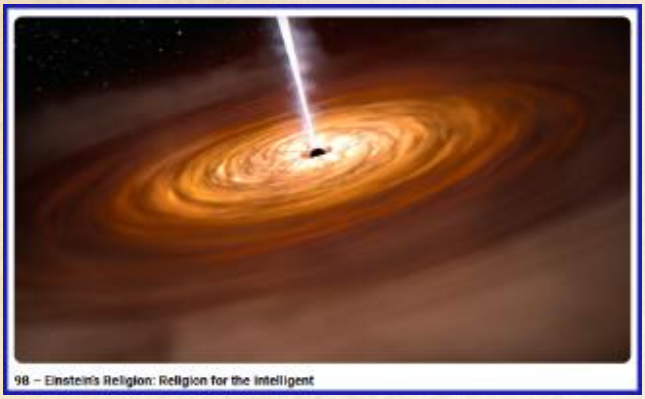
Date: 7 March 2025

98 – Einstein's Religion: Religion for the Intelligent {11:11}



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Discusses points of agreement between Albert Einstein's beliefs about religion and this channel's views. Six topics are discussed: 1) A God Who is a Person (Personal God), 2) Religion as Childish Superstition, 3) Scripture, 4) Cosmic Religious Feeling, 5) Relation of Science and Religion, 6) Spinoza's God.

(Article) The Guardian: Albert Einstein's 'God letter' reflecting on religion auctioned for $3m - https://www.theguardian.com/science/2018/dec/04/physicist-albert-einstein-god-letter-reflecting-on-religion-up-for-auction-christies

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This video is the second of a trilogy. Here are the other two.

(Natural Theology Video) 97 – From Atheism to Natural Theology: Religion for the Intelligent
(Natural Theology Video) 99 – Spinoza's God: Religion for the Intelligent"

Person God (God as a Person)

(Natural Theology Video) 02 - God: Personal/Impersonal
(Natural Theology Video) 81 - Meeting God: Dionysius the Areopagite
(Natural Theology Video) 78 - What is God?
(Natural Theology Video) 34 - World Transformer

Childish superstitious religion

(Natural Theology Video) 90 - The Cosmic Cave
(Natural Theology Video) 93 - Is Hell Real? No.
(Natural Theology Video) 32 – A Clean, Well- Lighted Place
(Natural Theology Video) 74 - (2/2) Why The Bible Matters

Problems in Bible belief

(Natural Theology Video) 69 - Bible Bait and Switch
(Natural Theology Video) 73 - (1/2) Why The Bible Doesn't Matter
(Natural Theology Video) 74 - (2/2) Why The Bible Matters

Critical look at the process of creating a scripture

(Natural Theology Video) 20 - How To Make A Scripture

Cosmic religious feeling

(Natural Theology Video) 39 - Ordinary Cosmic Consciousness

How science and religion might merge

(Natural Theology Video) 53 - Future Religion

(Natural Theology Video) 89 - From Science To Natural Theology

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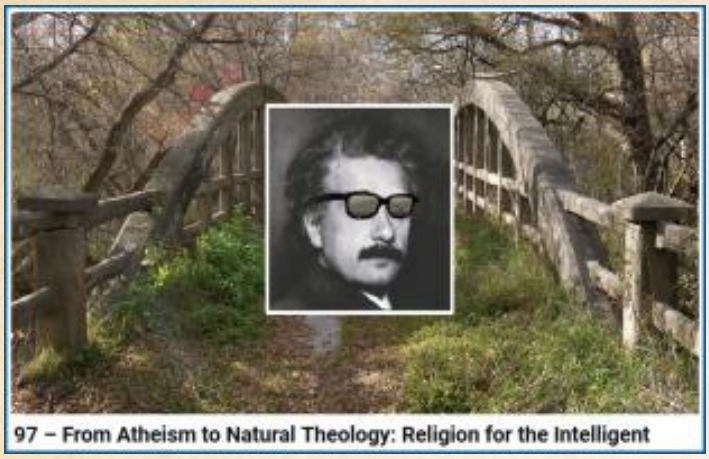
Date: 3 March 2025

97 – From Atheism to Natural Theology: Religion for the Intelligent {15:04}



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Albert is a rational, skeptical scientist who doesn't believe in gods or the supernatural. Arthur C. Clarke: "Any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic." Holographic Jesus? One day he has an extraordinary experience. Scrooge. Albert investigates such experiences, such as those of St. Augustine and Blaise Pascal. The baggage of Christianity. Krishna, Zeus. The principle of parsimony, Occam's razor. Science's trajectory toward the One. The dream car analogy. The Light is universal; the purest form of existence. Is the Light God? Benjamin Franklin's procedure for making a decision. The Light is intimately related to the natural world. Although the Light is not God as commonly conceived, Albert decides he can regard the Light in a religiously emotional way; this allows his whole self to relate rather than merely his thoughts. It seems legitimate felling awe and reverence, and even love and worship, for the basis of everything which exists. But he feels no need to accept obviously faulty writings as divine scripture. Albert does not accept "Superhero Gods."

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This video is the first of a trilogy. Here are the other two.

(Natural Theology Video) 98 – Einstein's Religion: Religion for the Intelligent
(Natural Theology Video) 99 – Spinoza's God: Religion for the Intelligent

(book) - The World Was Flooded with Light; A Mystical Experience Remembered, Genevieve W. Foster, Univ of Pittsburgh Press; First Edition (January 1, 1985)

(book) Mysticism: A Study in the Nature and Development of Spiritual Consciousness, Evelyn Underhill, New American Library (12th ed.)

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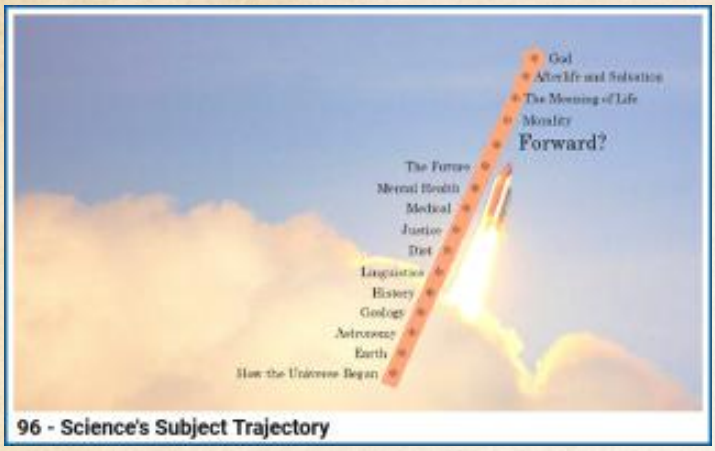
96 – Science's Subject Trajectory {18:07}



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Compares religion's (mostly Christianity's) beliefs in various subjects to science's beliefs. Subjects: How the Universe Began, Earth, Astronomy, Geology, History, Linguistics, Diet, Justice, Medical, Mental Health, The Future. Shows science's beliefs to be superior. Creationism. Bible talking serpent and donkey. Cosmic Microwave Background Radiation. Galaxy redshift. Element abundance. Biblical flat earth. Martin Luther. Nicolaus Copernicus. Pillars of the earth. The Exodus. Water into blood, fish die. Trial by ordeal. Johannes Kepler. Torture. Trial by jury. Miracles of Jesus. Sin and demons cause disease. St. Augustine. Gregory of Nazianzus. St. Nilus. St. Gregory of Tours, St. Ambrose. Warfare of Science with Theology. Parents religious objections cause child's death. MRI. Mitral valve repair surgery. Isaac Asimov quote. Exorcisms to cast out evil spirits. Autism 'demonic'. Failed second coming of Jesus. Harold Camping May 21, 2011. Trajectory endpoint? Tentative, more work to be done. A possible path to the future. Morality. The meaning of life. After life & Salvation. God.

The Natural Theology video playlist (above) has links to other Natural Theology videos.

Science's Trajectory Trilogy

(Natural Theology Video) 95 – Science's Ontological Trajectory
(Natural Theology Video) 96 - Science's Subject Trajectory (this video)
(Natural Theology Video) 105 – Science's Trajectory Interrupted

Others

(Natural Theology Video) 60 - Objective Moral Values
(Natural Theology Video) 26 - Human Life: Its Meaning, Its Purpose
(Natural Theology Video) 94 – After Life & Salvation
(Natural Theology Video) 78 - What is God?
(Natural Theology Video) 79 - True God, False Gods
(Natural Theology Video) 53 - Future Religion
(Natural Theology Video) 89 - From Science to Natural Theology
(Natural Theology Video) 91 - The HEART of Natural Theology

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https://answersingenesis.org/astronomy/earth/does-bible-teach-earth-flat/

(Book) A History of the Warfare of Science with Theology in Christendom
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/A_History_of_the_Warfare_of_Science_with_Theology_in_Christendom

(News Article) Lake Worth-area private school cancels Autism Awareness Week after pastor calls it ‘demonic’
https://www.wptv.com/news/palm-beach-county/region-c-palm-beach-county/lake-worth-area-private-school-cancels-autism-awareness-week-after-pastor-calls-it-demon

(Natural Theology Video) Raw Video: Palin Saved From 'Witchcraft' https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QIOD5X68lIs

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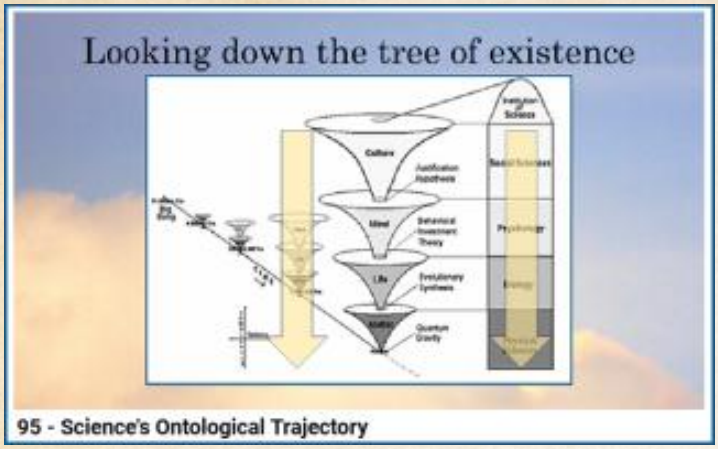
Date: 13 February 2025

95 – Science's Ontological Trajectory {5:37}



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Ontology, the nature of being and existence. To find the features all entities have in common, we look down to the fundamental basis of all entities. 100 million different chemical compounds, 118 chemical elements, 17 elementary particles of the Standard Model. The Theory of Everything. Philosophy The absolute. Eastern Orthodox Christianity Uncreated Energies. Vedanta Brahman. Neoplatonism The One. Taoism Tao. Christianity "God is subsistent being itself." Trajectory endpoint: Ultimate Ground of Existence?

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Science's Trajectory Trilogy

- 95 – Science's Ontological Trajectory (this video)
- (Natural Theology Video) 96 - Science's Subject Trajectory
- (Natural Theology Video) 105 – Science's Trajectory Interrupted

Other videos

- (Natural Theology Video) 89 - From Science To Natural Theology
- (Natural Theology Video) 86 - But Is It God?
- (Natural Theology Video) 91 - The HEART of Natural Theology

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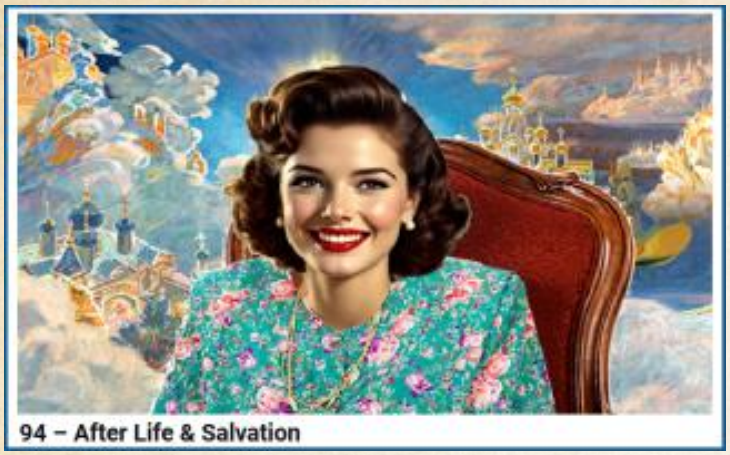
94 – After Life & Salvation {18:40}



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What happens after I die? Five possibilities: Heaven or Hell, Reincarnation, absorption, annihilation, other. Don't accept eternal heaven or hell. Grandmother Sally. Might heaven become boring? Satan's fall from heaven myth. Tibetan Book of the Dead. Bardo, Clear Light, Liberation, Karma, Visions of Deities. Fundamental nature of reality. Consciousness travels toward the Clear Light but falls back. Greek myth of Icarus. NDE, near death experience. Marvin Minksy: Minds are simply what brains do. Can consciousness survive the body's death? "You've Died; Now What?" poster; Cease to identify with external self; focuses on deeper self. Jorge Borges: "The God Script" Tzinacan: "Whoever has seen the universe . . . cannot think in terms of one man . . . " Two types of faith. Job: "Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him"

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(Natural Theology Video) 93 - Is Hell Real? No.
(Natural Theology Video) 09 - Who Am I? What Happens After Death?
(Natural Theology Video) 86 - But Is It God?
(Natural Theology Video) 89 - From Science To Natural Theology

(Link to "You've Died. Now What?" graphic) https://www.alltop.com/viral/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/death11.jpg

(book) Labyrinths: Selected Stories & Other Writings, Jorge Luis Borges
1962, 1964 New Directions Publishing Corporation

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Date: 6 February 2025

93 – Is Hell Real? No. {16:06}

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Is Hell Real? No. My reasons for believing Hell is not real. Warning: some images may be disturbing. Some Christians believe Hell is real and that we deserve Hell but can avoid it with Jesus. Catholic teachings about Hell mean a ten-year-old boy may have died in 1955 and has been horribly tortured in Hell since then and will be for all eternity. How do people believe such nonsense? Actor Mel Gibson. Other Christian denominations have contradictory dogmas about how to avoid Hell. Are works necessary? Of is faith sufficient? Is baptism by immersion necessary? Achilles' Heel story. Do Christian denominations ACT as if they believe their own dogmas about Hell? No. The large number of mortal sins serves to populate Hell. The Jesus Spaceport and the salvation lottery. Conclusion: Hell just like the monster under the bed that frightens little children.

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(Natural Theology Video) 33 - Who Is Jesus? (Naturally)

Actor Mel Gibson story: https://www.today.com/popculture/mel-gibsn-says-his-wife-could-be-going-hell-wbna4224452

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92 – Experience Itself {18:18}

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Explores experience and its implications for our personal identity and for the Hard Problem of Consciousness. Experience has three elements: 1) a subject of experience, 2) the act of experiencing, and 3) the object of experience. We experience only sensations; matter is an idea we use to explain what we experience. Matter is an idea; a theoretical construct. Other explanation for what we experience are1) Descartes' Evil Demon, 2) Kant's noumena, 3) Brain in a Vat, 4) Hard Solipsism, 5) The Simulation Hypotheses, 6) Our reality is "just a headset" – Donald Hoffman. The four-part view of a human person: body, emotion, intellect, and awareness. Sensations are transitory; is awareness my constant, unchanging self? Do I have a constant, unchanging identity? Ramana Maharshi "Who am I?" Buddhist non-self. The Hard Problem of Consciousness.

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- (Natural Theology Video) 82 – Materialism and Some Alternatives
- (Natural Theology Video) 30 - Illusion and Reality
- (Natural Theology Video) 08 - Approaching Identity
- (Natural Theology Video) 09 - Who Am I? What Happens After Death?
- (Natural Theology Video) 72 - Mechanism and the Hard Problem of Consciousness
- (Natural Theology Video) 89 - From Science To Natural Theology
- (Natural Theology Video) 83 - Invitation To The Mystic Quest
- (Natural Theology Video) 78 – What is God?
- (Natural Theology Video) 79 – True God, False Gods

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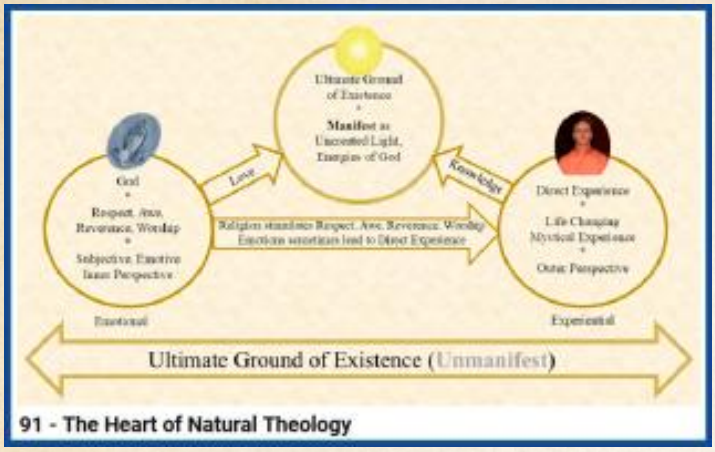
91 – The Heart of Natural Theology {9:56}



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Three basic ideas of Natural Theology: 1) Ultimate Ground of Existence, 2) regarded as God, and 3) directly experienced. How they relate to each other. Mystics experience the Ultimate Ground of Existence manifested as Uncreated Light, God's Energies. Class/Instantiation idea. Emotive aspect of mystical experience: respect, awe, reverence, worship. Experience still has three elements: knower, act of knowing, the known. Unitive knowledge? A purpose of religion is to stimulate respect, awe, reverence, worship—hopefully leading to direct experience. "The work of the Church ends when the knowledge of God begins." Evelyn Underhill's book "Mysticism" Religions originate in direct experience. Science's way of knowing. Religion's way of knowing. Sample biblical "proof texts" from the Theologia Germanica. Basic premises, fundamental assumptions, of our Natural Theology. Newtonian Theory of Gravity. Minimum number of premises with maximal explanatory power. Occam's Razor. Deriving Natural Theology, non-rigorously. A tentative starting point, not a finished, perfect system.

(book) Mysticism: A Study in the Nature and Development of Spiritual Consciousness, Evelyn Underhill, 1911 (various print editions exist; free electronic editions available on the Internet)

The Natural Theology video playlist (above) has links to other Natural Theology videos.

