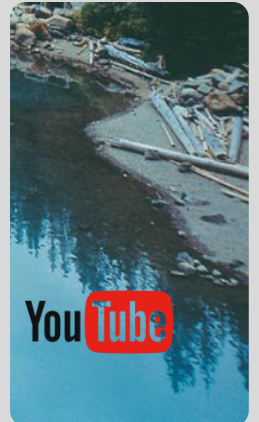
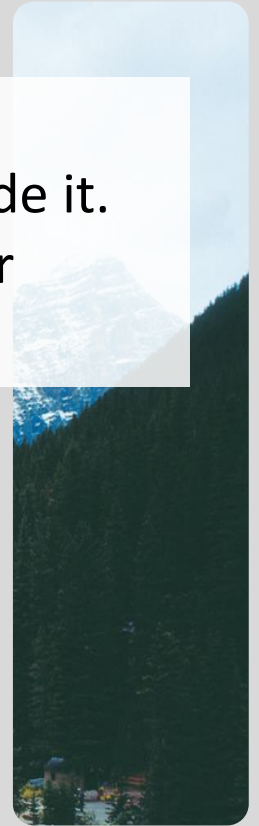
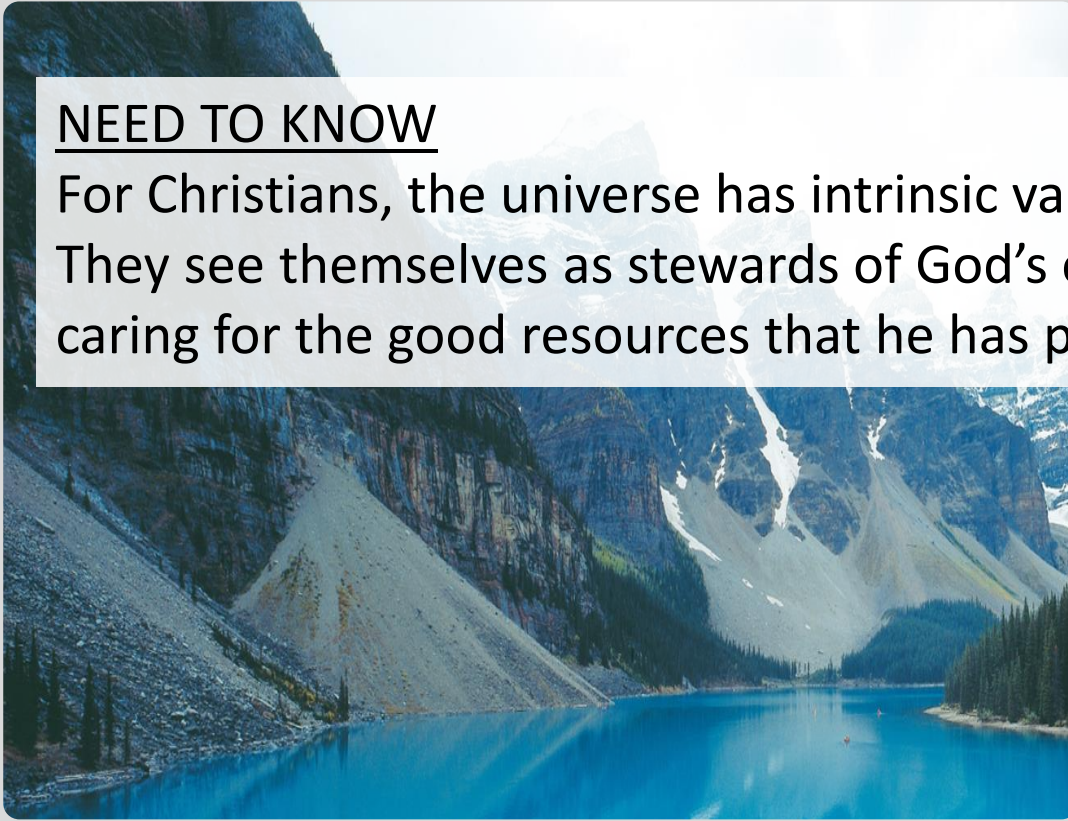


