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Is there a God?



What am I?



Do I have free  
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What should I  
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How should I  
live?


The Catholic Church has always had an optimistic view of questions like these. It has always held that these basic questions are both of great importance, and answerable by the use of human reason.




That is why (in case you were wondering) Notre Dame requires every student to  
take courses in Philosophy.

In this class, we'll be focusing on five fundamental questions.


So our topic is a broad one: the nature of reality and what we can know about it.




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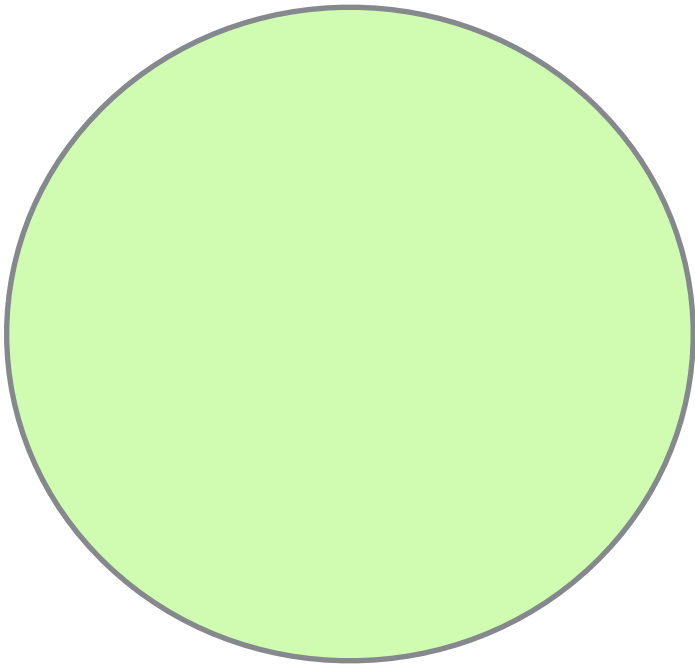


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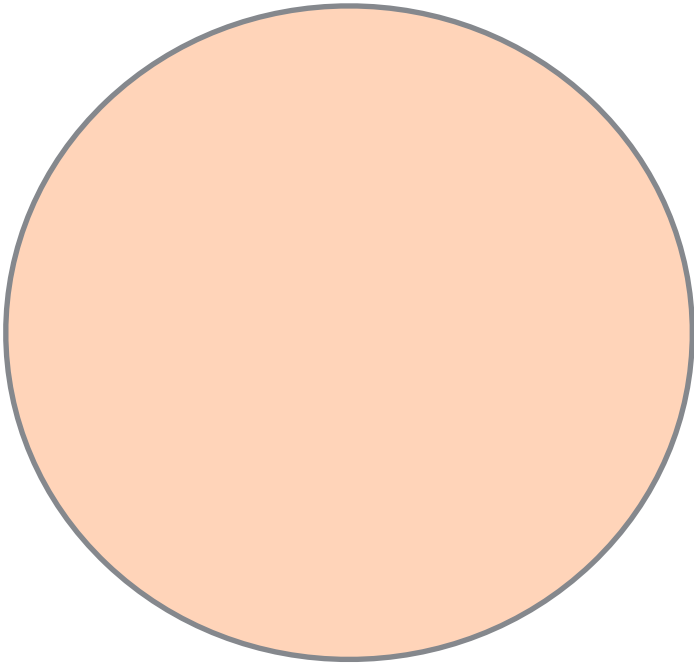
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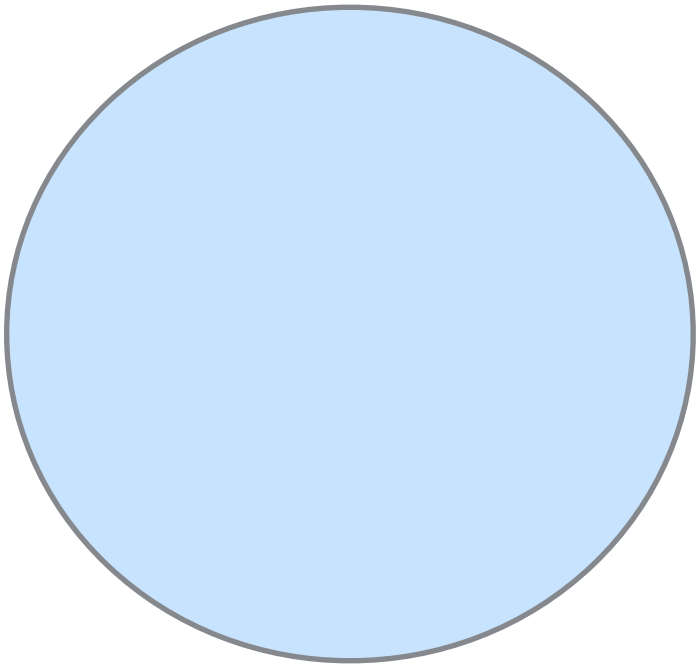