- (Natural Theology Video) 89 - From Science To Natural Theology
- (Natural Theology Video) 87 – Ways of Knowing (A Parable)
- (Natural Theology Video) 80 - Perennial Philosophy and the Theologia Germanica
- (Natural Theology Video) 24 - Looking Ahead
- (Natural Theology Video) 53 - Future Religion

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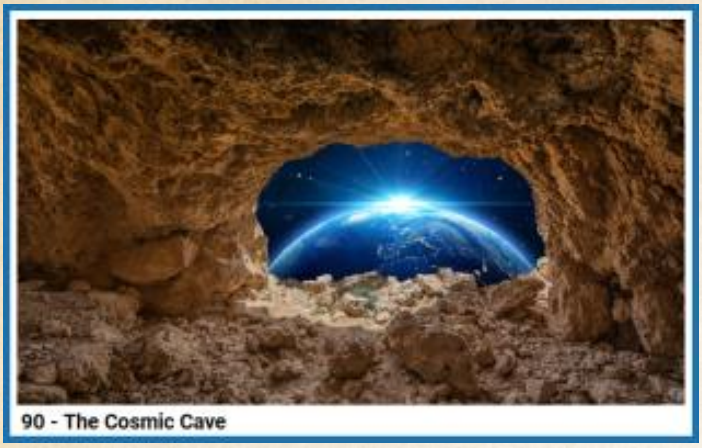
90 – The Cosmic Cave {3:38}



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Describes how believers withdraw from reality into a “cosmic cave” where they feel safe and secure. Describes in the context of Christianity but applies to other religions, too.

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Music: Samurai Flutes | Ehteral Fanasy Flute Relaxing Meditation Music
Music by Shakib Hasan from Pixabay
https://pixabay.com/music/ambient-samurai-flutes-ethereal-fantasy-flute-relaxing-meditation-music-248255/

Date: 27 Dec 2024

89 – From Science to Natural Theology {20:26)

Video URL:
https://vimeo.com/1135081096

Website:
https://adamford.com

Showcase:
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Catalog:
https://adamford.com/catalog_naturaltheology/

Describes the path from science to natural theology. If true, profound consequences. We begin with science's body of knowledge and way of knowing (i.e., the scientific method). We do not accept prophets, god-men, gods, or scriptures. Science's way of knowing compared to religion's way. Burning Einstein at the stake. Why try to extend science? Meeting human needs, better if possible. How science improved cosmology, linguistics, astronomy. Martin Luther condemned Copernicus. Plan: 1) introduce Ultimate Ground of existence, 2) regard it as God, 3) direct experience is possible. Extending science but preserving its integrity; do no harm. Dream analogy. Descriptions of mystical experience. Saint Augustine. Pascal. Gratuitous attribution. A scientific hypothesis? Objective reality of Ultimate Ground of Existence. The Absolute. God's Uncreated Energies. Advaita Vedanta. Neoplatonism. Taoism. Aquinas. Paul Tillich. Unmediated experience of God. Giordano Bruno. Accounts of mystical experience. Pascal. Accepted as dogma would be failure. Accepted and built upon would be success. World's major religions are very old. Wisdom becomes dangerous nonsense. Medicine. Disease as caused by sin and demons. Children denied medical treatment and die. The survival of science. Hypatia. The golden age of Islam. Religious fundamentalism on the rise? Sarah Palin blessed against all forms of witchcraft. God told George W. Bush to go to war. We can do better. We must do better.

The Natural Theology video playlist (above) has links to other Natural Theology videos.

Ways of Knowing
- (Natural Theology video) 14 - Ontology and Epistemology

Describes the concept of Ultimate Ground of Existence
- (Natural Theology video) 86 - But Is It God?
- (Natural Theology video) 01 - Existence
- (Natural Theology video) 83 - Invitation To The Mystic Quest

The Dream Analogy
- (Natural Theology video) 83 - Invitation To The Mystic Quest

Is Ultimate Ground of Existence a scientific hypothesis?
- (Natural Theology video) 86 - But Is It God?
- (Natural Theology video) 32 – A Clean, Well- Lighted Place

Reasons for believing the Ultimate Ground of Existence, in fact, exists
- (Natural Theology video) 30 - Illusion and Reality
- (Natural Theology video) 84 - The real and the Real

Why regard it as God?

(Natural Theology video) 86 - But Is It God?
(Natural Theology video) 78 - What is God?
(Natural Theology video) 79 - True God, False Gods

A person can have direct experience, unmediated by thought or emotion

(Natural Theology video) 12 - Experience of God (2)
(Natural Theology video) 27 - Experiencing God as Uncreated Light
(Natural Theology video) 83 - Invitation To The Mystic Quest
(Natural Theology video) 48 - The Perennial Philosophy
(Natural Theology video) 81 - Meeting God: Dionysius the Areopagite
(Natural Theology video) 67 - Giordano Rabbit

The future

(Natural Theology video) 24 - Looking Ahead
(Natural Theology video) 53 - Future Religion

(book) - The World Was Flooded with Light; A Mystical Experience Remembered, Genevieve W. Foster, Univ of Pittsburgh Press; First Edition (January 1, 1985)

(article) Why the Arabic World Turned Away from Science, by *Hillel Ofek*
https://www.thenewatlantis.com/publications/why-the-arabic-world-turned-away-from-science#:~:text=The%20Golden%20Age%20was%20also,auspicious%20but%20rather%20ephemeral%20conditions.

(book) A History of the Warfare of Science with Theology in Christendom
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/A_History_of_the_Warfare_of_Science_with_Theology_in_Christendom

Sarah Palin and Witchcraft
Raw Video: Palin Saved From 'Witchcraft': https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QIOD5X68lIs
Sarah Palin vs the Witches: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jve3CJyh5SI
Etc.

Music:

1. Moonlight Sonata – Beethoven (No Copyright Music)
   https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q91NKLjxXyg
2. Gnossienne 1
   https://archive.org/details/Gnossienne/Gnossienne+1.mp3
3. Passacaglia - Handel/Halvorsen
   https://soundcloud.com/an-l-meydan/handelwav

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Date: 21 Dec 2024

88 – Examining the Fine-Tuning Argument {13:14}

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https://adamford.com

Showcase:
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Catalog:
https://adamford.com/catalog_naturaltheology/

Discusses the Fine-Tuning Argument for God and, briefly, Intelligent Design; Fundamental physical constants; gravitational constant; elementary charge; speed of light; random chance unlikely; points to an Intelligent Designer, i.e., God; Criticisms: 1) lightning, 2) stars, sand, people, 3) random teleportation; Intelligent Design; the human eye; the bacteria flagellum; prematurely jumping off the logic train; polio, malaria, WormProject.org; malevolent intelligent designer?; Creationist method vs scientific method.

List of physical constants: https://sites.astro.caltech.edu/~george/constants2.html

The Natural Theology video playlist (above) has links to other Natural Theology videos.
(Natural Theology Video) 22 - God Who Is A Person (2)
(Natural Theology Video) 03 - Unbiased Natural Theology

Book: A History of the Warfare of Science with Theology in Christendom, Andrew D. White

(website) WormProject.org

Music: Ambient Inspiring Cinematic Soundtrack [No Copyright Music] | Morning Light by Epic Spectrum
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3mf2j15OVZA&list=PLRPR8uJQx5tFHVPnMCu7t4-zKwvK2kFms&index=6

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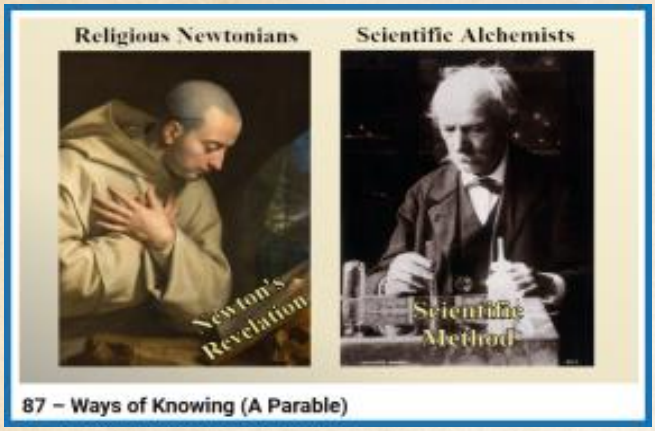
Date: 9 Dec 2024

87 – Ways of Knowing (A Parable) {13:11}



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Describes various methods of knowing: intuition, authority, reason, and empiricism. Compares religions' way of knowing (the revelational way) with science's way of knowing (the scientific method). The parable of the Religious Newtonians and the Scientific Alchemists. Finds science's way superior for discovering and verifying truth.

(YouTube) Hammer and feather drop on moon
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I7tEA8Vtc0o

Music: "Asturias" by Isaac Albéniz [Spanish Guitar]
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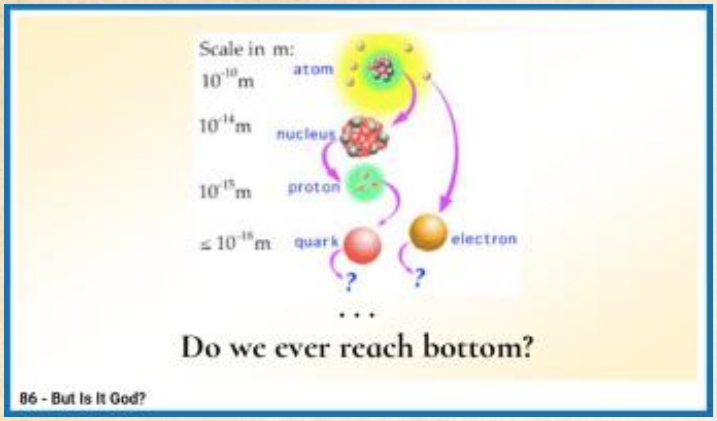
23 Nov 2024

86 – But Is It God? {7:57}



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Website:
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Showcase:
https://vimeo.com/showcase/11975768

Catalog:
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Describes some basic concepts in this Natural Theology channel. “I regard the Ultimate Ground of Existence as God” 1. What does “Ultimate Ground of Existence mean? 2. Does it, in fact, exist? Theory of everything. 3. But why call it God? Movie analogy. Dreaming analogy. We choose who or what for us is God. Hologram. Aquinas. The supernatural is a vacuous term. Political consequences.

Books:
1. Universal Theology: A New Theology
   https://adamford.com/universal-theology-a-new-theology/
2. Science as Natural Theology
   https://adamford.com/science-as-natural-theology/

YouTube: Meister Eckhart ~ **Existence is God** ~ Christian Mystics
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0hHx_0G0Ius

YouTube: The Existence Of Universe Is Brahman | Swami Sarvapriyananda
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a3QqSw-06wA

Website: God as subsistent being itself
https://catholicstrength.com/tag/god-is-the-eternally-subsistent-being

YouTube: Moment HM King Charles III is crowned in Coronation ceremony - BBC News
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NQMicLluWfs

Music: Lamentations, Thomas Tallis
https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Thomas_Tallis_Lamentations_I_(The_Tutor_Consort).org

Date: 2 Nov 2024

85 - A Dispatch from Terra Incognita {16:50}

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Showcase:
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Catalog:
https://adamford.com/catalog_naturaltheology/

Discusses purported direct experience of the Real. Is it health? Or harmful? Can it lead to an enlightenment experience? Or to mental illness?

The Natural Theology video playlist (above) has links to other Natural Theology videos.

84 - The real and the Real
83 - Invitation To The Mystic Quest

Book: The Practical Vedanta of Swami Rama Tirtha
Published by The Himalayan International Institute of Yoga Science and Philosophy
Honesdale, Pennsylvania
ISBN 0-89389-047-2

Book: Mysticism: A Study in Nature and Development of Spiritual Consciousness
https://www.ccel.org/ccel/u/underhill/mysticism/cache/mysticism.pdf , p. 201

Book: Henry Suso: The Exemplar, with Two German Sermons
https://www.amazon.com/Henry-Suso-Exemplar-Spirituality-Paperback/dp/0809129868

Mayo Clinic article
https://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/depersonalization-derealization-disorder/symptoms-causes/syc-20352911

Other depersonalization website
https://www.choosingtherapy.com/derealization-vs-depersonalization/

Buddha's last words quote
https://www.buddhanet.net/e-learning/buddhism/lifebuddha/2_31lbud.htm

Music
Retreat - JASON FARNHAM #music #ambient
Retreat", a free-use public domain song by Jason Farnham, courtesy of YouTube's Audio Library.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Frr69BV06ZU

84 - The real and the Real {9:34)

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Showcase:
https://vimeo.com/showcase/11975768

Catalog:
https://adamford.com/catalog_naturaltheology/

Is the world illusory and unreal? No. It is real. But does something exist which has a superior, fuller type of reality. Component objects. Actions, acts. Do we ever reach bottom? Relative and dependent existence. Does something exist which is Real?

The Natural Theology video playlist (above) has links to other Natural Theology videos.

78 – What is God?
83 - Invitation To The Mystic Quest

Music

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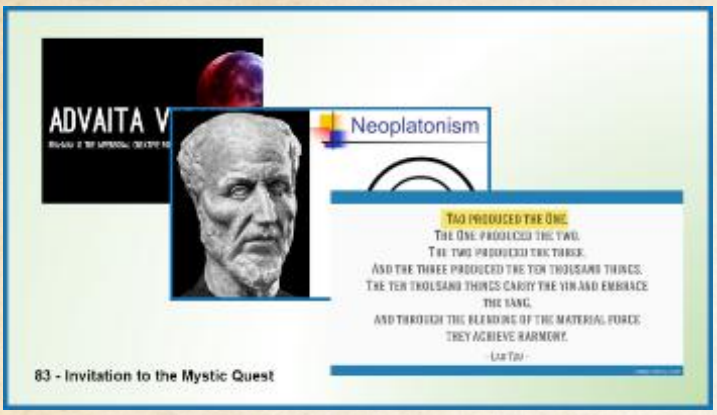
Date: 9 Oct 2024

83 - Invitation to the Mystic Quest {9:38}



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Describes the mystic quest for direct experience of The Real. The universe is real but transitory. Does anything exist which is real (i.e., Real with a capital R) and which is non-transitory. Awareness aware of sensations (physical, emotional, mental). Union with Reality. Gods who are persons. The dream analogy. Tillich and Huxley.

The Natural Theology video playlist (above) has links to other Natural Theology videos mentioned

- 65 - The Now
- 66 - The Hiatus Termination
- 67 - Giordano Rabbit
- 68 - Where is God?
- 69 - Bible Bait and Switch
- 70 - People: Progressive and Regressive
- 71 - A God Too Small
- 72 - Mechanism and the Hard Problem of Consciousness
- 73 - (1/2) Why The Bible Doesn't Matter
- 74 - (2/2) Why The Bible Matters
- 75 - Evil Teachings of Jesus
- 76 - Evil Non-Teachings of Jesus
- 77 - Two Kinds of Jesus
- 78 - What is God?
- 79 - True God, False Gods
- 80 - Perennial Philosophy and the Theologia Germanica
- 81 - Meeting God: Dionysius the Areopagite

Music: Easy Day - Kevin MacLeod (YouTube Royalty-free Music Download)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cs5VYMRGkAs

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https://unsplash.com/photos/group-of-people-sitting-on-bench-near-trees-duting-daytime-Q_Sei-TqSlc

Photo: Sun as red giant https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Sun_Red_Giant.jpg

Street scene photo: https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/9/95/Busy_busy_Harrogate_-_geograph.org.uk_-_4352807.jpg/1024px-Busy_busy_Harrogate_-_geograph.org.uk_-_4352807.jpg

Puppy and kitten

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Date: 24 Sept 2024; Sound remix: 11 Dec 2025

82 – Materialism and Some Alternatives {20:38}

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Showcase:
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Catalog:
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Explores the idea of philosophical materialism and some alternative views. A non-material soul? A non-material heaven? Philosophical materialism. Is the natural universe only matter and energy in spacetime? Rene Descartes' Evil Demon. The movie "The Matrix." Brain in a Vat. The Simulation Hypothesis. Immanuel Kant's Noumena. A human being consists of an awareness aware of three types of sensation: physical, emotional, and mental. Coherent and non-coherent sensations. We are like security guards watching monitors. Max Planck regarded consciousness as fundamental. Matter is derivative. Einstein and the "reality of Oneness". The trajectory of science is towards oneness. Ten million compounds, about 100 elements, to 17 elementary particles of the Standard Model. Theory of Everything. So what? The One as the source of sensations?

P.S. As is well-known, Descartes was a dualist (mind and matter). My point was that he did entertain the idea that matter did not really exist, not that he believed matter didn't exist. The video could have been clearer on that point.

The Natural Theology video playlist (above) has links to other Natural Theology videos mentioned in this video. They are:

78 - What Is God?
79 - True God, False Gods

Music: Music: Tranquility - By David Renda
https://www.fesliyanstudios.com/royalty-free-music/downloads-c/peaceful-and-relaxing-music/22

Date: 14 June 2024

81 – Meeting God: Dionysius the Areopagite {15:20}

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On the Divine Names and *Mystical Theology* are two works by an anonymous fifth century writer who pretended to be Dionysius the Areopagite, a man famously converted by Paul. The writing's ". . . Christianized Neoplatonism had an immense influence on subsequent Christian thought. The medieval mystics are deeply indebted to him, and St Thomas Aquinas used him as authority" (from the book's back cover). The writings have had an enormous influence on the Christian mystics.

The Natural Theology video playlist (above) has links to other Natural Theology videos.