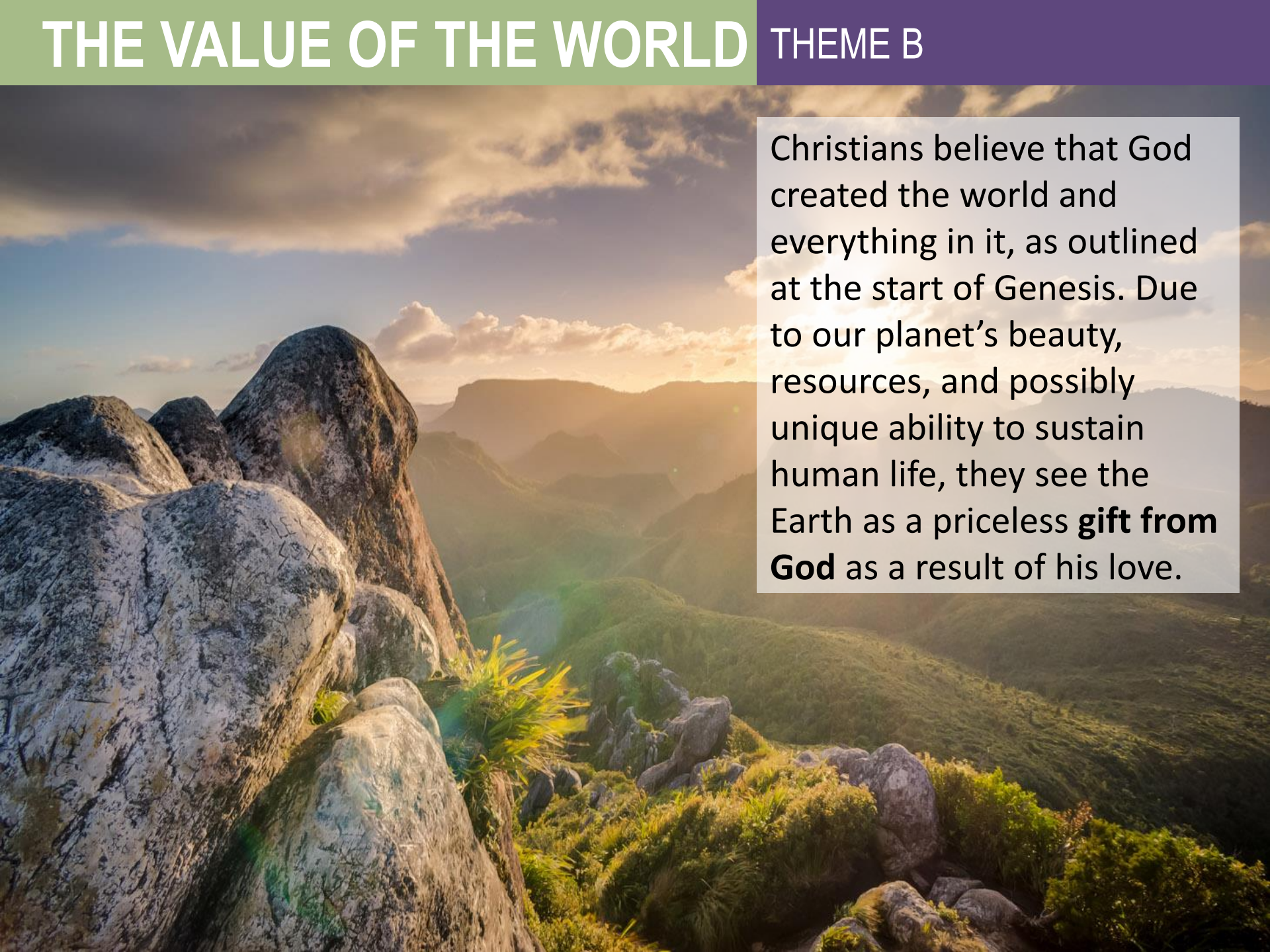
NEED TO KNOW

For Christians, the universe has intrinsic value because God made it. They see themselves as stewards of God's earth, responsible for caring for the good resources that he has provided.



THE VALUE OF THE WORLD

THEME B



Christians believe that God created the world and everything in it, as outlined at the start of Genesis. Due to our planet's beauty, resources, and possibly unique ability to sustain human life, they see the Earth as a priceless **gift from God** as a result of his love.

