

Credible Catholic 7-Essential Modules



Goals

7 Essentials - Credible Catholic

- 1. Mission
- 2. Overview The What and the Why
- 3. The 7-Essentials Content Preview
- 4. Preview of Credible Catholic website
- 5. Where your goals meet ours



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Credible Catholic

To provide contemporary educational supplements with credible, innovative, and unique materials for Catholic Faith Formation programs. Credible Catholic is focused on presenting the intuitive balance of faith, science, and reason to better inform Catholics about their faith and prevent their attrition from the Church.



Observations

The PEW Survey from 2016 tells us that 40.2% of millennials and young adults have abandoned their faith and become "nones". This will grow to 50% in 9 years if left unabated. There are four challenges to address this trend toward disbelief among young Catholics.





Breakdown of the Observation

Expanding the problem areas into specifics show the following behavioral issues.

Millennials



2016 Pew Survey

Nonreligious affiliation (none) is up from 24% to 40% over the last 13 years.

Growth in Atheism



2016 Pew Survey

Over 50% of people under 50 years old in the U.S. will be agnostic or atheist in nine years.

Misinformation

FAITH

SCIENCE REASON

2016 Pew Survey

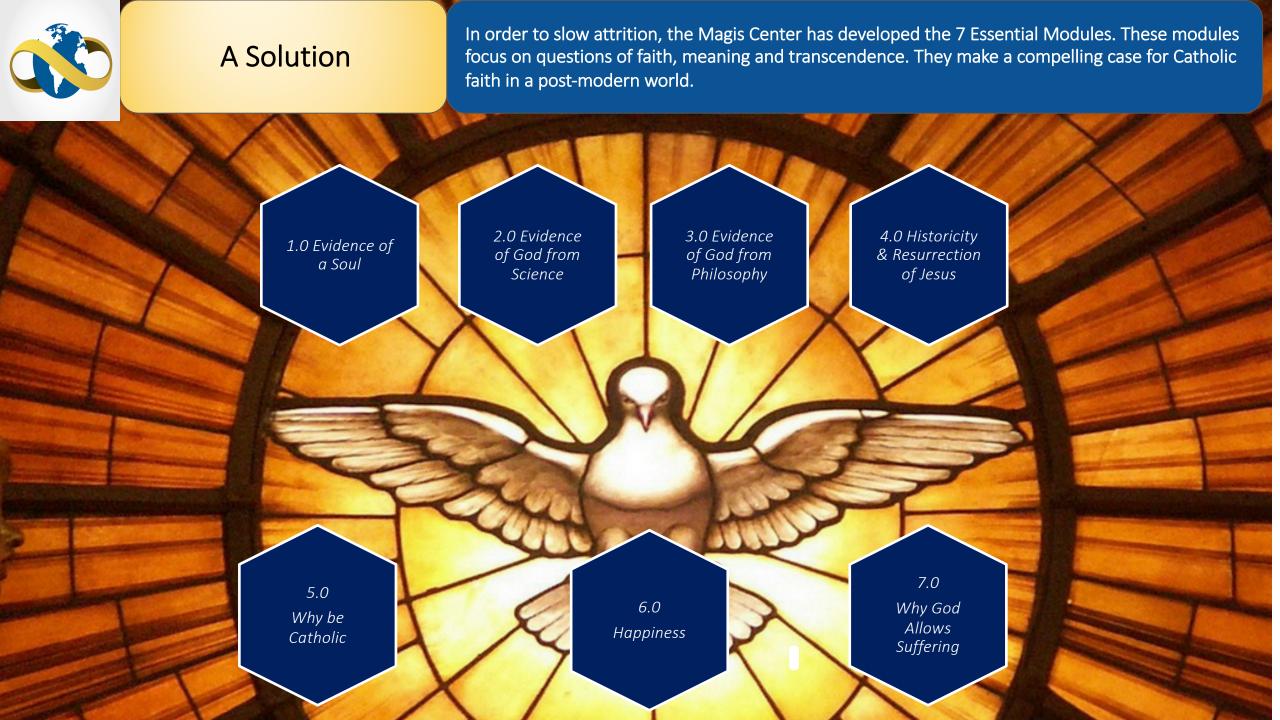
49% of Millennials move from religion to "none", many mentioning science.

Misunderstanding



Magis Feedback

Doubts about the reality of Jesus and why a loving God would allow suffering.





7 Essential Modules

Each module was created to address a question concerning a Catholic's faith. These modules provide a faith foundation for additional learning.