78 - What Is God?
79 - True God, False Gods

The Judicial Court of Ancient Athens
http://aroundgreece.net/athens/attractions/areopagus

Wikipedia: Dionysius the Areopagite
http://En.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dionysius_the_Areopagite

Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy: Neo-Platonism
https://iep.utm.edu/neoplato/

Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy: Plotinus
https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/plotinus/

CCEL: On the Divine Names and Mystical Theology, Dionysius the Areopagite
https://www.ccel.org/ccel/rolt/dionysius.html

Wikipedia: Neoplatonism
http://En.wikipedia.org/wiki/Neoplatonism

John Scotus Erigena
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Scotus_Eriugena

The Complete Mystical Works of Meister Eckhart, Translated and Edited by Maurice O'C. Walshe, The Crossroad Publishing Company, New York, p. 332

Meister Eckhart, trans. by Raymond B. Blakney (Harper & Row, New York, 1941) p. 200

Meister Eckhart; Mystic and Philosopher, Trans. by Reiner Schurmann (Indiana University Press, Bloomington, 1978) p. 134

Mansur Al-Hallaj Quotes
Al-Ghazzali's Mishkat Al-Anwar ("The Niche for Lights"), Trans. by W.H.T. Gairdner (Ashraf Press, Lahore, 1952) p. 107

Nicholson, Reynold A. *The Mystics of Islam* (Arkank, Viking Penguin, New York, First Published 1914) p. 151

Schimmel, Annamarie. *Mystical Dimensions of Islam* (The University of North Carolina Press, Chapel Hill, NC, 1975) p. 66

Music: Gregorian chant for Palm Sunday
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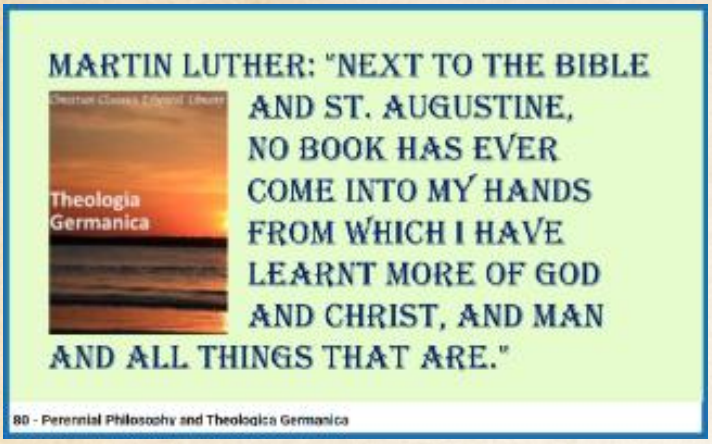
Date: 18 March 18, 2024. Sound Remix: 1 July 2024

80 – Perennial Philosophy and Theologia Germanica {12:52}



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Discusses the Theologia Germanica viewed from the perspective of the Perennial Philosophy. Martin Luther wrote of the Theologia Germanica, "next to the Bible and St. Augustine, no other book has come to my attention from which I have learned-and desired to learn-more concerning God, Christ, man and what all things are."

The Natural Theology video playlist (above) has links to other Natural Theology videos.

78 - What Is God?
48 - The Perennial Philosophy

Theologia Germanica PDF download:
https://www.ccel.org/ccel/anonymous/theologia.html

Contemplative Outreach
https://www.contemplativeoutreach.org/centering-prayer-method/

The Contemplative Society
https://www.contemplative.org/

Books mentioned

- The Spiritual Guide, Michael Molinos, 17th Century
- The Cloud of Unknowing, Anonymous, 13th Century
- Dionysius The Areopagite: The Divine Names and The Mystical Theology
  Translated by C. E. Rolt, SPCK, 1920

Music:
https://ia801700.us.archive.org/12/items/chinese-new-age-music/Chinese%20New%20Age%20Music.mp4

79 - True God, False Gods {10:13}

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Showcase:
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Describes the one true God and its many personifications. Builds on the previous video "78 – What is God?". Child's Hierarchy, going up to God, and an alternate hierarchy, going down to the Ultimate Ground of Existence. The One and the Many. Gods who are persons as personifications which can lead to God. Alien gods. Xenophanes: if horses had gods. Jesus not in America before 1492. St. Augustine. Pascal. Follow pastor/priest rather than scripture. Just War and carte blanche. Thomas Paine on the word of God. Spinoza. A History of the Warfare of Science with Theology in Christendom. Artillery of heaven. Gratuitous Attribution.

The Natural Theology video playlist (above) has links to other Natural Theology videos.
(Natural Theology video) 78 - What Is God

Pascal quote: https://storiesforpreaching.com.au/sermonillustrations/pascals-coat/

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Date: 16 Feb 2024

78 – What is God? {26:31}

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Discusses the idea of God as Ultimate Ground of Existence as opposed to the more familiar idea of God as a person. Presents the Child's Hierarchy, going up to God, and an alternate hierarchy, going down to the Ultimate Ground of Existence. Giordano Rabbit. Subsistent being itself. David Bentley Hart. Paul Tillich. Aldous Huxley. The Perennial Philosophy. Hesychasm. St. Gregory Palamas. Meister Eckhart. William Inge. Spinoza. Einstein. "That Thou Art". Hologram? Gods who are Persons as personifications.

The Natural Theology video playlist (above) has links to other Natural Theology videos.
(Natural Theology video) 71 - A God Too Small
(Natural Theology video) 62 - Christ Consciousness
(Natural Theology video) 51 - Dumb Matter
(Natural Theology video) 48 - The Perennial Philosophy
(Natural Theology video) 38 - Defining God
- Includes another Natural Theology clip "67 - Giordano Rabbit"

- Mentions YouTube clip "Meister Eckhart ~ Existence is God ~ Christian Mystics"
which is at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0hHx_0G0Ius&t=335s

- Scientific American article "Is Our Universe a Hologram?" at https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/is-our-universe-a-hologram-physicists-debate-famous-idea-on-its-25th-anniversary1/

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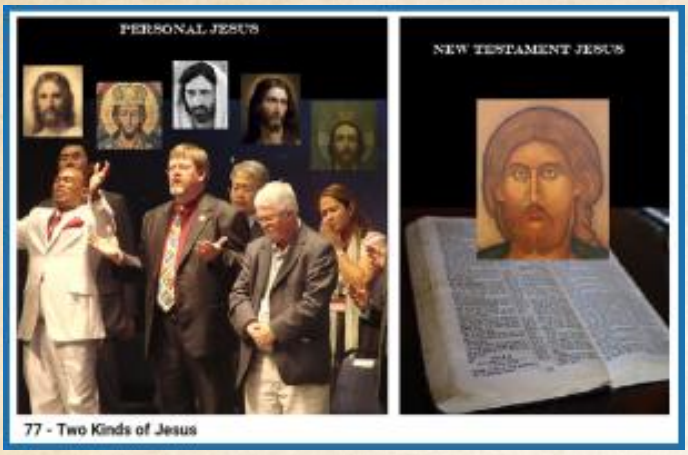
77 – Two Kinds of Jesus {10:38}



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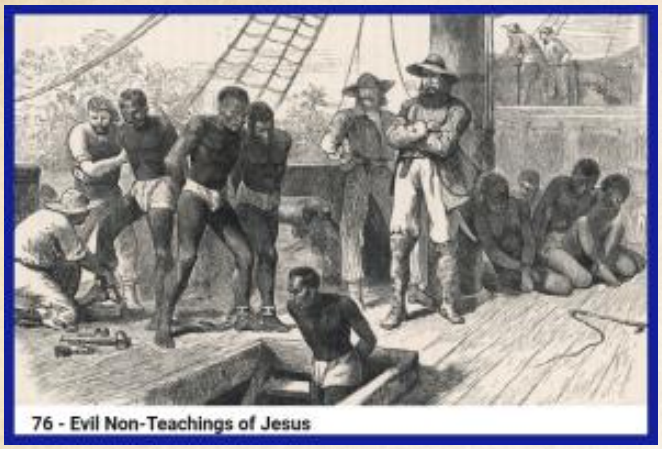
Describes two kinds of Jesus: 1) the image of Jesus that people have in their mind, and 2) New Testament Jesus. Discusses how the two differ and introduces the idea of faces of God.

The Natural Theology video playlist (above) has links to other Natural Theology videos.

(Natural Theology video) 69 – Bible Bait and Switch

Date: 20 Nov 2023

76 - Evil Non-Teachings of Jesus {6:12}



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Catalog:
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Describes some teachings that Jesus should have taught but did not. As a result, millions of people needlessly suffered and died.

The Natural Theology video playlist (above) has links to other Natural Theology videos.

(Natural Theology video) 75 -The Evil Teachings of Jesus
(Natural Theology video) 69 - Bible Bait and Switch

Music: 'This Too Shall Pass' - Scott Buckley
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LlU2X2AWhho&list=PLfP6i5T0-DkJF9vuwye1DYwzt8As286NK&index=5

Improved sound: Nov 2025; Improved graphics 29 Dec 2025

75 - Evil Teachings of Jesus {7:51}

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Website:
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Showcase:
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Is everything that Jesus taught good? No. Watch and see.

(Book) A History of the Warfare of Science with Theology in Christendom
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/A_History_of_the_Warfare_of_Science_with_Theology_in_Christendom

Image: Scarsellino "Driving the Merchants from the Temple"
https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Scarsellino_-_Driving_of_the_merchants_from_the_temple_-_Google_Art_Project.jpg

Music: Gnossienne 1
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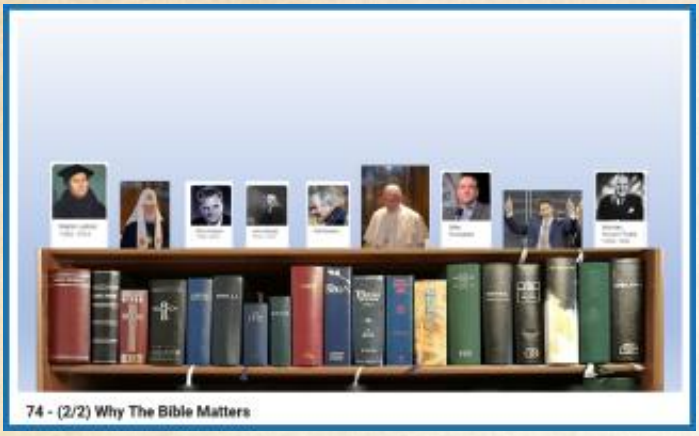
Original: 3 May 2023; Improved sound: Nov 2025; Improved graphics 29 Dec 2025

74 - Why The Bible Matters {11:15}



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Immanent God, democracy, freedom of religion, separation of church and state; transcendental God, revelation, priesthood, monarchy, Divine Right of Kings, stratified society, racism, misogyny; religion usually supports state, just war for each side?; religion useful to state, rewarded with privilege, immunity from law; all scriptures cannot be true; salvation by faith alone, or by faith and works? Several "One True Religions"; why religion is prevalent; religion and state, mutually beneficial relation; afterthought: nuclear war; list of wars over last 1,000 years; war in the "DNA" of some religions?

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(Natural Theology video) 02 - God: Personal/Impersonal
(Natural Theology video) 04 - God as Ultimate Ground of Existence
(Natural Theology video) 17 - One True God
(Natural Theology video) 18 - Gods Who Are Persons
(Natural Theology video) 22 - God Who Is A Person (2)

The Guardian article: https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2016/apr/13/followers-of-christ-idaho-religious-sect-child-mortality-refusing-medical-help

Sound clip: https://archive.org/details/1945RadioNews/1945-08-08-BBC-Nagasaki.mp3

Image: Photo by Nick Fewings on Unsplash
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Music: Chopin - Nocturne in B flat minor, Op. 9 no. 1 [Copyright Free]
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S8xbZ5S-VNM

Original: 12 July 2021; Improved audio, added music: 20 April 2025; improved graphics 30 Dec 2025

73 - Why The Bible Doesn’t Matter {10:40}

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Bible verses of type level 1 and level 2; "Call no man Father"; don't take oaths; verses are ignored; not what the Bible says, but what preachers claim the Bible says; too literally, exegesis, hermeneutic, etc.; kill cursing children?; the Bible as a Golden Calf; burning witches; slavery; abortion; the serpent; "reject the evidence of your eyes and ears" 1984 George Orwell; the power of God's self-proclaimed representatives; the Crusades; why we do not accept any writing as scripture, as authoritative; preachers do not ACT as if scripture is God's Word;

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(Natural Theology video) "74 - (2/2) Why The Bible Matters"

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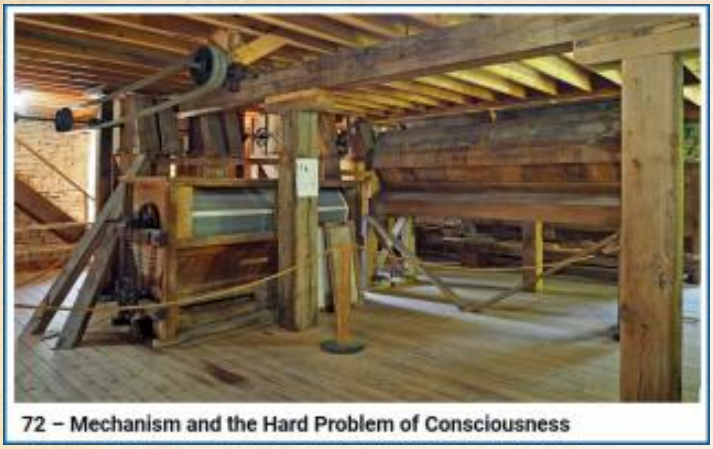
72 – Mechanism and the Hard Problem of Consciousness {7:56}



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Begins with correlations between our inner, subjective perceptions and our brains. C-Fibers and pain. Marvin Minsky: “Minds are simply what brains do.” The Hard Problem of Consciousness. Qualia: taste of an apple, etc. Nothing in the four fundamental forces and seventeen elementary particles suggest consciousness. Philosophical P-Zombie thought experiment. Leibniz’s Mill. Mouse trap illustration. Potential energy. How can physical mechanisms produce qualia? The Hard Problem of Consciousness is yet unsolved.

Music: Canon in D (Pachelbel's Canon in D). [BEST COPYRIGHT FREE VERSION]
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BhxS1MfCAf8

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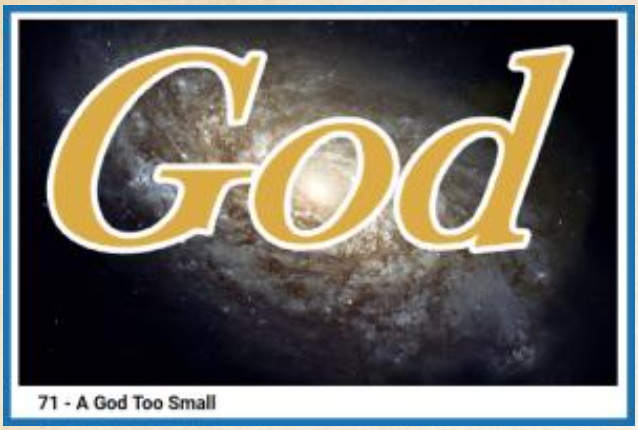
71 - A God Too Small { 12:01 }



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The finiteness and limitations of the human conditions force us to "cut God down a bit", force us to limit our description of God, so that we can relate. Describes various steps in the cutting-down process and asks, "When do we go too far?"

Music: Midnight Shadows
Music by Well Depiatti from Pixabay
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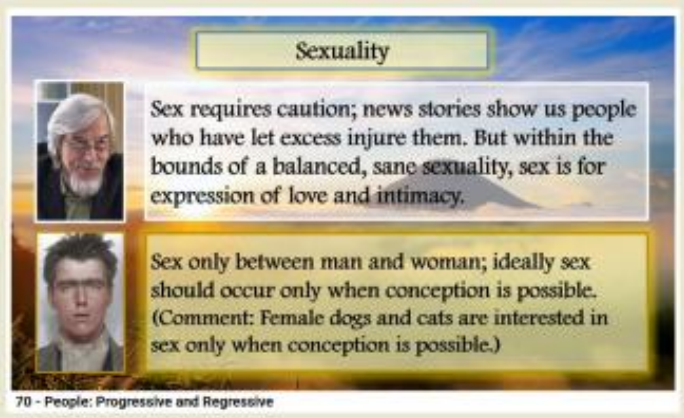
Date: May 5, 2021; Music added 10 Dec 2025

70 - People: Progressive and Regressive {11:17}



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How two different types of people regard the ideal epoch, history, trajectory of the present, earth's future, sexuality, procreation, punishment, xenophobia, economics, expertise, and politics. Is there a difference in brain structure?

Music: Cool Jazz Session 2
Music by officeMIKADO from Pixabay
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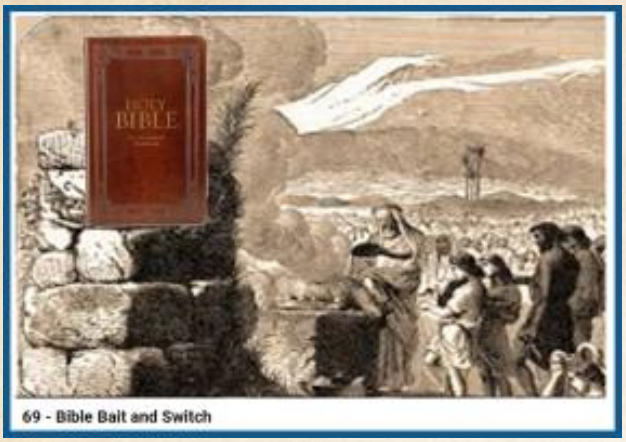
Original: 17 March 2021; Recorded with added music and improved graphics: 25 April 2025

69 - Bible Bait and Switch {6:21}



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A "bait and switch" lures someone with the promise of an attractive, exceptional product, but then substitutes another. This video describes how the bait and switch is done with the Bible. The Bible as a Golden Calf.

Music: Gnossienne 2, Music by Gregor Quendel from Pixabay
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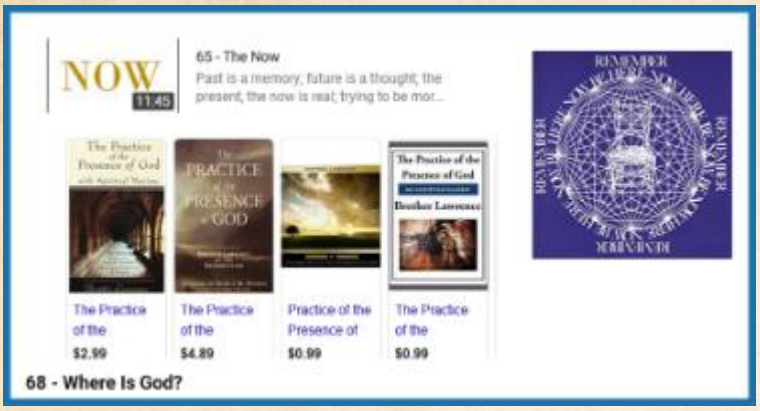
Original: 5 March 2021; Improved sound and graphics 26 Dec 2024; Improved sound Nov 2025

68 - Where is God? {4:20}



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For us the past and future are mere thoughts in our mind; reality is in the present. Therefore, if we are to encounter God, we must encounter God in the present. An immanent God exists in the present. Followers of a God who transcends the universe, for instance, Christians, sometimes they believe they encounter God in the present in the form of the Holy Spirit. If God is real and, for us, only the present is real then to encounter God we must encounter God in the present.

