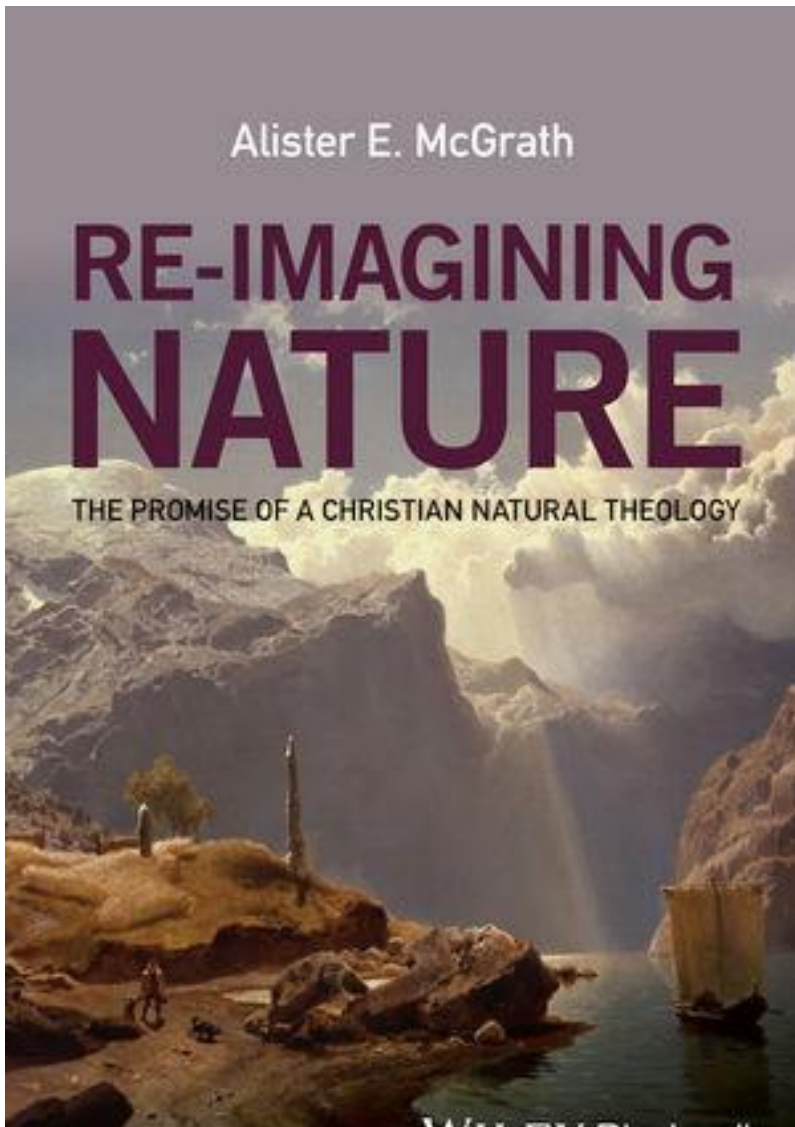


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# Re-Imagining Nature

Nice cover illustration by the Norwegian artist Hans Fredrik Gude (1825-1903).

G. K. Chesterton: “Every true artist feels that he is touching transcendental truths; that his images are shadows of things seen through the veil.”

G. K. Chesterton, *The Everlasting Man*. San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 1993, 105.

# Joseph Addison

Th'unwearied Sun, from day to day,  
Does his Creator's power display,  
And publishes to every land  
The work of an Almighty Hand.

## Bonaventure of Bagnoregio (c. 1217-74)

“All the creatures of this sensible world lead the soul of a wise and contemplative person to the eternal God, since they are the shadows, echoes, pictures, vestiges, images and visible manifestation of their eternal origin . . . They are put before us for the sake of our knowing God.”

# Scientism

“A totalizing attitude that regards science as the ultimate standard and arbiter of all interesting questions; or alternatively that seeks to expand the very definition and scope of science to encompass all aspects of human knowledge and understanding.”

Massimo Pigliucci, “New Atheism and the Scientistic Turn in the Atheism Movement.” *Midwest Studies in Philosophy* 37, no. 1 (2013): 142-53

# John Keats (1795–1821)

Do not all charms fly  
At the mere touch of cold philosophy?  
There was an awful rainbow once in heaven:  
We know her woof, her texture; she is given  
In the dull catalogue of common things.  
Philosophy will clip an Angel's wings.

# Reinhold Niebuhr (1892-1971)

“Fundamentalists have at least one characteristic in common with most scientists. Neither can understand that poetic and religious imagination has a way of arriving at truth by giving a clue to the total meaning of things without being in any sense an analytic description of detailed facts.”



# Jonathan Edwards

“When we are delighted with flowery meadows and gentle breezes of wind, we may consider that we only see the emanations of the sweet benevolence of Jesus Christ; when we behold the fragrant rose and lily, we see his love and purity. So the green trees and fields [are] shadows of his infinite beauty and loveliness.”

# The Psychology of Awe

Dacher Keltner and Jonathan Haidt,  
“Approaching Awe: A Moral, Spiritual and  
Aesthetic Emotion.” *Cognition and Emotion* 17  
(2003): 297-314.

# Isaac Newton

“I seem to have been only like a small boy playing on the sea-shore, diverting myself in now and then finding a smoother pebble or a prettier shell than the ordinary, whilst the great ocean of truth lay all undiscovered before me.”