MODULE 1

Evidence of a Soul

Shows the existence of a human soul with evidence of near death experiences

MODULE 2

Evidence of God from Science

Science, logic, and philosophy provide evidence of the existence of a Creator

MODULE 3

Evidence of God from Philosophy

Philosophical and
Transcendental evidence of
the existence of God

MODULE 4

Historicity and Resurrection of Jesus

Scientific evidence from the Shroud of Turin and Historical Jewish Documents

MODULE 5

Why be Catholic

Provide the essential elements of the Catholic Faith

MODULE 6

Happiness

Present the 4 levels of happiness for a spiritual and wholesome life

MODULE 7

Why God Allows
Suffering

Understanding God's Love Through the life of Jesus



Example Slides from Module 2

Evidence of God from Science

The Expansion of the Universe



CREDIBLE CATHOLIC PRESENTATION 1A

SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE

of

GOD'S EXISTENCE

From content by Fr. Robert Spitzer, S.J., Ph. D. Adapted by Claude R. LeBlanc, M.A.





EVIDENCE

for the

EXPANSION OF THE UNIVERSE



FR. LEMAÎTRE WONDERED...

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THAT THE FURTHER AWAY
A GALAXY IS FROM US,

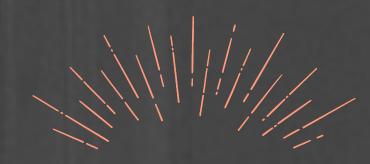
THE FASTER
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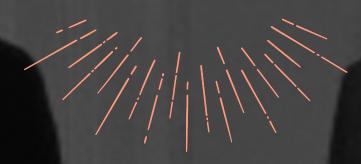




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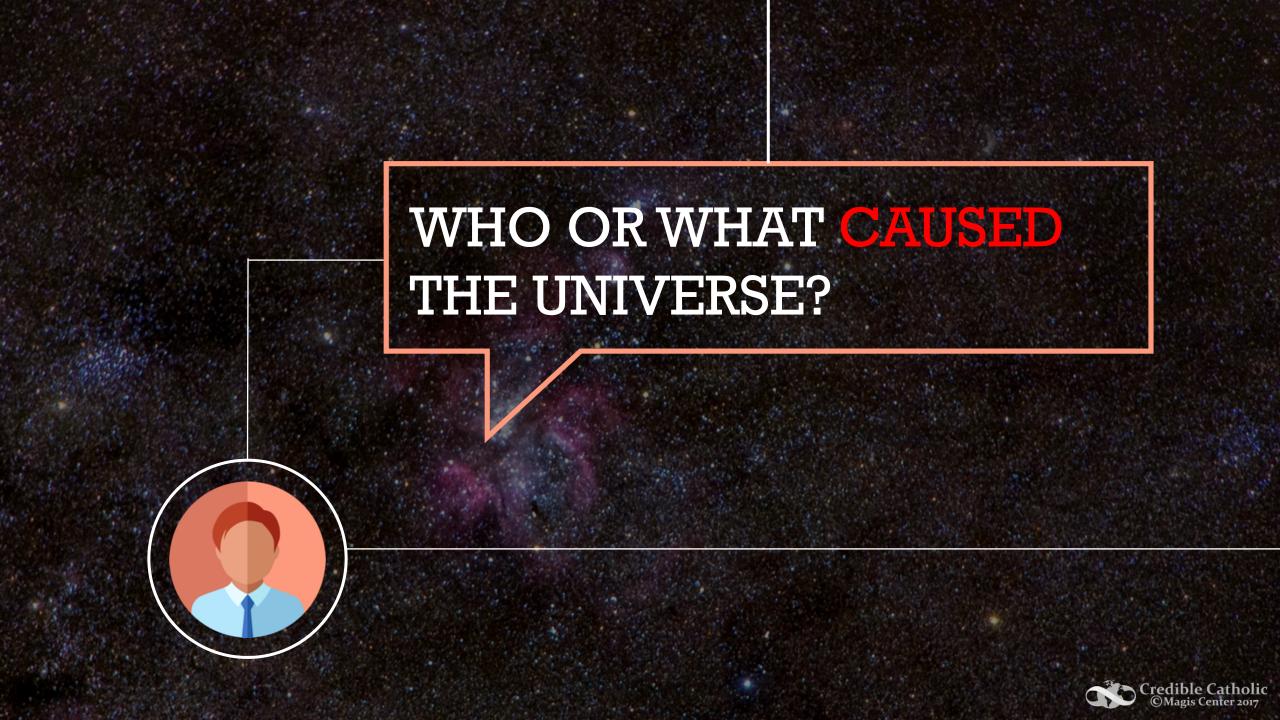


BIG BANG
THEORY



GAVE EINSTEIN THE INFORMATION HE NEEDED TO MAKE HIS GENERAL THEORYOF RELATIVITY WORK







How the Material is Organized



Product Design and Suggested Use

There are 4 layers in the product structure. Each layer focuses on a different information level. We recommend selecting the easiest level first (PowerPoints) and progressing, with the assistance of the Little Books, to the Compendium.