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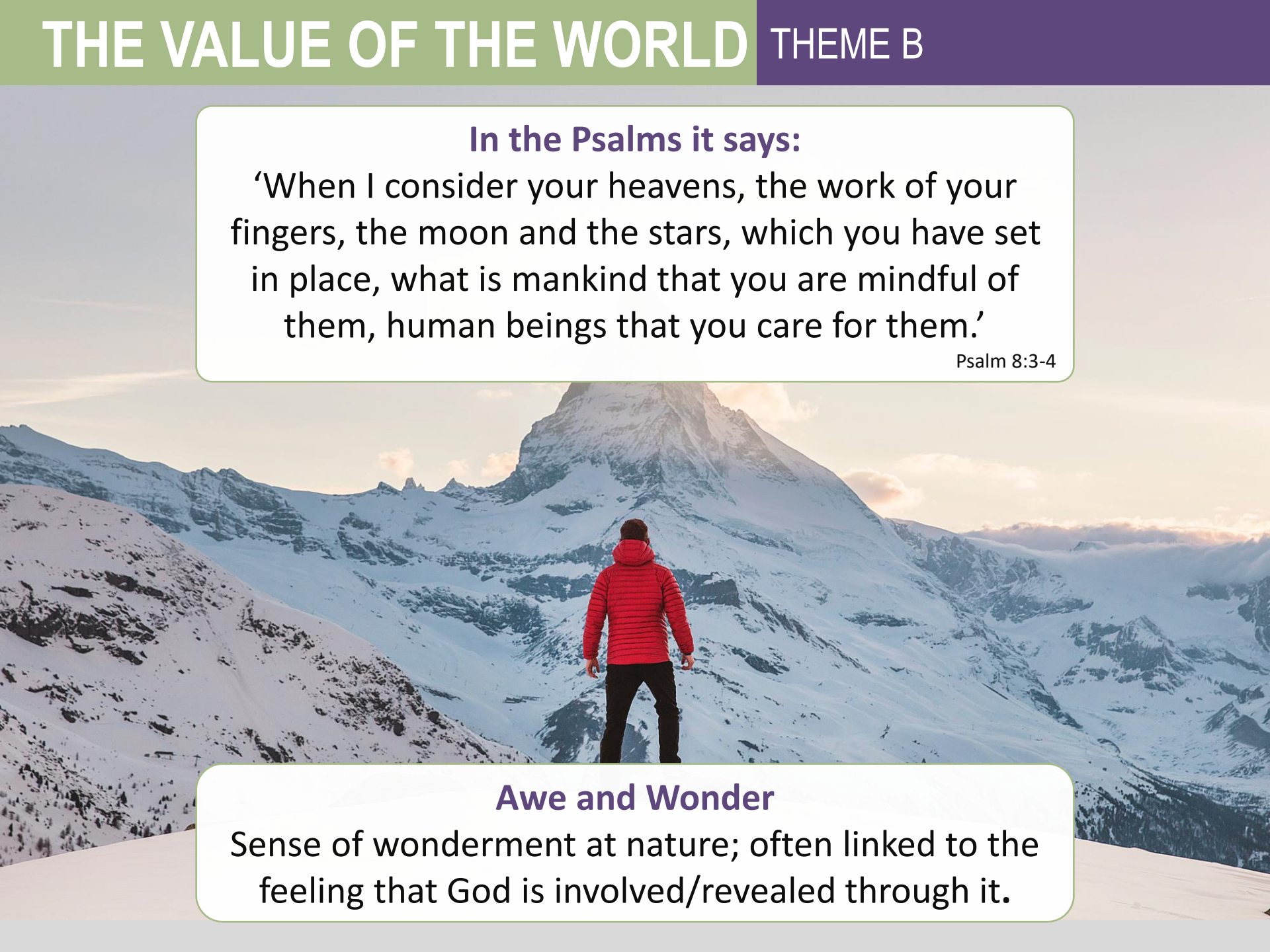
In the Psalms it says:

‘When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them.’

Psalm 8:3-4

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Duty given by God to humankind to look after the created world, and all life within it.



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God has left humans in charge of the Earth to rule over everything in it.

Dominion / rule over:

To be in charge of something and have power over it. Christians believe that this is what God gave to humans after creating the world.

Stewardship:

Most interpret this to mean that we have a duty to look after the natural world due to being given this important responsibility

Other views:

A small proportion of Jews interpret this to mean we can do whatever we want with the Earth, because God put us in charge