Music: Wisdom by Gary Strausbaugh
https://www.freemusicpublicdomain.com/royalty-free-instrumental-music/

Date: 1 Mar 1, 2021; Music added, sound remix: 14 Dec 2025

67 - Giordano Rabbit {5:13}

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A parable of sorts. Giordano Bruno Rabbit is tried for blasphemy: GOD IS NOT A RABBIT.

Music: Samurai Flutes | Ehteral Fanasy Flute Relaxing Meditation Music
https://pixabay.com/music/ambient-samurai-flutes-ethereal-fantasy-flute-relaxing-meditation-music-248255/
Music by Shakib Hasan from Pixabay

Music: Gnossienne 1
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Date: Feb 20, 2021; samurai Flutes added 15 Dec 2025

66 - The Hiatus Termination {2:04}

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First new video since Dec 2, 2020. Describes hiatus from then until today.

Music: There'll Be Some Changes Made
https://archive.org/details/Free_20s_Jazz_Collection/changes.ogg

Date: Feb 20, 2021; Music added 9 Dec 2025

65 – The Now {12:02}

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Past is a memory; future is a thought; the present, the now is real; trying to be more consciousness, more aware of the present; high-school dances; office work; past and future exist in the mind; three metaphysics of time: 1) Presentism, 2) The evolving Block Universe; 3) Eternalism: the Block Universe. the now exists here, is reality; moral values aid living in the present? "Forgiveness is giving up the desire for a better past"; desire reduces appreciation of the present? "Be, Here, Now"; sun and sky analogy; radiant elderly man; "The Practice of the Presence of God"; monks' awareness; mindfulness; sitting, walking meditation

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Music: Music by Alana Jordan from Pixabay
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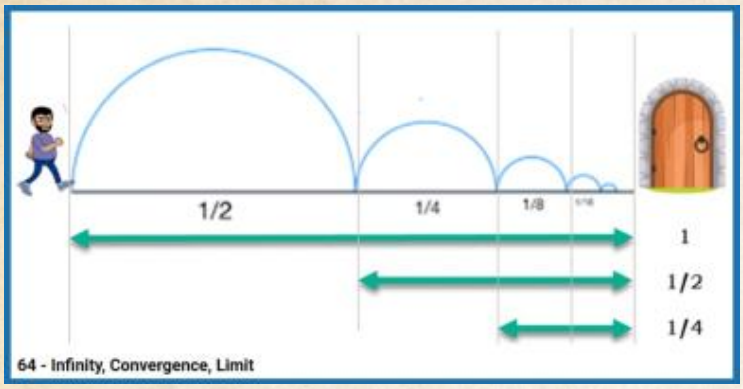
64 - Infinity, Convergence, Limit {9:31}



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Counting three apples; one-to-one correspondence; countable infinity; aleph-null number of numbers; as many even numbers as numbers? Galileo; the universe is stranger than we can imagine; from the infinitely large to the infinitely small; convergence: closer and closer; the limit; uncountable infinity; Georg Cantor; Cantor's diagonal argument, Buzz Lightyear

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Date: 7 Feb 2021; Music added 10 Dec 2025; Improved graphics 16 Jan 2026

63 - Meditation and Quakers {12:36}

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Body, emotion, intellect, soul/consciousness; meditative exercise; consciousness like the light that lights up a room, illuminating body, emotions, thoughts; consciousness as subject, but body, emotion, thoughts as objects; consciousness as our inmost, most enduring self; the Spiritual Guide of Michael Molinos; the Cloud of Unknowing; going within appropriate for an immanent God; still to sense the presence; self-referential, self-reflexive processes go to infinity; feedback; Quakers, Quaker meeting; bare room; stain-glass windows not needed; sit in silence; everyone a potential minister; being "led"; implied values; honesty? forgiveness? still the emotions; scripture; mantra; Jesus prayer; still the mind; aside: ability to focus useful in school; spark of God within us; the body as a prison of the soul; Gnostics; Siddhartha by Hermann Hesse; maya; loving the world; the world as a manifestation of the Ultimate Ground of Existence; the positive way (affirming the world) and the negative way (withdrawal from the world); Way of Martha and the Way of Mary; contemplation and meditation, East and West

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Date: Feb 6, 2021; Music added 15 Dec 2025

62 - Christ Consciousness {5:27}

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Natural Theology; Jesus Christ; Christ Consciousness; a state of consciousness potentially available to any conscious, intelligent being; Enlightenment, Fana, Nirvana, Kingdom of Heaven; Sat Cit Ananda; Self Realization; Moksha; religions converge to an objective reality, at least, in this case? contradictory ways of salvation; the Perennial Philosophy; contemplation; mysticism, direct experience of God; religions' common core; can Natural Theology led us to direct experience of God? probably, not yet; intellectual backbone of Natural Theology; pioneers; stay tuned

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Date: Feb 6, 2021; Music added 10 Dec 2025

61 – Athens and Jerusalem {9:56}

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Rodney Dangerfield; I don't get no respect; science; atomic bomb; aura of respect for scientists in the 1950s; Viet Nam War; napalm; the natural; chaos of the 1960s/1970s; The Late, Great Planet Earth; a desire for the world to end? anti-intellectualism; metric system; anti-vaccine; anti-evolution; climate change denial; eggheads in ivory towers; Athens and Jerusalem; science proves itself daily, is in contact with reality; the end is near; May 21, 2011, judgement day; fires in California; flooding; secret funding of climate change denial? COVID vaccine; woman in wheelchair prayed for healing; is it asking too much?

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(Natural Theology Video) 53 - Future Religion

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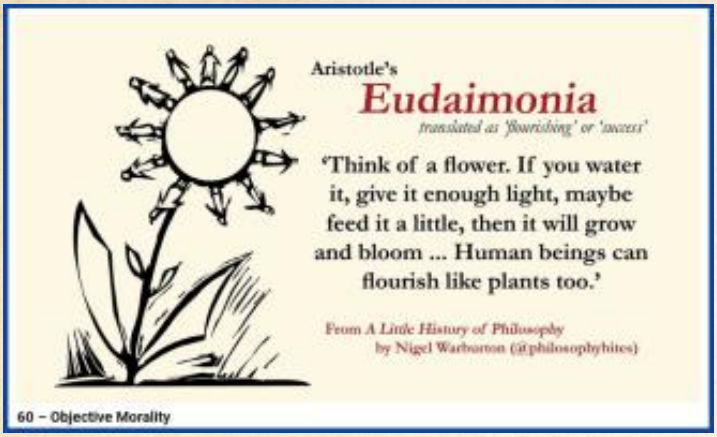
60 – Objective Morality {16:58}



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What do we mean by objective moral values? Do objective moral values exist? Objective moral values or simply the prejudices of the majority? What is the Moral Argument for God? Does the Moral Argument prove God exists? Laws need a law giver; equivocation fallacy; personal incredulity fallacy; appeal to emotion fallacy; is vs ought; Hume's Guillotine; Eudaimonia; greatest good for the greatest number; killing witches; slavery; we have not been told what is objectively moral.

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(Natural Theology Video) 07 - Morality
(Natural Theology Video) 15 - Language: Objective/Subjective
(Natural Theology Video) 14 - Ontology and Epistemology

(YouTube) What is Eudaimonia? (Ancient Greek Philosophy)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jCFtCG-_MrE

Logical Fallacy website: YourLogicalFallacyIs.com

Music:
Title and Artist: Moonlight Drive - Yunior Arronte
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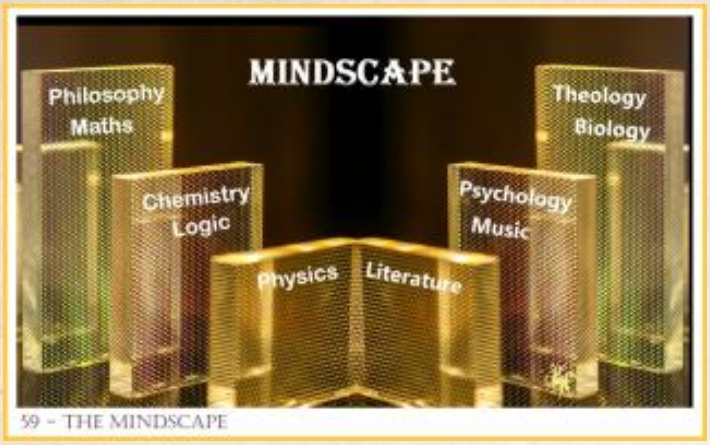
Original: About 2020. Rerecorded 9 Nov 2024

59 - The Mindscape {14:44}



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The mindscape, abstract objects vs concrete objects, Mathematical Platonism, the emotescape, the 7 senses: sights, sounds, smells, tastes, touches, emotions, thoughts; eye of the heart; eye of the mind; Shakespeare's Hamlet; Platonic world of forms; class/object distinction; type/token distinction; did Shakespeare create or discover his plays? did the number 2 exist before the Big Bang? we have no sense that directly experiences matter; matter is a theoretical construct, an explanatory inferred concept; coherent sensory input vs incoherent sensory input; reality of numbers exceeds the reality of matter

Music: Space Coast - TOPHER MOHR & ALEX ELENA #music #ambient
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dFykxjnDiyI&list=PLh5X0e7-mnI3lh-nb3fwZ8OcndGLfVdZX&index=34

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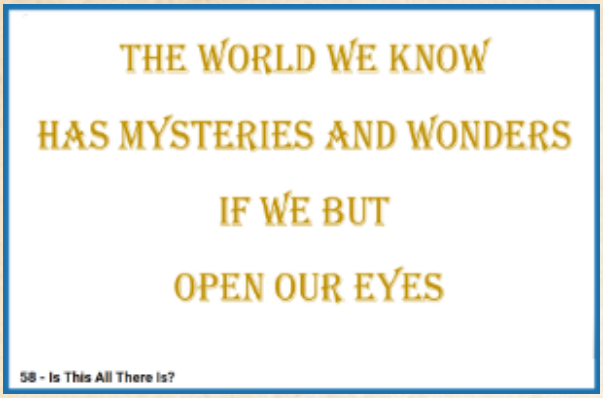
58 – Is This All There Is? {4:42}



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Is this all there is? If we look outside the natural universe for more, we find supernatural beings (Superhero Gods, angels, demons) and places (heaven and hell). If we look deeply into the natural universe, we find chemical compounds, atoms, subatomic particles and quantum fields, all pointing towards The One. Three videos in this channel that discuss The One are mentioned.

(YouTube) Every time Oliver Twist asked for more (1912-2005)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kkeFTfzrm_E

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(Natural Theology video) 97 – From Atheism to Natural Theology: Religion for the Intelligent
(Natural Theology video) 98 – Einstein's Religion: Religion for the Intelligent
(Natural Theology video) 99 – Spinoza's God: Religion for the Intelligent

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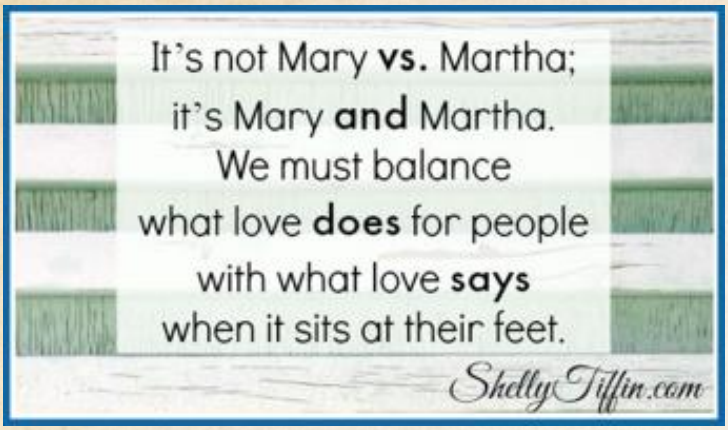
Original: 23 October 2020; Rerecorded: 13 March 2025

57 – Prayer {13:28}



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Types of prayer: 1) petition, 2) intercession, 3) thanksgiving, joy, 4) contemplate; positive and negative theology; interior silence; centering prayer, Thomas Keating; deepest center; profound depths of our being; the cloud of unknowing; Evelyn Underhill; the spiritual guide; Michael de Molinos; intellectual stillness over vocal prayer; quietism; transcendental meditation; Quakers; way of Mary versus way of Martha; Aldous Huxley; perennial philosophy; advertisers; goals of power, wealth, fame; ethos; don't need stain glass windows, etc.; cutting out the middle man; discernment of spirits; organized religion as guard-rail?

Videos of this channel mentioned. Go to showcase (link above) to find.

- 11 – Experience of God (1)
- 63 - Meditation and Quakers
- 48 – The Perennial Philosophy, Aldous Huxley 1945

(Book) Intimacy With God: An Introduction to Centering Prayer, Thomas Keating

(Book) The Cloud of Unknowing (Various editions)

(Book) Mysticism: A Study the Nature and Development of Man's Spiritual Consciousness, Evelyn Underhill (Various editions)

(Book) The Spiritual Guide, Michael Molinos, aka Miguel de Molinos (Various editions)

(Website) How to Do Transcendental Meditation https://www.mydomaine.com/how-to-do-transcendental-meditation

Music: Lamentations I, Thomas Tallis
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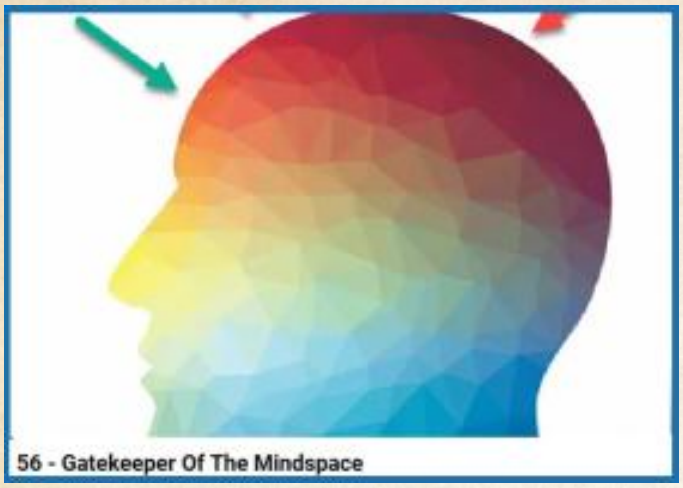
(Book) The Perennial Philosophy, Aldous Huxley 1945

(Book) The Song of God: Bhagavad-Gita, Translated by Swami Prabhavananda and Christopher Isherwood, with and introduction by Aldous Huxley, 1954

Original: 1 Feb 2021; Music and improved voice: 30 Nov 2025

56 – Gatekeeper of the Mindspace {7:27}



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Gatekeeper of the Mindspace. Mindspace, not the Mindscape; COVID-19 pandemic; hoax? Our beliefs live in our Mindspace; business, society, government, religion try to implant ideas in our Mindspace; Covid pandemic; vaccine deniers; Information sometimes useful and true, sometimes not; Capitalism vs Communism; Viet Nam war; Hell, Strongarm technique for children? Our ways of knowing are the gatekeepers of our Mindspace; Fake news and misinformation; The word "gullible" is not in the dictionary; Why do you believe that? The logical fallacies; False belief can be fatal

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(Natural Theology video) 28 - A Museum of Ideas

(Logical Fallacy Website) YourLogicalFallacyIs.com

Music: "No Copyright Music" Chopin - Nocturne in C sharp minor, B 49
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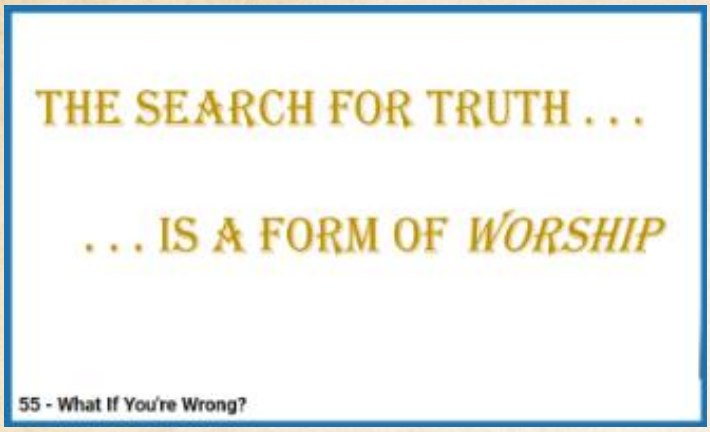
Original: 18 October 2020; Improved sound and graphics: 19 January 2025

55 - What If You're Wrong? {12:13 }



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The God Delusion, Richard Dawkins, Pascal's Wager, finite gain versus eternal loss; 200 Christian "denominations", what are the odds? Bertrand Russell: “Not enough evidence, God!”, sports car for cheap; “please point my feet in a direction where God is not”, Rorschach Test, heart-centered people versus mind-centered people, the search for truth; Albert Einstein, “the idea of a person al God is an anthropomorphic concept which I cannot take seriously”, “The divine reveals itself in the physical world”, “I am a deeply religious nonbeliever”, I tried to follow the truth as best I could

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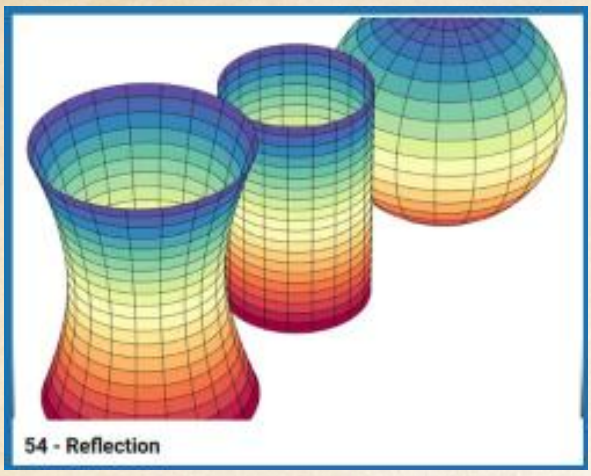
54 – Reflections {10:59}



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Self-reflective episode; how to make a scripture; early doubts about hell; Latin class dunce; “not with you guys”; religion teacher: “Yahweh”; Jehovah Witness music teacher; everything true or false implies predestination? adding all numbers from 1 to 100 = 5,050; artists; musicians; sensitivity to logic; higher math; religion tuned to the emotional person; in heaven: resurrection of the body versus immortal soul; applying rationality to religion

Silent Waters - Ambient Native American Music
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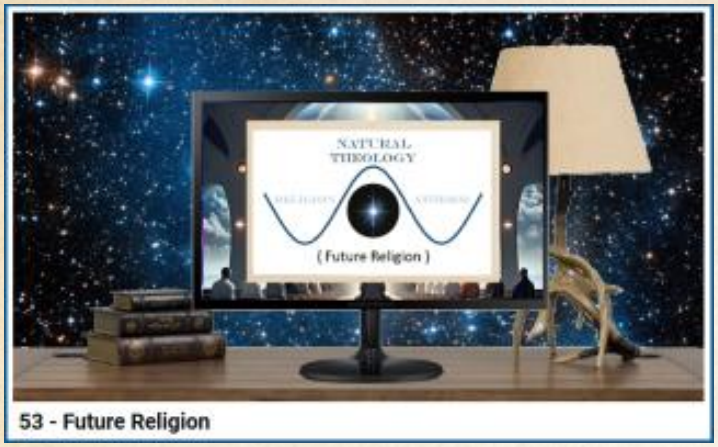
53 – Future Religion {10:45}



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What might a future religion look like? We begin with a problem with existing religions: they have not converged to truth, even after thousands of years. Religions differ about what happens after death. Christian denominations have contradictory teachings about salvation. Religions diverge. Family tree of Christian denominations. “Denomination” isn’t an accurate word. Baptists, Mormons, and salvation. Science converges to objective truth. Alchemy and Isaac Newton. Science proves itself daily. In Italy, Iran, or India, ask a chemist and get the same answer. Science proves itself true and in touch with objective reality. Religion’s faulty way of knowing (epistemological method). Alan Watts quote. The path from science to natural theology.