PRESENTATION (Interactive Slides)



PRESENTATION GUIDE (with notes, activities, **Quizzes** and additional resources)



LITTLE BOOK (Summary from Big **Book – used to create** the Presentation)

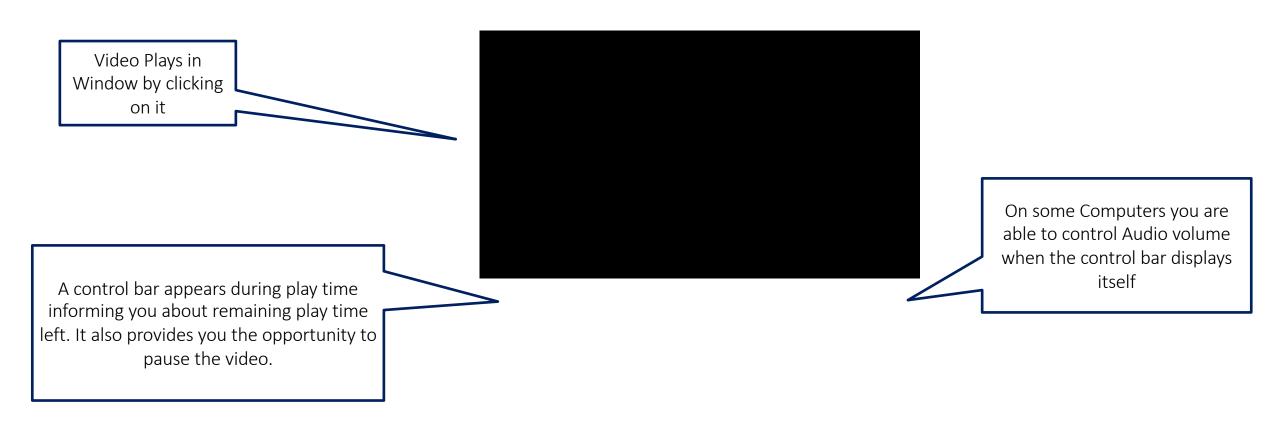


BIG BOOK (1500 pages presented in 20 Volumes – Deep well of information)



How to Use the Videos

There are embedded videos within the PowerPoints (or PDF's). Each video was selected to supplement the material messaging and each video have varying play time lengths. It is recommended that the instructor review the video lengths to ascertain if they will meet the length of class time objective. A teacher might prefer some of the videos over others; however, we recommend selecting videos with impact to your specific class requirements.





Class Time is Precious

The time it requires to complete a subject for a class varies throughout the country. Therefore, we have created the following recommendations for what to use based on the time available for teaching. You can use this guideline, or fast forward to the slides you would like to utilize.

If you wish to use most or all of this presentation's components, but do not have sufficient time, you can split it into two or more presentations as you see fit.

| Recommendations Based on Available Time | | | | | | |
|---|----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | Minutes: | 60 | 75 | 90 | 105 | 120 |
| Presentation Text | | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Discussion Questions | | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Videos | | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Activities | | No | No | No | Yes | Yes |
| Assessment | | No | No | No | No | Yes |





PowerPoint Design

The PowerPoints are designed for educational simplicity and optimized for material messaging similar to a marketing pitch deck. There is also an audio voiceover version (downloadable) to be used as an audio book.

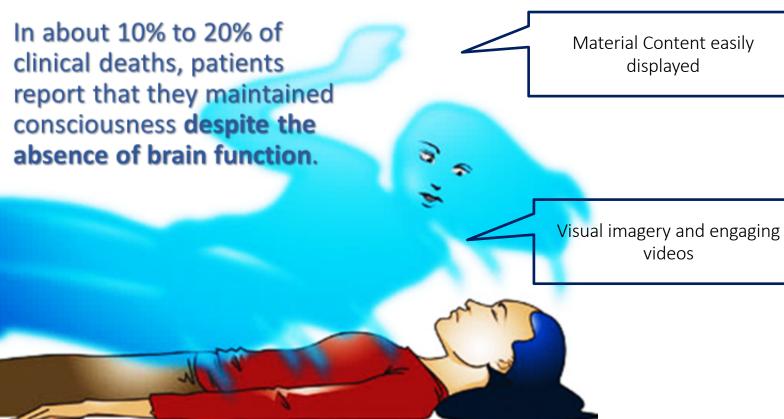


Essential 1: Proof of a Soul, 9

Information Topic

What is a Near-Death Experience (NDE)?

