*God Reveals*, Chapter 1:

God Wants to Be Known

Textbook Video Supplements

# Earth (Director’s Cut)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TcgqDs-95Uw>

Ch. 1 › Section 1 (Our Built-in Desire for God) › Five Desires that Point to God

Sweeping, stirring images of natural beauty

1. How does it make you feel to absorb natural beauty?
2. Have you ever experienced a sense of longing while amid natural beauty? Why do you think beauty gives us longing?
3. What are some of the limits on how much the natural world can fulfill us?

# Ed Sheeran - Perfect (Official Music Video)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Vv-BfVoq4g>

Ch. 1 › Section 1 (Our Built-in Desire for God) › Five Desires that Point to God

Music video accompanying the hit love song

1. Why does the singer see his beloved as “perfect” (even if she’s wearing an old sweatshirt)?
2. What do we really want when we want something “perfect”?
3. What does it mean that God is perfect?

# Thomas Aquinas- The Five Proofs

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YKwLidqh_ok>

Ch. 1 › Section 2 (God Is Revealed through Human Reason) › Aquinas’s Five Ways for God’s Existence

Classical overview of five proofs of God

1. What do we mean by the word “proof”? How do we “prove” anything exists?
2. Which of St. Thomas Aquinas’s five proofs resonates the most with you? Why?
3. In your own life, what “proves” God to you personally? Is there someone who makes God “believable” to you? Why or how?

# How is the Bible Divinely Inspired?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Rt0tIOosg8>

Ch. 1 › Section 4 (God Records His Revelation) › Inspiration and Sacred Scripture

Animated line drawing to explain divine inspiration of scriptural authorship

1. Have you ever felt inspired with a certain idea or insight? What was this like? How much of the idea or insight was “yours,” and how much was from outside of you?
2. What does it say about God’s view of humanity that he allowed Scripture to be a relationship between the Holy Spirit and human authorship?
3. Why does the human authors’ cultural context matter when we read Scripture?