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(Natural Theology video) 06 - Why I Can't Go Back
(Natural Theology video) 33 - Who Is Jesus? (Naturally)
(Natural Theology video) 87 – Ways of Knowing (A Parable)
(Natural Theology video) 89 - From Science To Natural Theology

(book) Alan Watts, *The Joyous Cosmology* (1962)

Music: "In The Light" by David Renda
https://www.fesliyanstudios.com/royalty-free-music/download/in-the-light/457

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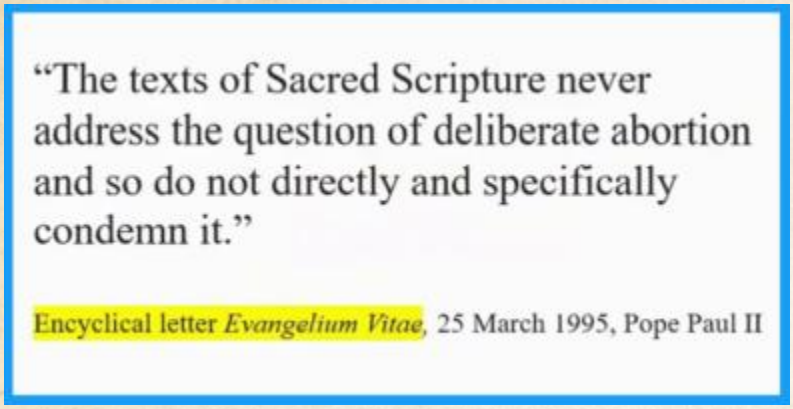
52 - The Great Abortion Coverup {17:11}



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Is the title click-bait? Not if you have the facts. The Catholic Church HAS NEVER OFFICIALLY CHANGED the dogma that the fetus does not have a human soul at conception and therefore is not a genuine human being with a human soul! Hard to believe? Read on! Pope Paul II: "The texts of Sacred Scripture never address the question of deliberate abortion and so do not directly and specifically condemn it." Cites two official Catholic Church documents that say abortion has always been considered a grave moral evil. True. "Moral evil" means "mortal sin" NOT "killing a human being", which is what most people care about. Mentions the Didache and the Letter of Barnabas. The Bible does not mention or condemn abortion. Exodus 21:22 demands only a fine for causing a miscarriage. Doctors of the Church Augustine, Jerome and Aquinas said early abortion did not constitute the killing of a human being because the fetus did not possess a human soul (Ensoulment). Various popes ruled taking the life of a fetus which lacked a human soul was not murder. For centuries, the Church's own law said there was a difference between the ensouled fetus and the fetus that lacks a human soul (Canon Law). Personal human life and cellular human life are not the same thing (equivocation). The Catholic Church HAS NEVER OFFICIALLY CHANGED the dogma that the fetus does not have a human soul at conception but acquires one over time. The Catholic Church's does NOT hold that the fetus has a human soul from the moment of conception, and therefore it does NOT teach taking the life of a fetus which lacks a human soul is murder.

Document: Respect for Unborn Human Life: The Church's Constant Teaching
https://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/abortion/respect-for-unborn-human-life

Document: Evangelium Vitae, Pope John Paul II, 1995
https://www.vatican.va/content/john-paul-ii/en/encyclicals/documents/hf_jp-ii_enc_25031995_evangelium-vitae.html

Web page: Questions on Exodus by Augustine of Hippo
https://sites.google.com/site/aquinasstudybible/home/exodus/questions-on-exodus-by-augustine-of-hippo

Web page: Modern look at abortion not same as St. Augustine's
https://www.catholicaction.org/modern_look_at_abortion_not_same_as_st_augustine_s

Web page: Abortion and Catholic thought. The little-known history
https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/12178868

Web page: The Irish Times

https://www.irishtimes.com/opinion/church-stance-on-abortion-and-soul-of-child-has-varied-over-time-1.554478

Web page: Pope Gregory XIV (1535-1591)
https://embryo.asu.edu/pages/pope-gregory-xiv-1535-1591

Web page: Pope Innocent III: Article
http://www.midi-france.info/articles/a_innocent.htm

Music: MARIAGE D'AMOUR - No Copyright and Royalty Free Music
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51 – Dumb Matter {5:20}

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The Child's hierarchy: dumb matter, matter with personality, animals, other children, adults, God.; God and matter at opposite ends of the hierarchy; mundane, earthly world of the medieval peasant; wonder and mystery associated with the next world, with heaven and God; matter can give directions, play chess, see almost to the time of the Big Bang; five most common elements of the universe; four most common elements of the human body; we did not come into the universe, we came out of it; is there an ultimate foundation of matter?; fundamental Natural Theology hypotheses that there is a fundamental entity which we regard as God.

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(Natural Theology video) 22 - God Who Is A Person (2)
(Natural Theology video) 86 - But Is It God?
(Natural Theology video) 78 - What is God?
(Natural Theology video) 79 - True God, False Gods

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50 - Light and Dark {10:29}

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Dark themes; At Seventeen; age, size of the universe; life expectancy; inrush of Uncreated Light; sad and broken; phenomenal ego and deeper self; perpetual eucharistic adoration; Quaker silent meeting; dark thoughts bring me to light? oneness and duality; everyday state of mind; sadness and death lead to opening to the universe; unbalanced? go within; John Butler; late-life renunciants in India; politics; 2020 presidential debate; unaware of death? altruistic; a fuller cosmic consciousness; getting in touch with the deeper, inward self; expanded awareness
Errata: golden monstrance not golden chalice

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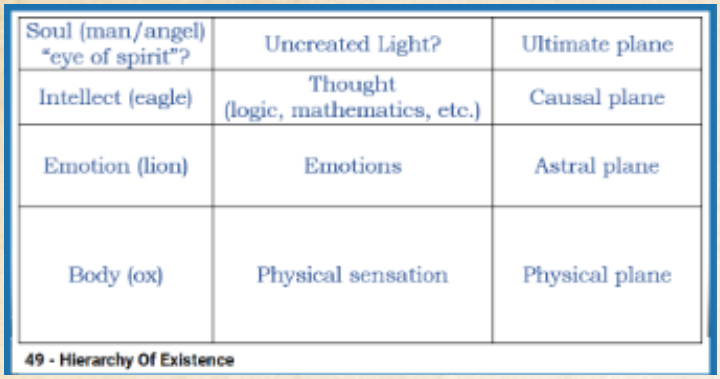
Date: Jan 30, 2021; Music added 10 Dec 2025

49 - Hierarchy of Existence {14:37}



Soul (man/angel) "eye of spirit"?	Uncreated Light?	Ultimate plane
Intellect (eagle)	Thought (logic, mathematics, etc.)	Causal plane
Emotion (lion)	Emotions	Astral plane
Body (ox)	Physical sensation	Physical plane

49 - Hierarchy Of Existence

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Body, emotion, intellect, soul/consciousness; physical plane, astral plane, causal plane, ultimate plane; eye of the spirit; mindscape; dualism vs monism; logic and mathematics inhere in the world; unreasonable effectiveness of mathematics in the natural sciences; language of God; remainder of dividing square by 3; the foundation of mathematics and logic; Quantum Questions by Ken Wilber; Einstein: Nature is the realization of the simplest conceivable mathematical ideas; matter as a crystallization of mind; guiding principle: selecting the simplest and most elegant mathematical description; Lost in Math by Sabine Hossenfelder

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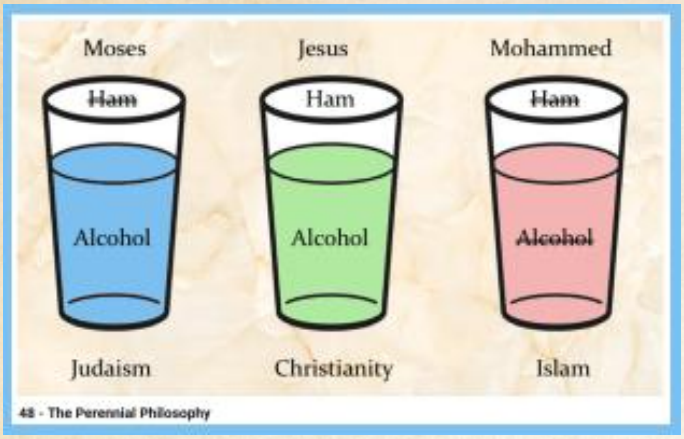
48 - The Perennial Philosophy {17:05}



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The perennial philosophy: world's religions share a common core. Ham and alcohol. Universal truths. What mystical experiences have in common. Aldous Huxley. Vedanta, Hebrew Prophecy, Tao Teh King, The Platonic dialogues, Gospel according to St. John, Mahayana theology, Plotinus, Dionysius the Areopagite, Persian Sufis, Christian mystics. Highest common factor; chemically pure state. Mansur Al-Hallaj. Meister Eckhart. Contemplation. Neoplatonism. Tibetan Book of the Dead. Bhagavad-Gita. Four fundamental doctrines: 1. The cosmos is the manifestation of a Divine Ground; 2. We can experience the Ground by a direct intuition, superior to discursive reasoning; 3. We have a dual nature: a transitory ego and a deeper, more enduring self; 4. Life's ultimate purpose: to identify with the eternal Self and come to unitive knowledge of the Ground.

(book) The Perennial Philosophy: An Interpretation of the Great Mystics, East and West, Aldous Huxley, (various editions)

(book) Dionysius the Areopagite; The Divine Names; and The Mystical Theology. C. E. Rolt, translator (various editions)

(YouTube) 81 - Meeting God: Dionysius the Areopagite https://youtu.be/gUoJN67h7I8

(book) The Song of God: Bhagavad-Gita, Translated by Swami Prabhavananda and Christopher Isherwood, With an Introduction by Aldous Huxley

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- (Natural Theology video) 86 - But Is It God?
- (Natural Theology video) 91 - The HEART of Natural Theology
- (Natural Theology video) 92 – Experience Itself
- (Natural Theology video) 29 - Paths to God
- (Natural Theology video) 26 - Human Life: Its Meaning, Its Purpose
- (Natural Theology video) 53 - Future Religion

Music: Zackross. Dreamy | Free Background Music
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47 – Pain {11:48}

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Pain of childbirth; Genesis; King James; Eufame MacAlyane burnt to death; offer it up for the souls in Purgatory; pain banker; Jesus paid our pain debt; gofundme; indulgences; Martin Luther; Jesus paid a debt; Sixteen Tons; brute fact; pain as a protective mechanism; pain not always educational; children with cancer; pain as unbearable experience of Uncreated Light? creatures; raised the question but didn't answer it; not aware of an answer I consider satisfactory; theology matters; truth matters; the rainbow; Marx, Lenin; usury as a sin; the value of being able to say "I don't know"

Music: Goldberg Variations, BWV 988 - 26 - Variatio 25 a 2 Clav.
https://musopen.org/music/

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46 – Success {3:34}

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Could natural theology be developed as a science? Hegel, the philosopher; thesis, antithesis, synthesis; scientific symposium? epistemological method more important than conclusions, beliefs; no slavish devotion to Newton; Einstein not condemned as a heretic; what would constitute success

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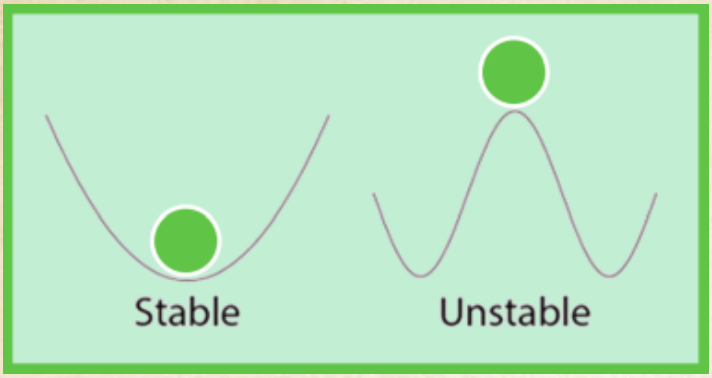
45 - The Summit {7:36}



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Natural theology midway between religion and atheist; Jesus as the "Truth"; truth as Reality, Uncreated Light? a human personification of the Ultimate Ground of Existence? Gods who are Persons as personifications; false beliefs about Reality due to seeing it through the distorting lens of scripture? seeing darkly vs seeing reality as it is; scripture as an idol; religion and atheism aren't the only two alternatives; natural theology as a third alternative, as a way to give up the false without giving up the religious attitude; natural theology as a temptation

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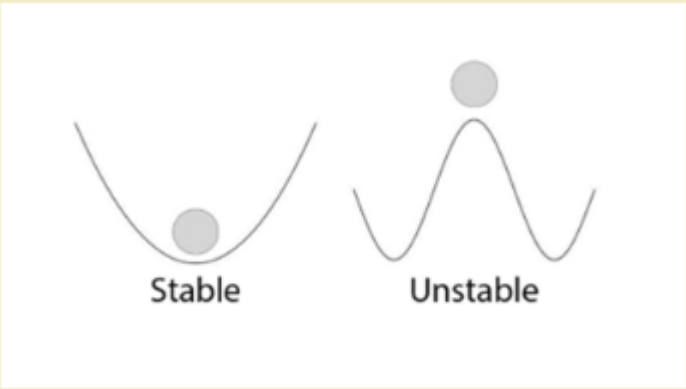
44 - An Unstable Equilibrium? {12:05}



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Does the idea of unstable equilibrium apply to Natural Theology? A summary of most previous videos, reviewing of various topics we discussed and how they often sit between organized religion and atheism; an indication of the truth of Natural Theology?

Music: Wisdom by Gary Strausbaugh
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Date: 29 Jan 2021; Music added, sound remix: 14 Dec 2025

43 - The Religious Hysteric {14:53}

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What type of person can watch an old lady burned as a witch and think that's OK? Or see slavery and think it's good? A type of person I call "the religious hysteric". We also discuss: stable and unstable equilibrium; Terra Incognita; the Playboy Philosophy; Hugh Hefner; Dr. Kellogg; "Plain Facts for Old and Young", a guide to a sane sex life; postponing puberty; mental unchastity; filthy imaginings; lascivious daydreams can cause premature death; only proper use of sex is reproduction; marital excesses; a child conceived in lust; birth control a crime against nature and a form of perversion; contraception a form of abortion; masturbation; penitential books; detecting a child practicing the "solitary vice"; tie the hands; bandage the parts; cover the organs with a cage; circumcision without anesthetic; internationally renowned doctor; representative views; physiology texts used in public schools; Errata: "hideousness" not "hiddenness"

(Book) Plain Facts for Old and Young, J. H. Kellogg, M.D., Segner and Condit, Burlington, Iowa, 1879
https://www.gutenberg.org/files/19924/19924-h/19924-h.htm
https://archive.org/details/plainfaorold00kell

Music: The Calling by Angelwing
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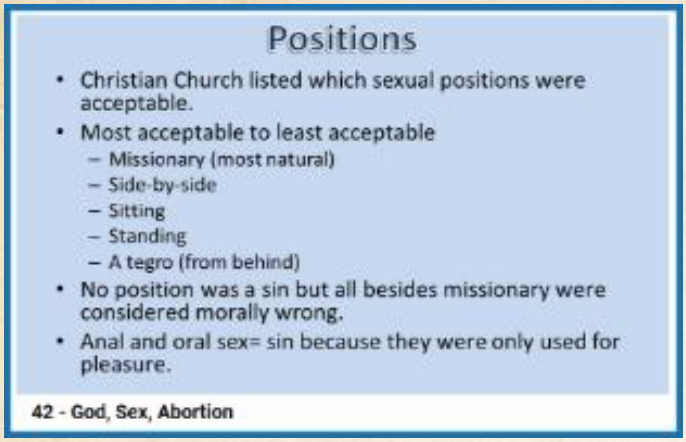
42 – God, Sex, Abortion {9:28}



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"God" as an emotional term, that expresses what we consider ultimate, supreme; "God is Love" seems to be an immanent, impersonal God; "Oh, God" used in sexual union; does embarrassment of a personal God looking on engender a restrictive attitude towards sex? Jesus praised voluntary eunuchs; missionary position the most moral? do believers in an impersonal God have a freer sex life? hidden motives disguised with elevated philosophical phrases? hidden motives in the abortion controversy? pro-choice; non-descriptive labels? prostitution? selling human organs? pro-life; vegetarian; capital punishment; war; empty the orphanages; posing? health coverage in the U.S.; so idea for your consideration

Music: The Ethereal Dream - Nycto
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41 – Truth and Faith {8:34}

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Do these video clips have worth? is treating uncomfortable themes like death, our smallness in the face of the size and age of the universe, etc., worthwhile? the value, power, importance of truth; exploring magnetism and electricity led to E=mc^2 led to our modern world; truth led to power, which was sometimes misused (as in colonialism); the dark side of some truths; overall truth benefits us; faith in truth as a pursuit in itself; “cosmic” consciousness vs small, comfortable consciousness; smallness of religious faith; the return of Jesus and the rapture; Biblical creation; young Earth creationists; some religious faith as idolatry in a book; belief in truth as a superior type of faith; faith that true matter the most; we should desire truth more than comfort; two types of faiths compared

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(Natural Theology video) 24 - Looking Ahead
(Natural Theology video) 25 - The Value of Disillusionment
(Natural Theology video) 39 – Cosmic Consciousness?