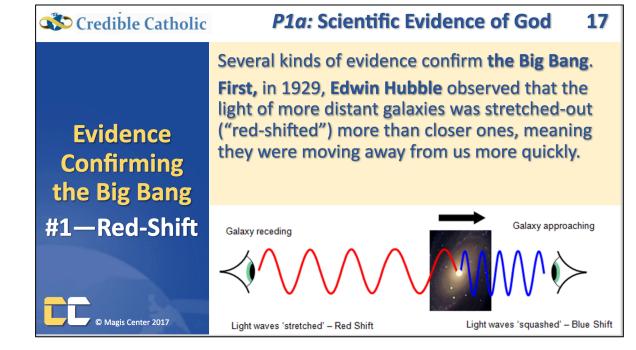
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12+ Version - Beginner

15+ Version - Advanced





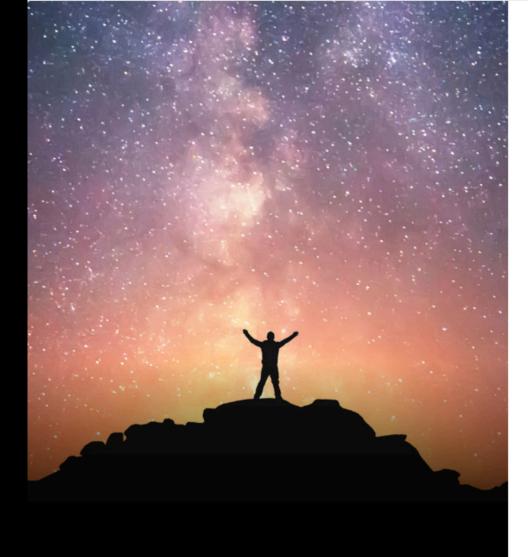
Credible Catholic Website

crediblecatholic.com

Does God Exist?

CLICK HERE FOR - 7 ESSENTIAL MODULES

Welcome to Credible Catholic. Our free online materials will answer the above question and many more. Scroll down, or click here for more information.



The 7 Essential Modules

The 7 Modules Fr. Spitzer says Catholics must know. Evidence of a soul from medical studies, Evidence of God from science and philosophy. Proof of the Resurrection. Why be Catholic? Where to find True Happiness and why God allows suffering in the world. A Student Workbook covering all of these modules is available **HERE** (FULL COLOR – 100 pages).

7E - MODULE 1

Evidence of a Soul from Medical Studies

7E - MODULE 2

Evidence of God's Existence from Science

7E - MODULE 3

Proof of God's Existence from Philosophy

7E - MODULE 4

Proof of Jesus' Resurrection and Divinity

7E - MODULE 5

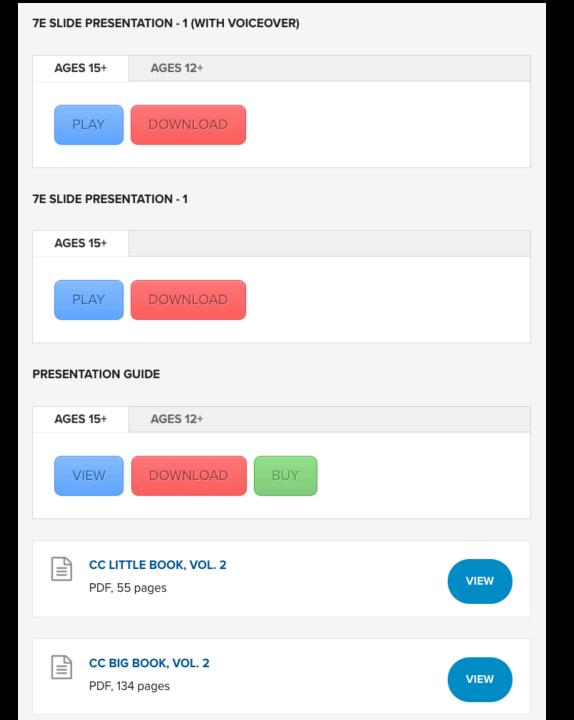
Why be Catholic?

7E - MODULE 6

True Happiness

7E - MODULE 7

Why would an all-loving God allow Suffering?



PowerPoint Design

The Modules are designed to be supplementary material that enhances pre-existing curriculum. They are easy and flexible to use.

The Modules are **FLEXIBLE** and **EASY TO USE**.

