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## Chapter 1: Natural Faith and Natural Revelation

1. Ultimately, why did God create man?

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2. Are human beings free to reject God's purpose for them?

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3. Do human beings every find complete happiness on earth?

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4. What can keep God's search for us from being successful?

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5. What is natural faith?

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6. Could we know very much without natural faith?

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7. Can we know that God exists without having to rely on the authority of the Bible or the Church?

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8. How does God make it possible for us to know him intimately?

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## Chapter 2: Supernatural Faith and Supernatural Revelation

1. What is supernatural faith?

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2. What role did Christ give the Apostles in terms of the transmission of the Faith?

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3. What is the Deposit of Faith?

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4. Why is Christianity not a religion of the book?

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5. What is Oral Tradition?

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6. What is the New Testament?

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7. What is the *inspiration* of Sacred Scripture?

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8. What is the *inerrancy* of Sacred Scripture?

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9. What is the Magisterium?

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## Chapter 3: Getting to Know God

1. What is monotheism?

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2. What is *Shema*?

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3. What is “metaphysical” about God’s “proper” name?

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4. What is an “attribute” of God?

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5. What does God’s perfection mean?

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6. What does it mean to say that God is spirit?

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7. Is God subject to time?

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8. What is God’s motive for all his actions?

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### Chapter 4: God Is a Trinity of Persons

1. What is the doctrine of the Blessed Trinity?

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2. How is the human family a reflection of the Trinity of God?

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3. Where is the Trinitarian nature of God explicitly revealed?

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4. How is God the Father a father to Jesus Christ?

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5. How is God the Father a father to us?

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6. Does Christ claim he has a common nature and identical power with the Father?

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7. What is the “task” of the Holy Spirit in regard to us?

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8. Is Christianity polytheistic?

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9. What are the Greek philosophical concepts of substance, person, and relation as applied to the Blessed Trinity?

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### Chapter 5: God the Father – The Creator

1. What does the word creation mean in normal usage?

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2. What does creation mean in relation to God?

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3. Before God created, what existed?

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4. What is God's motivation for creating?

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5. Is God benefitting in any way by creating?

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6. What are the two "orders" God creates?

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7. What does it mean to say God created to reveal his glory?

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8. What is divine providence?

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9. What are angels?

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### Chapter 6: God the Father – Creator of Man

1. What makes us superior to all the other creatures in the material universe?

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2. What is the relationship of our body to our soul?

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3. How is the soul different from the body in its existence?

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4. What gives human beings dignity?

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5. What is the stewardship Adam and we possess?

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6. What is concupiscence?

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7. What was the sin of Adam and Eve?

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8. What are some of the effects of Original Sin?

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9. How is being married another way by which people realize their creation in the image and likeness of God?

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## Chapter 7: The Teachings of Jesus Christ

1. In what sense is God “our Father”?

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2. With what attitude or disposition does Christ urge us to pray to the Father?

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3. What does the Parable of the Prodigal Son tell us about our Father?

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4. According to Pope Benedict XVI, what is Christ’s relation to the Kingdom of God?

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5. What special role did Christ give Peter in the Kingdom of God?

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6. How does Christ compare to Moses as law-giver?

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7. What are the three parts of the Sermon on the Mount?

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8. Besides our own efforts, what is necessary to achieve moral perfection?

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9. What was Christ trying to teach when he washed the feet of the Apostles at the Last Supper?

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## Chapter 8: Jesus Christ – True God

1. What does Benedict XVI teach about the relation of “the Christ of faith” to “the Jesus of history”?

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2. Forensic evidence being impossible to provide, what evidence do we have for the Resurrection?

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3. How important is the Resurrection to Christian faith?

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4. If the Resurrection is true, then what does that mean for us?

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5. What assumption did the Christological heresies in the early Church generally hold in common?

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6. What did the Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed teach about Christ’s divinity?

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7. What is the relationship between the Person of God the Father and the Person of God the Son?

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8. What is the hypostatic union?

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9. How many intellects and wills does Jesus Christ have?

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## Chapter 9: Jesus Christ – True Man

1. How many persons is Christ?

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2. How many natures does Christ possess?

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3. How many intellects and wills does Christ possess?

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4. What is the way Christ's human nature relates to his divine person?

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5. What is an example of something Christ had to learn like any human being?

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6. What knowledge was infused in Christ's human intellect?

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7. What is an example of Christ's two wills having different "desires"?

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8. How were Christ's passions - his experiences of emotion, pain and suffering - different from our own?

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9. Why did Christ subject himself to human defects?

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## Chapter 10: God the Holy Spirit – The Nature of the Holy Spirit

1. What is the relation of the Holy Spirit to the Father and the Son?

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2. What does *Parachlete* mean?

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3. What does Christ tell the Apostles the result of receiving the Holy Spirit will be?

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4. How did Saint John the Baptist prophecy Pentecost?

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5. What extraordinary gift did the Apostles receive on the day of Pentecost?

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6. What was the result of Saint Peter's Pentecost sermon?

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7. After Pentecost, how do people receive the Holy Spirit in the New Testament?

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8. What is the Sacrament of Confirmation?

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9. What role did the Holy Spirit play in the composition of the Scriptures?

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## Chapter 11: God the Holy Spirit – The Work of the Holy Spirit

1. According to the New Testament, what is the main work the Holy Spirit performs in service to the Church?

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2. What is grace?

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3. What are the distinctions among sanctifying, actual, and sacramental grace?

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4. What is the theological virtue of faith?

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5. What is the theological virtue of hope?

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6. What is the theological virtue of charity?

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7. What are the gifts of the Holy Spirit?

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8. What are the fruits of the Holy Spirit?

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## Chapter 12: The Blessed Virgin Mary

1. What is the Virgin Birth?

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2. What does it mean to say that Mary was a necessary condition for the Incarnation?

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3. Briefly, why is it correct to say that Mary is the Mother of God?

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4. What is the dogma of the Immaculate Conception?

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5. What is Mary's perpetual virginity?

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6. What is the difference between the Ascension and the Assumption?

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7. Why is Mary the Mother of the Church?

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8. When did Christ make Mary the mother of all Christians?

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9. What does it mean to call Mary the Mediatrix?

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# Chapter 13: The Blessed Trinity and Our Christian Vocation

1. Is the existence of the material universe sufficient to explain itself?

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2. Why does the nonexistence of God make morality meaningless?

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3. What can a person discover by living the Christian Faith?

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4. Is God caused by himself or another?

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5. What evidence is there that God loves us?

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6. How is moral evil related to freedom?

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7. What are the two kinds of evil that exist?

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8. Does God directly will evil?

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9. Where does the Church get her teachings?

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