Music: guitar 5, jeremiah 7
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40 – Criticizing Religion {8:31}

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1. Criticism
    1. Hurts
    2. Confirmation Bias
    3. Cognitive Dissonance
        1. Emotional Response
        2. Personal Identity
    4. Disconfirming Evidence
        1. Alibi
        2. Boat
        3. Vaccine denying radio hosts who died from COVID
    5. Valuing truth corresponds with valuing disconfirming evidence
        1. Disillusion means to lose an illusion, thus move closer to truth
    6. Valuing emotional comfort corresponds to dismissal and irritation
        1. Why disillusionment seems sad
    7. Video: 25 – The Value of Disillusionment
2. Criticizing Religion
    1. Religious people generally interested in emotional comfort
    2. Emotional comfort: community, assurance of eternal life and the love of God
    3. Usually do not welcome evidence. Advise faith instead.
    4. Door-to-door calls and missionaries
3. My Criticisms of Religion:

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    2. (Natural Theology video) 14 - Ontology and Epistemology
    3. (Natural Theology video) 53 - Future Religion
    4. (Natural Theology video) 93 - Is Hell Real? No.
    5. (Natural Theology video) 32 – A Clean, Well- Lighted Place
    6. (Natural Theology video) 89 - From Science To Natural Theology

(Magazine article) https://www.vanityfair.com/news/2021/09/anti-vax-radio-hosts-dying-covid

Music: It Ain't Necessarily So, Billy Butterfiled with Johnny Mercer 1944

https://ia800103.us.archive.org/8/items/78_it-aint-necessarily-so_billy-butterfield-and-his-orchestra-johnny-mercer-george-_gbia0032366f/It%20Ain%27t%20Necessarily%20So%20-%20Billy%20Butterfield%20and%20His%20Orchestra.mp3

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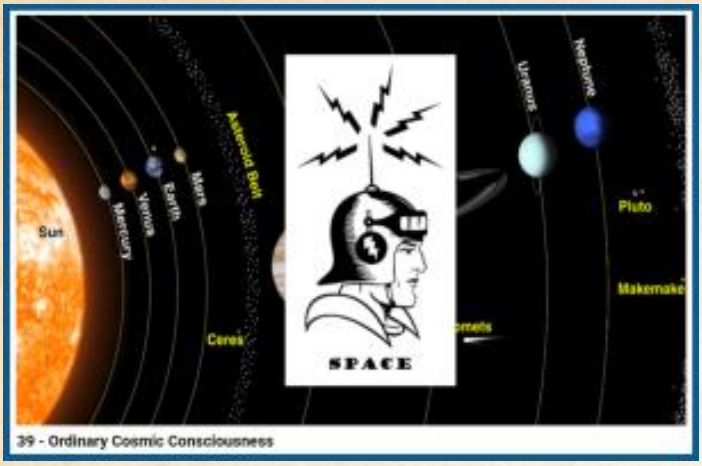
39 – Ordinary Cosmic Consciousness {6:33}



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Begins with the idea of Cosmic Consciousness from “Cosmic Consciousness: A Study in the Evolution of the Human Mind” by Richard M. Bucke. Describes Bucke’s experience of inner light, which left him with “Vivid sense of the universe as a living presence, rather than as basically lifeless, inert matter.” Cosmic cave. What does ordinary cosmic consciousness mean? As a child, thought much about the planets and stars. “Space” nickname. Complete return address. Small, snug world of medieval peasant. Huge age and size of the universe; Universe cold and uncaring? Religions’ answer; Natural Theology’s answer.

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(Natural Theology video) 86 - But Is It God?
(Natural Theology video) 90 - The Cosmic Cave

Music: "Asturias" by Isaac Albéniz [Spanish Guitar]
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DS45hVQWT0U

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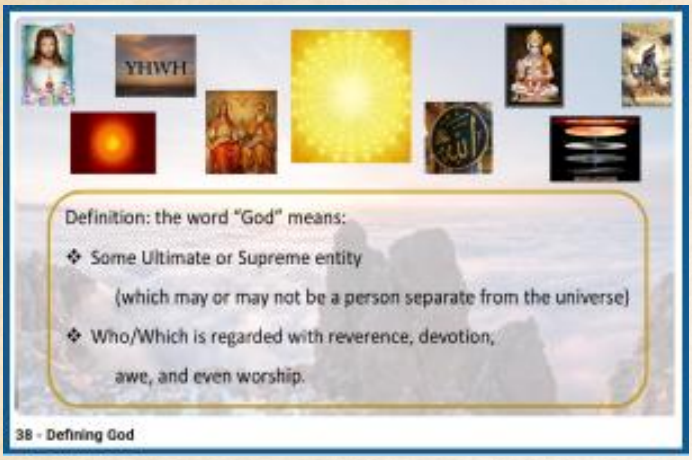
Original: 19 Sept 2020; Rerecorded 22, Jan 2025

38 – Defining God {8:44}



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What do mean by the word "God"? Jesus? The Trinity? Krishna? Hannemann? Yahweh? Allah? Gods who are Persons, with desires and thoughts, outside the universe. Brahman? Neoplatonism's The One? Ultimate Ground of Existence? Impersonal, Immanent God. First Cause. God is Love. Spray of a fountain. Reverence, devotion, ultimate source. Being. God is an ultimate, supreme entity Who/Which is regarded with reverence, devotion, awe, and even worship. Eric Clapton.

Music: Space Coast - TOPHER MOHR & ALEX ELENA #music #ambient
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dFykxjnDiyI&list=PLh5X0e7-mnI3lh-nb3fwZ8OcndGLfVdZX&index=34

Background image: Crimea, Ai-Petri, low clouds.jpg
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Original: 18 September 2020; Rerecorded 17 January 2025

37 – A Question of Solace: Theology and Religion {9:25}

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Open to discussion, but not with the closed-minded; William Lane Craig; Christian apologists; the self-authenticating witness of the Holy Spirit, wholly apart from the evidence; all Canaanite men, women, and children killed; death of children actually their salvation? suicide bomber; Son of Sam; turning off a part of the mind; meme, a mental virus; what could Natural Theology say to a person in deep grief? our place in the universe, in time, in space, on Earth; gods who are persons are creatures; the question of identity; consciousness as identity? no enduring identity? a wave on the ocean? as an actor plays Hamlet; body, emotion, intellect, soul; pioneers; a question of solace is an open question for us, for now

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(Natural Theology video) 05 - The Great Fear

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Music: Gentle acoustic guitar
Music by Rigel Vega from Pixabay
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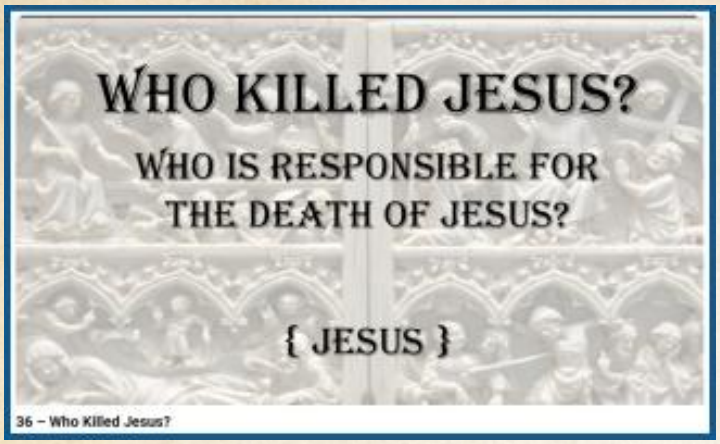
Original: 18 Sept 2020; Rerecorded and music added: 9 Dec 2025

36 – Who Killed Jesus? {10:29}



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Who is responsible for the death of Jesus? Backstory: Garden of Eden, first sin, gates of heaven closed, Jesus had to die to reopen the gates of heaven; Mythicism; The Romans? Herod; Pontius Pilate; Barabbas; Magi, priests of a foreign religion; did Jesus break the law? the census of David; prophecy of Jesus? Matthew 1:22-23 a mistranslation; miracles of Jesus? Moses kills the Nile's fishes; the Egyptian magicians do the same; did the Romans have reason to kill Jesus? Palm Sunday; a million killed in siege of Jerusalem; Aelia Capitolina; Jesus freely chose to suffer and die; Jesus is responsible for his death.

Music: Music: MARIAGE D'AMOUR - No Copyright and Royalty Free Music
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Background image:
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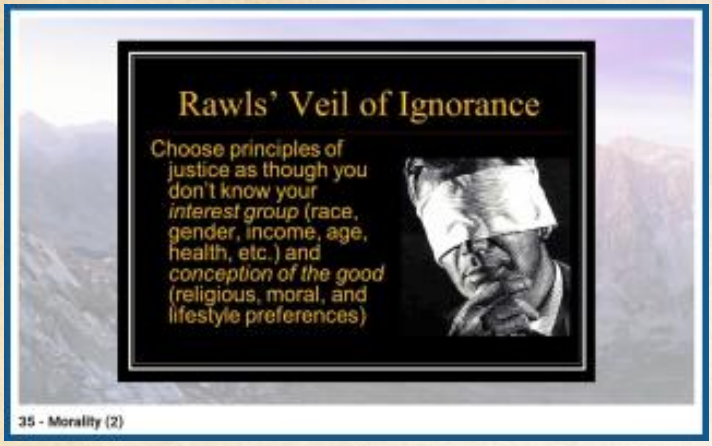
Original: 16 Sept 2020; improved graphics: 11 Jan 2025

35 - Morality (2) {6:57}



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Morality; Personal morality not actually based on revelation; Pastor says which rules to follow and which to ignore; Kant's categorical imperative; How to determine what is moral? Aristotle; Immanuel Kant; John Rawls; the Veil of Ignorance; Science; Hume's Guillotine; Chess game analogy; Science plus goal might give us morality.

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(Natural Theology video) 07 - Morality

Music: YouTube music: Aurora on the Boulevard by National Sweetheart
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1aHt6dp_tQM

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Original: 15 September 2020; Rerecorded: 10 January 2025

34 – World Transformer {7:59}

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Gods who are Persons as world transformers; woman loses parent, world becomes harsh, dark place; meets wonderful man; world is transformed; doesn't allow criticism of man for fear the world will revert; belief in Gods who are Persons transform the world into a safe place, where we have a protector, where there is a bright, happy afterlife waiting; criticism not allowed; one universally accepted god superior to many different gods; peoples' and religious hierarchy's fierce reaction to criticism and disbelief; usefulness of official religion to the state.

(Photo of girl) https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Girl_Sitting_in_Chair.jpg

Music: https://pixabay.com/music/search/schubert/
Serenade - Schubert; Abydos_Music

Original: 14 Sept 2020; Improved graphics: 16 Dec 2024

33 - Who Is Jesus? (Naturally) {16:52}

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Who is Jesus? In our Natural Theology, Gods who are Persons have, at best, a creature-type existence; there are many imaginary views of Jesus; Jesus of the New Testament; many Christians are unacquainted with New Testament Jesus; they aren't acquainted with everything he said; man asks priest "Why do you allow yourself to be called 'Father" when Jesus said 'Call no man father'?" The priest responded, "Jesus never said that." Three days and three nights between Good Friday and Easter Sunday? Taking oaths; White Jesus, Japanese Jesus, Jewish Jesus; New Testament Jesus less than perfect; Jesus abandons his parents; parents search for three days, worrying; Jesus calls Mary "woman"; about 34 miracles of Jesus, most concerning healing; regrettable effect on the practice of medicine; parents pray but child dies; Jesus spaceport; Roman emperor Theodosius makes Christianity the official religion of the Roman empire; Sabbath moved to Sunday; Jesus is a Roman name; Yeshua; date of Easter; Caesar assassinated on March 15;

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(Natural Theology video) 17 - One True God
(Natural Theology Video) 00 - Welcome

(Verses about oaths) Matthew 5:33-37

(Verses about teaching in the temple) Luke 2:41-50

(Verse about woman) John 2:4

(Bible website about "Woman") https://www.bibleref.com/John/2/John-2-4.html

(Verse about woman) John 19:26-27

(Book): A History of the Warfare of Science with Theology in Christendom, Andrew D. White

Music: Cool Jazz Session 2
Music by officeMIKADO from Pixabay
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Original: 26 Jan 2021; Updated: 14 Dec 2024

32 – A Clean, Well- Lighted Place {9:36}

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Showcase:
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Catalog:
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"A Clean, Well-Lighted Place" (an Ernest Hemingway short story) describes the nothingness and emptiness of the universe. Uses the story as an analogy to describe what religion does for the believer. That some religions reject science and create an unreal universe to create the clean, well-lighted place. That Natural Theology accepts the scientific view of the universe and adds one hypothesis: that the universe is a manifestation of a single entity, the Ultimate Ground of Existence, God.

(PDF) https://ia801900.us.archive.org/11/items/BM282003hemingway/BM28_2003_hemingway.pdf

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(Natural Theology video) 03 - Unbiased Natural Theology
(Natural Theology video) 86 - But Is It God?
(Natural Theology video) 78 - What is God?
(Natural Theology video) 79 - True God, False Gods

Music: Tomaso Giovanni Albinoni - Adagio in G minor - Arr for alto saxophone and piano - David Hernando Vitores.ogg
https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Tomaso_Giovanni_Albinoni_-_Adagio_in_G_minor_-_Arr_for_alto_saxophone_and_piano_-_David_Hernando_Vitores.ogg

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Date: 11 Dec 2024

31 – Balance and Natural Theology {4:01}

Video URL:
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Website:
https://adamford.com

Showcase:
https://vimeo.com/showcase/11975768

Catalog:
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Begins with types of balance: stable, equilibrium, and neutral equilibrium. Discusses symbolism of the Natural Theology opening screen. Natural Theology doesn't accept any Gods who are Persons and any writings as scripture. Natural Theology sits between religion and atheism. It is, in some ways, both and, in other ways, neither. Ways of misunderstanding Natural Theology.

Music: Canon in D (Pachelbel's Canon in D). [BEST COPYRIGHT FREE VERSION]
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BhxS1MfCAf8

Background Image: a Forever Spin top. More info at ForeverSpin.com

Date: 5 Dec 2024

30 – Illusion and Reality {14:26}

Video URL:
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Showcase:
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Catalog:
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Is the world an illusion? mirage; impossible triangle; Adelson checkerboard illusion; Donald Hoffman; the world likened to a video game interface; Bishop George Berkeley and idealism; Rene Descartes' evil demon; The Matrix movie; take the world seriously but not literally; Aldous Huxley; Ramana Maharshi; body, emotions, mind, and awareness/consciousness; Vedanta; the coil of rope mistaken for a snake; God remains an illusion until you have realized God, and once you realized God, the world becomes an illusion.

(YouTube) How to Make Tribar Illusion | DIY Penrose Triangle | Impossible Triangle
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ilTynWAdmJo

(YouTube) Adelson's Checker-Shadow Illusion
https://www.illusionsindex.org/i/adelson-s-checker-shadow-illusion

(YouTube) Do we see reality as it is? | Donald Hoffman | TED
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oYp5XuGYqqY&t=555s

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(Natural Theology video) 08 - Approaching Identity

Music: Samurai Flutes | Ehteral Fanasy Flute Relaxing Meditation Music
https://pixabay.com/music/ambient-samurai-flutes-ethereal-fantasy-flute-relaxing-meditation-music-248255/
Music by Shakib Hasan from Pixabay

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Original: About 2020. Edited and rerecorded 4 Dec 2024

29 - Paths To God {18:02}

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Paths to God; Here Now book; supernal Light; Guru Maharaj Ji; emotionally-driven; intellectually-driven; St. Augustine; Light Unchangeable; body, emotion, intellect, soul; yoga: karma, jnana; bhatki, raja; Salvation Army; Jesuits; Centering Prayer; Thomas Keating; The Cloud of Unknowing

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(Natural Theology video) 23 - Looking Back
(Natural Theology video) 27 - Experiencing God as Uncreated Light
(Natural Theology video) 08 - Approaching Identity
(Natural Theology video) 48 - The Perennial Philosophy
(Natural Theology video) 01 - Existence

(book) - The World Was Flooded with Light; A Mystical Experience Remembered, Genevieve W. Foster, Univ of Pittsburgh Press; First Edition (January 1, 1985)

Music: 15th Century Lute Player
Music by Alana Jordan from Pixabay
https://pixabay.com/music/folk-15th-century-lute-player-235832/

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Original: About 2020. Rerecorded 27 Nov 2024

28 – A Museum of Ideas {4:51}

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Website:
https://adamford.com

Showcase:
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Catalog:
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Self-reflection; jack of all trades, master of none; STEM background; critical thinking; Abraham Lincoln; sharing ideas; mindscape; tour guide in my museum of ideas; criticizing a general statement; criticizing for what it was not meant to be; dishonest criticism?