- You don't need to be a scientist or philosopher to use the Modules. Just review the modules/lessons ahead of time, utilize supporting resources (included for free), then hit the enter button or the spacebar to process through the lessons.
- The **12+ version Beginner (middle school)** curriculum contains more visuals and less text on each slide, and uses age-appropriate speech/word choice.
- The **15+ version Advanced (high school and adults)** curriculum contains more text on each slide, and uses advanced concepts with matching speech/word choice.
- We now have the **full Spanish translation** (voiceover and text; no sub-titles!) of the beginner version. To see them, visit www.catolicocreible.com.

Tested & Highly Successful

The Modules were beta tested in Catholic high schools located in Staten Island (NY), San Antonio (TX), and Brisbane (Australia).

The 7 Essentials were **BETA TESTED** and **94% of students** surveyed said that they **IMPROVED** or **GREATLY IMPROVED** their faith.

"The manner in which the content was presented and articulated leaves little doubt for the viewer. The presentations are engaging, inspiring and innovative. The work you have done in developing them is absolutely vital and I pray for its success."

"Overall, I thoroughly enjoyed the presentations and they struck the perfect balance between faith, reason, logic and humor. They engage and inspire but do not overwhelm."

"The samples of the blind being able to see, those clinically dead being able to give precise locations of things they wouldn't even be able to find when they're conscious, and the Alzheimer's patient being able to function coherently really moved my own beliefs. More videos and more proof of scientific cases could continue to move students and convince them of a soul and God."

St. Joseph By the Sea Catholic High School (Staten Island, NY) - Message Board

Strong Academic Support

The Big Book (i.e. the source material for the Modules) has been peer reviewed and fully supported by a long list of experts in their respective academic fields.

- Stephen Barr, Ph.D. in Theoretical Particle Physics (from Princeton University),
 Professor at University of Delaware
- Karl A. van Bibber, Ph.D. in Nuclear Physics (from MIT), Professor and Associate Dean for Research at UC Berkeley
- Robert Kurland, Ph.D. in Physics (from Harvard University), Professor Emeritus at Harvard University

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- Robert Scherrer, Ph.D. in Physics (from University of Chicago), Professor and Chair of the Department of Physics and Astronomy at Vanderbilt University
- Michael J. Murray, Ph.D. in Experimental High Energy Physics (from University of Pittsburgh), Professor at University of Kansas
- **Daniel Kuebler**, Ph.D. in Molecular and Cell Biology (from UC Berkeley), Professor at Franciscan University of Steubenville

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- Michael Barber, Ph.D. in Scripture (from Fuller Seminary), Dean of Theology at John Paul the Great University
- **Fr. Joseph Koterski**, S.J., Ph.D. in Philosophy (from St. Louis University), Associate Professor at Fordham University
- Francis J. Beckwith, Ph.D. in Philosophy (from Fordham University), Professor at Baylor University

Church Approved

While the Modules themselves do not qualify for a Nihil Obstat or Impimatur (because those designations are only given to books, not presentation slide-decks), the source material (i.e. the four-volume book set authored by Fr. Spitzer) that the Modules are based on have received such designations.

The Soul's Upward Yearning by Fr. Robert Spitzer Nihil Obstat: David J. Leigh, S.J., Censor Librorum

Imprimatur: The Most Reverend Kevin J. Vann, J.C.D., D.D., Bishop (Diocese of Orange)

God So Loved the World by Fr. Robert Spitzer

Nihil Obstat: Hugh Barbour, O. Praem., Censor Librorum

Imprimatur: The Most Reverend Kevin J. Vann, J.C.D., D.D., Bishop (Diocese of Orange)

Finding True Happiness by Fr. Robert Spitzer

Nihil Obstat: David J. Leigh, S.J., Censor Librorum

Imprimatur: The Most Reverend Kevin J. Vann, J.C.D., D.D., Bishop (Diocese of Orange)

The Light Shines on in the Darkness by Fr. Robert Spitzer

Nihil Obstat: Pia de Solenni, S.Th.D.,

Imprimatur: The Most Reverend Kevin J. Vann, J.C.D., D.D., Bishop (Diocese of Orange)

All of the online material is **FREE** including the Modules, the professional support, and the familiarization training.

- All modules and workbooks can be downloaded (or streamed) from www.crediblecatholic.com for immediate use.
- We will send trainers to help familiarize your diocesan and parish directors, catechists, and school teachers. Hotel and/or travel costs for a trainer are covered by our organization.
- We do sell printed, full color copies of the presentation guides and student workbooks for \$5.00 \$7.50 per book (with discounts for multiple copies), but these are sold at cost and they are not required, as you can easily download them as PDF files off the Web site for free.

Thank you for your time and for all that you do for our youth and for the Church!

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