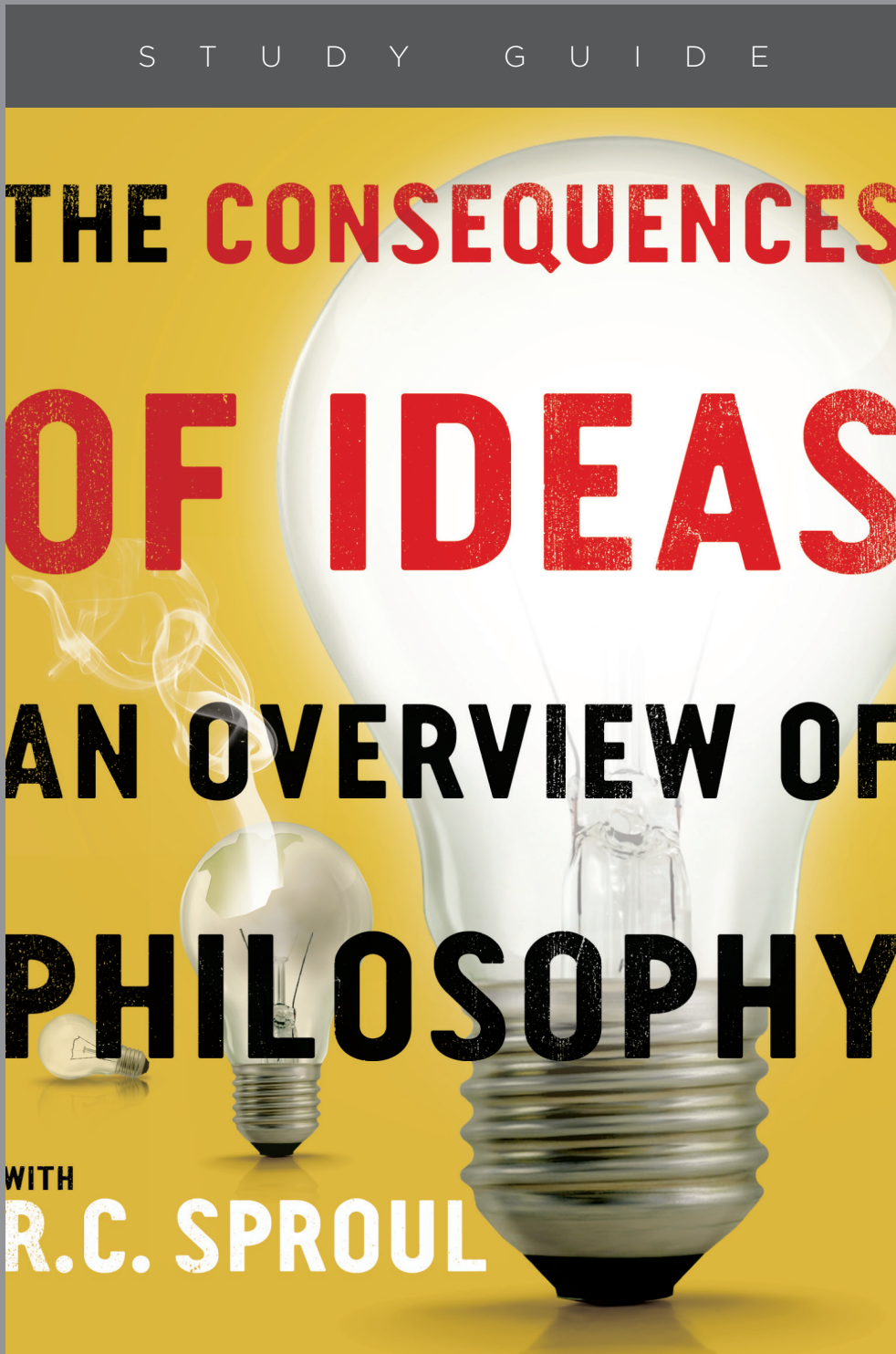


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The Beginnings of Philosophy

MESSAGE OVERVIEW

- I. Introduction to *The Consequences of Ideas: An Overview of Philosophy with R.C. Sproul*
 - A. All activities relate to the nature of ideas
 - B. Goal: A brief introduction to philosophy, both the concepts and persons involved in Western philosophy,