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(Natural Theology video) 21 - The Perfect is the Enemy of the Good
(Natural Theology video) 13 - Emanations

Music: Moonlight Sonata – Beethoven (No Copyright Music)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q91NKLjxXyg

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27 – Experiencing God as Uncreated Light {18:09}

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Showcase:
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Catalog:
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Experiencing God as Uncreated Light; uncreated = never created = eternal; St. Augustine's experience; Eastern Orthodox Christianity; Rome moved empire's seat to Constantinople in 324; Roman Empire fell in 1453; Filioque: "and the Son"; Filioque phrase; Nicene Creed; great schism of east-west Christianity in 1054; Patriarch and Pope excommunicate each other; Pope as successor to St. Peter; new testament written in Greek; Hesychasm; experience of God as Uncreated Light; Saint Symeon the New Theologian; Uncreated Energies; St. Gregory Palamas; Light of transfiguration of Jesus on Mount Tabor

Videos of this channel mentioned. Go to showcase (link above) to find.
57 - Prayer

(Slides) Chapter 11:1 Byzantium Becomes the New Rome
https://www.slideshare.net/slideshow/byzantium-becomes-the-new-rome/88403840#1

(YouTube) The Fall of Constantinople: The Great Siege of 1453 | Documentary
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ObsR8-Z7v-s

(YouTube) What is Hesychasm? - Mystical Practice in Orthodox Christianity
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rVxQDcOgU4I

(Book) St. Gregory Palamas and Orthodox Spirituality by John Meyendorff
St. Valdimir's Seminary Press 1974

(Book) Writings from the Philokalia on Prayer of the Heart, Trans by E. Kadloubovsky and G.E.H. Palmer

(Book) The Vision of God, Vladimir Lossky, Trans by Asheleigh Moorhouse

(YouTube) Video 4 of 4 "Uncreated Light"
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JRWW8Dl9JTM

(YouTube) Miracles of GOD's 'UNCREATED LIGHT' of The Holy Spirit found in CHRISTIAN ORTHODOXY
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ftS6ZsENz4k
Excerpt 1: 0:00 to 1:07; Excerpt 2: 8:50 to 9:10

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(Natural Theology video) 04 - God as Ultimate Ground of Existence

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Original: About 2020. Rerecorded 20 Nov 2024

26 – Human Life: Meaning and Purpose {5:30}

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Discusses the questions “What is the meaning of life?” and “What is the purpose of life?”; meaning requires agreement between sender and receiver; tool; chair; Paul Revere; one if by land, two if by sea; car sun visor; "meaning of life"; Rorschach Test; meaning not the right question? "purpose of life" a better question? purpose not necessarily inherent; hammer, for nails or as paperweight? Possible purposes: happiness, make a difference, personal growth, spiritual, etc.; a supreme, ultimate purpose? Heaven for those who believe in a God who is a Person; Reuniting with the One for those who had an impersonal, immanent God. It's our choice.

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(Natural Theology video) 08 - Approaching Identity
(Natural Theology video) 83 - Invitation To The Mystic Quest

Music: Feeling Free by David Renda
https://www.fesliyanstudios.com/royalty-free-music/download/feeling-free/1558

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25 – Value of Disillusionment {7:46}

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Value of disillusionment; Newton's laws; colonialism; Belgium Congo; French Indonesia; the sun never sets on the British Empire; not Saint Newton; not sacred theory; Einstein; 1919 eclipse, planet Mercury; scientific epistemological method contrasted with religious epistemological method; truth supreme; astronomy and the Bible; young Earth geology; visceral disgust; more interested in ideas than people; rejecting genuine knowledge; Bible's talking donkey; mental lobotomy; scriptures as idol, as golden calf, as false god; disgust and anger; the value of disillusionment; the only people who become disillusioned are people who have illusions

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(Natural Theology video): 24 - Looking Ahead
(Natural Theology video): 14 - Ontology and Epistemology

The Big Bang Myth
https://answersingenesis.org/big-bang/

Evidence for Young Universe
https://answersingenesis.org/astronomy/age-of-the-universe/

THIS Is Why Scientists Are WRONG About the Age of the Earth
https://answersingenesis.org/videos/this-is-why-scientists-are-wrong-about-the-age-of-the-earth/

The Higgs announcement as open science
https://www.nature.com/articles/s42254-022-00489-5

Music: Fatal Echoes FoePound
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24 – Looking Ahead {9:20}

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Looking ahead; fourth assumption: direct experience of Uncreated Light is possible; psychedelics and mystical experience; God as One objective reality underlying Gods who are Persons; trans-species religion; chemistry; original Star Trek; vision of an attractive future world; Catholic saints; faces of Godhead; religious wars; magnetism and static electricity in the ancient world; compass; earth, wind, fire, air, and supernatural aether; Newton; gravity applies to heavens as well as Earth; Ben Franklin's lightning rod showed lightning as a natural phenomenon; Maxwell's equations of electromagnetism; radio waves; Titanic radioed for help; Einstein; E=mc^2; types of faith; faith that what is true matters.

Music: Wisdom by Gary Strausbaugh
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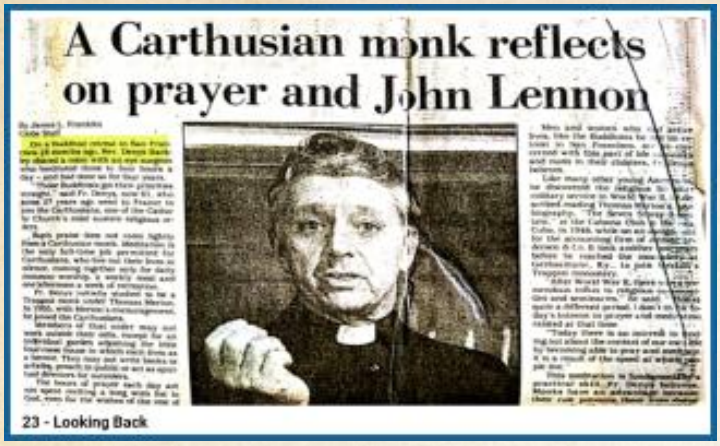
23 – Looking Back {9:42}



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Looking back on a few of our assumptions; trying to do natural theology, making it as compatible with science as possible, assumptions: ultimate ground of existence: 1) objectively exists, 2) is equivalent to undifferentiated energy, 3) is conscious (a big assumption); luminiferous aether, caloric fluid; energy, matter, life, mind, culture hierarchy; subsuming Gods who are Persons as creatures, as manifestations, as emanations, ocean of uncreated light; Buddhist primordial Clear Light of Reality; non-dual state; “God alone is real, the Eternal Substance”, uniting science and religion, eliminating doublethink, a view which is “neither religious or scientific but simply our view of the world”; 1960s; hippies, Hari Krishnas changing; Beatles, Tim Leary; Richard Alpert (Ram Das); Be Here Now book; Good Friday experiment; ego loss; psilocybin; Catholic Jesuit high school; Carthusian monk leading meditation retreat; life of contemplation; Julian of Norwich; anchorite; birth of new religions? Rajneesh; Rajneeshpruam; Pioneering trans-species natural theology - wave of the future?

(Book): The Philosophy of Conscious Energy: Answers to the Ultimate Questions
by Joseph P. Provenzano
https://www.amazon.com/Philosophy-Conscious-Energy-Ultimate-Questions/dp/1555234933

(Book): Pure Conscious Energy: The Path to Innate-Intelligence ~ Make the Mind Your Friend
https://www.amazon.com/Pure-Conscious-Energy-Innate-Intelligence-Friend/dp/B08C8R9QVY

(Chikhai Bardo):
https://tibetanbuddhistencyclopedia.com/en/index.php/Chikhai_Bardo:_The_Primordial_(Clear_Light)_and_the_Awareness-Body

(Sri Ramakrishna quote): *The Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna*, (p. 81-2, 179)
Trans. by Swami Nikhilananda, (Ramakrishna-Vivekananda Center, New York, 1977)

(Totapuri quote): *The Life of Sri Ramakrishna (p. 159)*
(Pub. by Swami Budhananda, Advaita Ashrama, Calcutta, 1971)

(Alan Watts quote): Watts, Alan, W. *The Joyous Cosmology*
(Vintage Books, New York, 1962

(Website): Why Are Christians Such Bad Tippers?
https://www.christianitytoday.com/2013/02/why-are-christians-such-bad-tippers/

(Book): The Psychedelic Experience: A Manual Based on the Tibetan Book of the Dead
by Timothy Leary, Richard Alpert, Ralph Metzner

Music: The Calling by Angelwing
https://www.freemusicpublicdomain.com

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22 - Gods Who Are Persons (2) {14:57}

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God as a person or as an impersonal entity; as transcendent or as immanent; God as transcendental person who creates the universe but is separate from it; child's hierarchy; arguments for God as s Person, i.e., theism: 1) intelligent design, 2) fine-tuning of the universe, 3) Kalam cosmological argument; bacteria flagellum; COVID-19, polio virus; malevolent intelligent designer?; inordinate fondness for beetles; randomly transported to a point on Earth; Ambrose Bierce; does anything have "a" cause? God of the gaps; Ben Franklin's lightning rod; A History of the Warfare of Science with Theology in Christendom; Neil deGrasse Tyson; God who are Persons as creatures; what a genuine universal revelation might look like; no wide-spread access to Bible for centuries; Gods who are Persons don't measure up to the universe; Errata: 1) Michael Behe wrote the preface, not the book, 2) theory of evolution describes evolution, not origin, of life.

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(Natural Theology video) 02 - God: Personal/Impersonal
(Natural Theology video) 11 - Experience of God (1)
(Natural Theology video) 03 - Unbiased Natural Theology
(Natural Theology video) 04 - God as Ultimate Ground of Existence
(Natural Theology video) 17 - One True God
(Natural Theology video) 18 - Gods Who Are Persons

Book mentioned: Intelligent Design by William A. Dembski, Forward by Michael Behe

Mentioned: The Worm Project at http://WormProject.org

YouTube: What Causes Lightning? Also, Ben Franklins Lightning Rod!
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kpKbD3ErCBU

Book: A History of the Warfare of Science with Theology in Christendom, Andrew D. White
Available on the Internet

Music: Blossom – GalaxyTones (No Copyright Music)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mTCC84FojN0

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21 – The Perfect is The Enemy of The Good {3:10}

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How the perfect is sometimes the enemy of the good; Voltaire; soup kitchen; Walter Hilton's The Stairway of Perfection; my video imperfections, bloopers

YouTube music: Aurora on the Boulevard by National Sweetheart
https://studio.youtube.com/channel/UCqV41edc084UN2WYlKYJB7A/music

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20 – How to Make a Scripture? {9:08}

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How to make a scripture; Bible, Koran, Book of Mormon; the Great Flood, whitewashed; drowning rabbit bunnies and kittens; Garden of Eden; Adam and Eve, as mental children? the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil; walking, talking serpent as Satan; Jesus tempted by Satan; painful childbirth; earn bread from sweat of brow; sin, death, evil infects the entire universe; who is responsible? beautiful city with doomsday device in middle; creating divinely-inspired piece of music; Mozart; defeating person's confidence in their own judgment; self-doubt; putting scripture above reason; a hypothesis but I may be wrong

Music: Beautiful Piano by LesFM | https://lesfm.net/piano-background-music/
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19 - Reincarnation, Heaven, Hell {11:43}

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Reincarnation, Heaven, Hell; the hard problem of consciousness; surviving death; rewarding good, punishing evil; belief in reincarnation reduces empathy? the One; the creature; image/light; is living eternally really desirable? boredom; heaven and hell temporary, eventually return? biased? Pope can make or unmake something a sin; eating meat on Friday was a mortal sin; hell for a hot dog? seven deadly sins: pride, greed, wrath, envy, lust, gluttony, and sloth; stops us from achieving highest level? eternal torture believable? my reluctance to declare something a mortal sin; bogeyman for the weak-minded? Subjective/emotional language vs objective/intellectual language.

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(Natural Theology video) 18 – Gods Who Are Persons
(Natural Theology video) 08 - Approaching Identity
(Natural Theology video) 09 - Who Am I? What Happens After Death?
(Natural Theology video) 10 - Theologia Germanica https://youtu.be/N6sqPlHNsqA
(Natural Theology video) 15 – Language: Objective and Subjective

YouTube: What are Qualia? (Philosophical Definitions)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=Zuj0zXfJfZM

Web Article: Slate “Why No One Actually Wants to Live Forever”
https://slate.com/technology/2013/10/increasing-human-lifespan-could-have-a-serious-side-effect-boredom.html

Music: Titan by Scott Buckley
'Titan' by Scott Buckley - released under CC-BY 4.0. www.scottbuckley.com.au
https://www.scottbuckley.com.au/library/titan/

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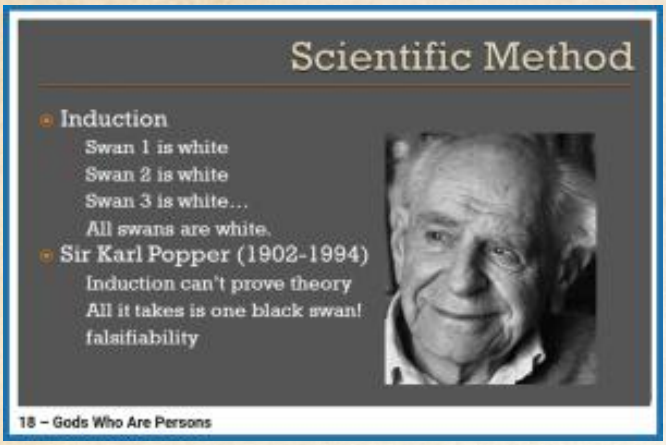
18 – Gods Who Are Persons {7:00}



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Discusses Gods who are persons; inductive reasoning; inductive leap; deductive reasoning; black swans; scientific method, Sir Karl Popper; falsifiability; is "natural law" really "natural habit"? habitual choice of seats in a classroom; Gods who are persons as creatures, as manifestations of the ground of being? The all and the one; that in which we live and move and have our being; sea of existence; flows from the Godhead.

Swans: Photo by Stefan Camps:
https://www.pexels.com/photo/three-majestic-swans-gliding-on-tranquil-lake-29099460/

Link: New Advent Question 13. The power of Christ's soul
The Summa Theologiæ of St. Thomas Aquinas
Second and Revised Edition, 1920
https://www.newadvent.org/summa/4013.htm

Article: Jesus Christ, Creature or Creator?: Responding to the Jehovah's Witnesses
https://ratiochristi.co.za/jesus-christ-creature-or-creator-responding-to-the-jehovahs-witnesses/

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(Natural Theology video) 10 – Theologia Germanica
(Natural Theology video) 78 - What is God?
(Natural Theology video) 79 - True God, False Gods

Music: Strange the Dreamer - Savfk, Audio Library - Free Music
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oEXFMGK7IC0

Original: 31 Aug 2020. Revised version updated 2024

17 – One True God {5:26}

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Discusses the One True God; Easter Island, small, isolated; Easter Island's creator of humanity; Jerusalem; thousands of gods have been worshipped on Earth; your god is too small; pervades the entire universe; that in which we live and move and have our being; some of us seem to need Gods who are persons; personifications of ultimate ground of existence? ocean personified: angry, serene.

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(Natural Theology video) 78 - What is God?

(Natural Theology video) 79 - True God, False Gods

Music: Cathedral Ambience - by David Renda
https://www.fesliyanstudios.com/royalty-free-music/download/cathedral-ambience/898

Original: about 31 Aug 2020. Revised version updated 2024

16 - From Oneness To Duality {7:27}

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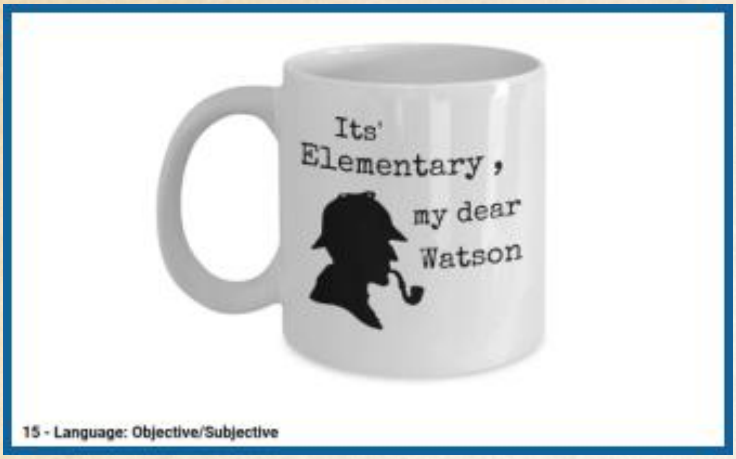
Discusses a hypothesis about existence, about the relation of oneness to duality; experience of uncreated light; lose consciousness of outer world; falling from oneness into duality; yin and yang; illegal drugs; a call a 3 AM; boss's son-in-law; looking back in old age; tragedy of some of the rich, powerful or famous; no free lunch; ultimate justice?

Article: Wealth can be pretty isolating
https://www.cnbc.com/2024/05/14/problems-that-rich-people-face-according-to-therapists-.html

Music: https://ia801700.us.archive.org/12/items/chinese-new-age-music/Chinese%20New%20Age%20Music.mp4

Original: about 21 Jan 2021. Revised version updated 2024

15 – Language: Objective/Subjective {8:23}



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Discusses objective/intellectual language vs subjective/emotional language; male chauvinist pig; weaker sex; hypocrite; Bronx cheer; the blood of Jesus washes all sins; no salvation without Jesus; baptism needed for heaven; the Three Wise Men, Magi; Star of Bethlehem; slaughter of the Innocents; angel warns Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

Music: Beautiful Piano by LesFM | https://lesfm.net/piano-background-music/
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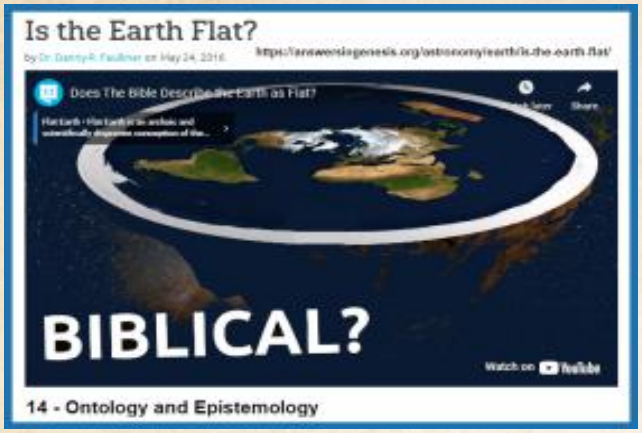
14 - Ontology and Epistemology {6:06}



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The ontology and epistemology of natural theology and religion compared and contrasted; ontology: what exists? what is true? what is real?; epistemology: how do we determine what is true? what is real?; impossible to verify something is beyond nature; in ontology of religions, supernatural beings and places exists; scientific method, epistemology; luminiferous aether; Michelson-Morley experiment; theory of relativity; GPS satellites; relativistic effect on GPS clocks; science's epistemological method on rock foundation; religion's epistemological method on sand; which scripture? how to choose? religious faith; Sola Scriptura vs Magisterium, scripture, tradition; Adam and Eve; age of the earth; evolution? Tower of Babel; why not flat Earth? witches, slavery, faulty epistemological method is blind leading the blind.