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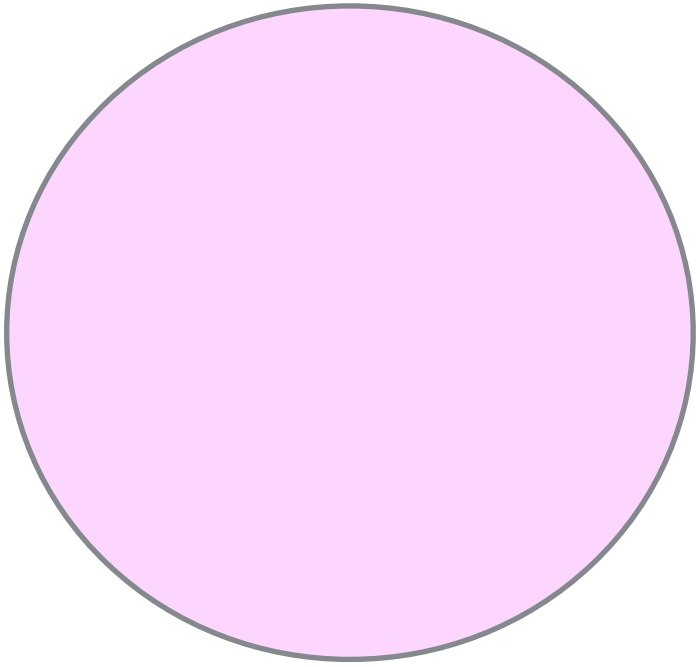






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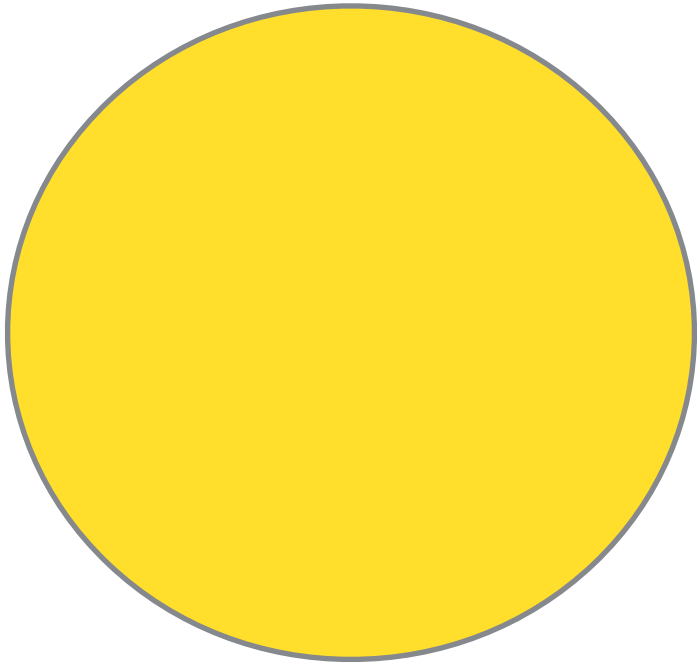
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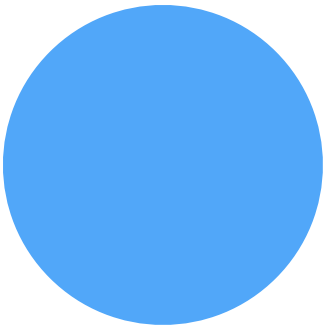
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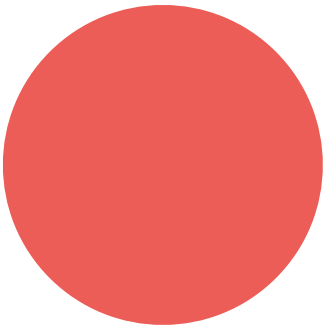




























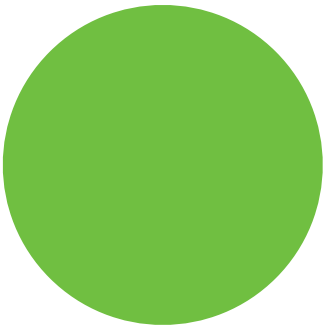














































































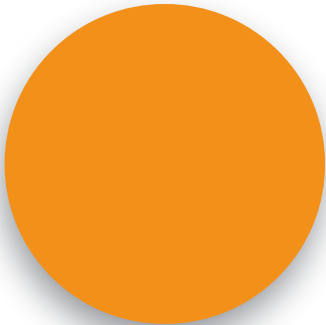
















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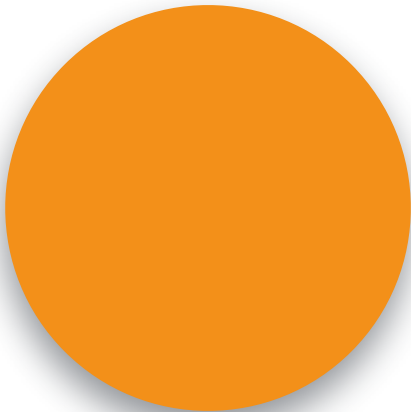
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