- II. The beginning: May 28, 585 B.C.
 - A. The solar eclipse on this date was predicted by Thales of Ionia
 - B. The age of pre-Socratic philosophy began with Thales

- III. The One and the Many
 - A. Universe and universality
 - B. What provides unity in the midst of diversity? Is it cosmos or chaos?
 - C. Thales, who was in search of the answer to these questions, also stated “What is ultimate reality?”
 - D. Metaphysics
 - E. What is the purpose (*telos*) for the universe?
 - F. *Arche* or essence
 - G. The ultimate reality for Thales: Water
 - i. It explained ontology or being
 - ii. It explained the relationship of solids, liquids, or gases
 - iii. It explained motion: Water appeared to be hylozoistic

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. What are the goals of this series?

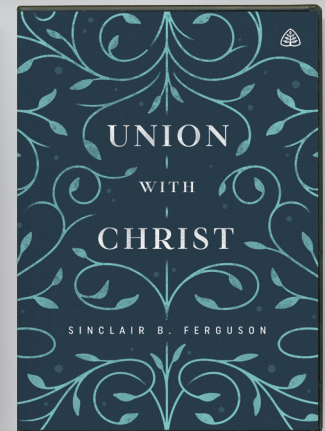
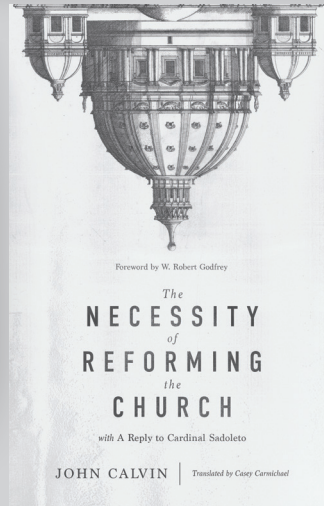
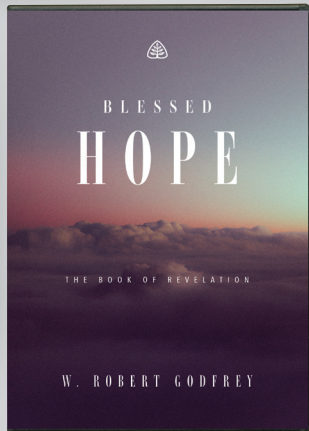
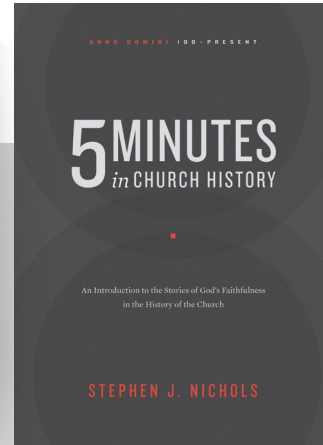
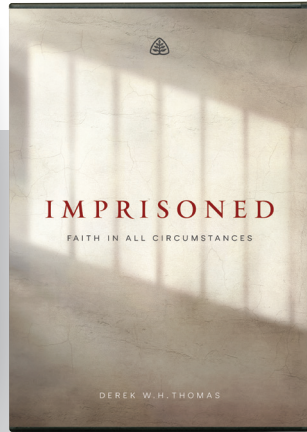
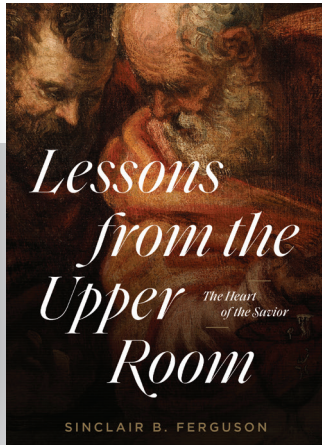
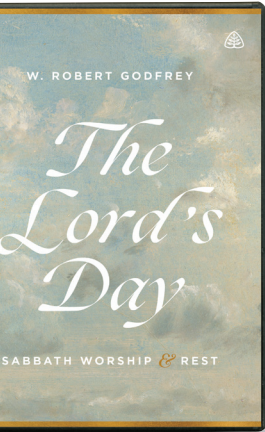
2. With whom did Western philosophy begin?

3. What civilization is it associated with?
4. What main questions did they attempt to solve?

APPLICATION

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2. What are the main questions your culture seeks to answer?
3. How well do you answer these questions from a biblical perspective?

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