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(Natural Theology video): 07 – Morality

YouTube video: Neil deGrasse Tyson vs. Young Earth Creationism
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GV5cAbdmjEc

YouTube video: General Relativity Explained simply & visually
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tzQC3uYL67U

Answers in Genesis: Is the Earth Flat?
https://answersingenesis.org/astronomy/earth/is-the-earth-flat/

Music: It Ain't Necessarily So
Billy Butterfiled with Johnny Mercer 1944

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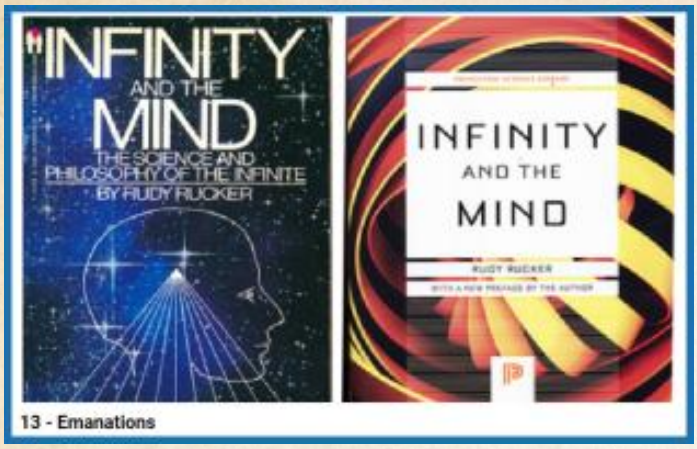
13 – Emanations {12:11}



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Emanations; impersonal, immanent God; transcendental, personal God needs to reveal himself? Divine light; light/movie analogy; manifestation of God; all things derive from first Reality; emanation vs creationism; emanation vs materialism? "Infinity and the Mind"; The Mindscape; Plotinus; neo-Platonism; the Absolute; the vegetative, animal, rational souls; Godhead; energy, matter, life, mind, culture; matter, molecule, atom, proton/neutron, electron, quark; "are" and "ear" have same components but different relation; relative existence; dependent existence; act/action; fist as an action; chemical elements as acts; how do sodium (metal) and chlorine (poisonous gas) combine to make (non-metal, non-gas) salt? Combining two acts to get a new act; bicycle wheel creates cycloid; free, online book; series is not about making money.

Web site about uncreated light:
https://www.sacramentalliving.net/single-post/2016/08/25/uncreated-light-experiencing-the-transcendent

Book: "Infinity and the Mind: The Science and Philosophy of the Infinite" by Rudy Rucker, Birkhauser, 1982

Book: Science As Natural Theology
https:// https://adamford.com/science-as-natural-theology/

Music: Music: Gnossienne 1
https://archive.org/details/Gnossienne/Gnossienne+1.mp3

Original: 19 Jan 2021. Revised version updated 2024

12 – Experience Of God (2) {11:55}

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Experience of God; mysticism; St. Augustine, Pascal, Evelyn Underhill, source of being, Uncreated Light, the Real, Pascal, pure undifferentiated Being, Tibetan Book of the Great Liberation, unborn, non-created, Clear Light of Reality, Hallaj, Mansur, Absolute, Hesychasm, experiential knowledge of God, Symeon, the New Theologian

(book) - The World Was Flooded with Light; A Mystical Experience Remembered, Genevieve W. Foster, Univ of Pittsburgh Press; First Edition (January 1, 1985)

Music: Gregorian chant for Palm Sunday
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https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Pueri_hebraeorum,_vestimenta.ogg

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11 - Experience of God (1) {10:22}

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Experiencing the Ultimate Ground of Existence; baby in a field of pure isness; the body, object persistence, other minds; ego associated with name; a separate person; parents as all-knowing; all-loving, all-good; the child's idea of God; child's hierarchy of existence: dumb matter, animals, other children, other adults, parents, God; contrasted with ground of existence; importance of ego; evolution has instilled ego in us; eye of flesh vs eye of spirit; how to experience God; negative theology; ego transcendence; positive theology; spiritual materialism; selfless service; mystics; union with the Absolute

Music

Retreat, a free-use public domain song by Jason Farnham, courtesy of YouTube's Audio
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Frr69BV06ZU

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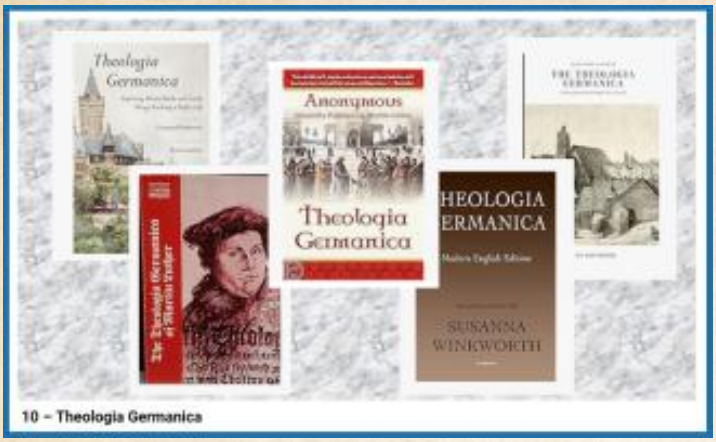
10 – Theologia Germania {9:06}



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Natural theology as found in Theologia Germanica, one of Martin Luther's favorite books; is ultimate ground of existence equivalent to consciousness; non-dual Vedanta; the hard problem of consciousness; consciousness a fundamental part of reality? not a revelation; stimulate inquiry; cherry-picking; if God is objectively real; if it's possible to experience God; the great furry rabbit; looking for correspondences; perfect vs creatures; substance, that which stands under; image vs ground of being; movie analogy; light vs images; in whom all things have their Substance; substance of all things; visible appearance floweth out; creature; no other true substance; image has no substance of its own; for in what measure we put off the creature, in the same measure are we able to put on the Creator; creature-nature, qualities, the I, the Self and the like, must all be lost and done away; the eye of flesh and the eye of spirit; soul of Christ; Godhead; sub specie aeternitatis, under the aspect of eternity; images vs light; bare of all images (creatures); Hindu yogi in a cave; meditate (middle); anchorites; Julian of Norwich; Mass of the dead; dead to the world, alive only to God; alone with God.

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(Natural Theology video) 09 - Who Am I?

YouTube: The Ultimate Truth of Advaita Vedanta: Are We All One?
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wjOVZp5DC5o

Martin Luther quote about Theologia Germanica
https://www.amazon.com/Theologia-Germanica-Martin-Luther/dp/048643771X

Music: Tranquility - By David Renda
https://www.fesliyanstudios.com/royalty-free-music/downloads-c/peaceful-and-relaxing-music/22

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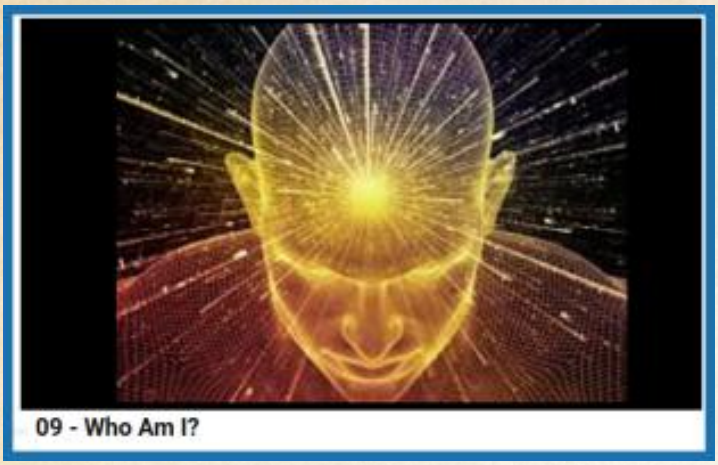
09 – Who Am I? {11:58}



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What happens after death? who or what am I? what, if anything, has existed since birth? the body is a flow; act; Harvard University; conventional self vs enduring self; body, emotion, intellect, soul; is the soul my identity? does soul equal consciousness? the hard problem of consciousness; consciousness as a light; Buddhist no-self?; five aggregates; reincarnation; candle lighting another candle; unchanging unique identity?; Aunt Sally evolving in heaven? the question of identity; bored of being yourself? bored of being a limited being? revolt in heaven? the desire to cease to exist; tired of individual self; consciousness same as ultimate ground of existence; phenomenal self vs eternal self; the ocean is the wave but the wave is not the ocean; the ultimate ground of existence playing the character which we are? It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; Theologia Germanica; reincarnation, heaven temporary? Individually merging back into ultimate ground of existence?

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(Natural Theology video) 08 – Approaching Identity https://youtu.be/utykX_gRZ0o

Picture: Two Men (Photo by Daniel Fazio on Unsplash)
https://unsplash.com/photos/two-men-sitting-on-bench-talking-near-village-during-day-ULjKEIGR4ZQ

Music: "Cathedral Ambience" - by David Renda
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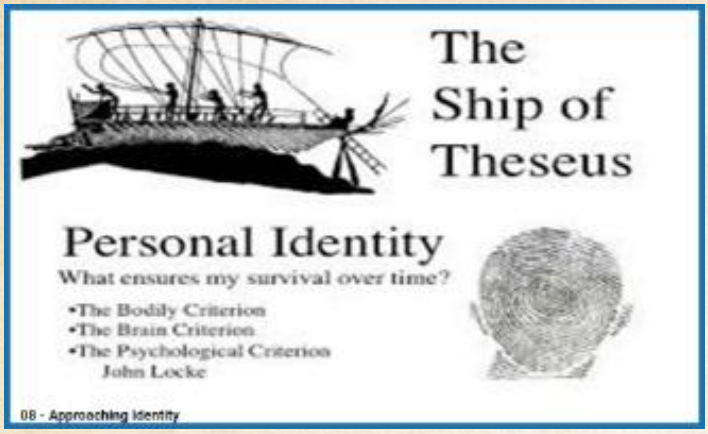
08 - Approaching Identity {11:45}



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Presents some philosophical prerequisites to discussing the question of identity: specifically: 1) the Ship of Theseus, 2) sorites paradox, 3) equivocation; component object; thought experiment; when does a pile become not a pile?; exactly when does a boy or a girl become a man or a woman?; abortion; human life vs a human life; cells with human life; blood with human life; time of ensoulment; whirlpool; a flow; who am I?; am I a body?; to exactly what does my name refer to?; atoms replaced; the body is a flow; a question of identity; exactly what has existed since birth; body doesn't go to heaven until resurrection of the body; what are we?; body, emotion, intellect, soul; four evangelists: ox, lion, eagle, man or angel; "my" body, "my" feelings, "my" mind, who or what is "my"?

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(Natural Theology video): 01 – Existence

Music: "In The Light" by David Renda
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Original: about 25 Aug 2020. Revised version updated 2024

07 – Morality {8:50}

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Discusses morality and natural theology; personal god needed for objective morality?; right or wrong regardless of opinion; why haven't objective moral values been revealed?; is killing witches moral or not?; is slavery moral or not?; is abortion moral or not?; should a child who curses parent be put to death?; morals from society, family, religious leaders; the golden calf; social justice; fair trade; first and second world slaughter; a just war or just a war?

Music: Stardust JSH, https://www.chosic.com/download-audio/27019/

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06 - Why I Can’t Go Back {10:31}

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My place in the universe; Catholic school; Catholic way of getting into heaven; Catholic Church like Noah's ark; Jehovah Witnesses; evil people cease to exist?; Catholics and Mormons in need of salvation? must be baptized by immersion; Christian groups disagree about the say to salvation; why I can't go back to organized religion; "Outside the Catholic Church there is no salvation"; He begets not, nor is He begotten; faith; did Jesus fail?; subconscious disbelief; is life meaningless?; faith in the universe; a story that gives hope?; Jesus and Santa Claus; belief, have faith, don't think too hard; genuine, whole-hearted belief vs "Sunday" belief; refuse to turn off higher mental faculties; hell a "boogeyman" for weak-minded people.

Music: Equilibrium - Max Maikon
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v2G8waOzPQA

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05 – The Great Fear {10:05}

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Describes "the great fear" - that we are alone in the universe with no god to protect us, no afterlife, where good is not rewarded and evil is not punished; no scripture accepted as authoritative; cannot know something is beyond nature; describes our place in the universe, in terms of time and space; big bang; our lifetime compared to the lifetime of a star; Milky Way; Andromeda galaxy; Hubble Deep Field image; my insignificance; one of billions of people; our place in the universe according to science; no soul? no God?; retreat to scripture; religious faith; emotional need; a different kind of faith; a purer, truer, higher type of faith; genuine faith versus religious faith; ultimate goodness of the universe; the "great fear" is a wall we must somehow surmount; pioneer-type spirit.

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(Natural Theology video) 03 - Unbiased Natural Theology
(Natural Theology video) 04 - God as Ultimate Ground of Existence

From the Big Bang to the Present
http://patrickgrant.com/BBTL.htm

Scales of the Universe in Powers of Ten
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=44cv416bKP4

Music: Tomaso Giovanni Albinoni - Adagio in G minor - Arr for alto saxophone and piano - David Hernando Vitores.ogg
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04 - God as Ultimate Ground of Existence {9:11}

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Discusses God as Ultimate Ground of Existence; a trans-species God; subsistent bring itself; sheer existence subsisting of his very nature; God is subsistent being itself; pure and perfect Substance; the word 'being' applies strictly only to God; Reality is independent of any creator; God alone is the real and permanent Substance; the only Reality; there is an unborn, unoriginated, uncreated, unformed; revelation; gospel; pre-destination or not?; is everyone eventually saved?; hell forever?; epistemological method; child's way of knowing; a trans-species God; rabbit god?; spider god?; objective truth; consensus; objective reality; unbiased natural theology; the supernatural world?; lightening supernatural? Ben Franklin's lightening rod; "frustrate the artillery of heaven"; we do not know the limits of the natural world; trans-species God

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03 - Unbiased Natural Theology {7:30}

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Describes unbiased natural theology and compares it to (biased) natural theology; bias: 1) sincere belief, 2) fear, intimidation; intelligent design; human eye; bacteria, virus, polio virus, parasites; malevolent intelligent designer?; evil; the fall; inquisition; woman who didn't like ham; blasphemy; pre-determined conclusions; unpleasant conclusions; the work that God does: hope, comfort, justice, live forever; fruit of religion; emotional and moral foundation; only pioneers need apply

Music: Equilibrium - Max Maikon
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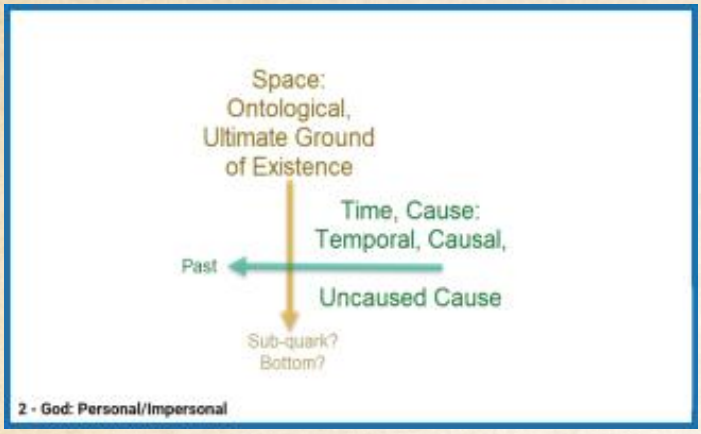
02 - God: Personal/Impersonal {9:25}



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Discusses various views of God such as personal/impersonal, transcendental/Immanent; molecule, atom, proton, neutron, electron, quarks; ultimate ground of existence; Heisenberg; uncaused cause; temporal relation; ontological relation; that in which we live and move and have our being; made in its image; light and movie analogy; uncreated; unoriginated; absolute; immanent; subsistent being itself; personal god; impersonal god; Vivekananda; Zeus; Athena; Dionysius the Areopagite; essence of personhood; all-pervading; omni-present; space and time; Brahman; Clear Light of Buddhism; Godhead; Father, Son, Holy Spirit; priest faced altar, now faces congregation

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Discusses basic concepts; component object, car example, table example, relative existence, dependent existence, fist example, act/action, water example, lead/diamond example, pure, simple, absolute existence, independent existence, ultimate ground of existence, ground of being, Paul Tillich.

Swami Sarvapriyananda on ABSOLUTE EXISTENCE
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bC4Q3Q0_fWE

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Natural Theology: introduction, science converges, religions diverge; science/religion in Italy, Iran, India; science converges to objective truth; different, contradictory religions; Christianity has 200 different sects, different views; ask a Baptist, a Roman Catholic, and a Mormon how to get into heaven and you'll get three different answers; religion has contradictory answers; could sometime like science's way of knowing, science's epistemological method, be applied to the questions religions addresses? writings but no scriptures, i.e., no writings accepted on the authority of their alleged inspiration; God as a transcendent person ("Our Father, who are in heaven") versus God as an impersonal, immanent entity; ground of existence; God is love; gods who are persons, if they exist, are creatures like ourselves; we have a monist philosophy, only one ultimate reality; Godhead, out of which personal gods flow, as personifications; more interested in method than results because correct method eventually corrects incorrect results; spirit of scientific inquiry; Welcome!

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