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“Points to the reality of a metaphysically haunted universe... Human beings commonly report about signs and indicators and their intuitions of an inescapable Something that is ‘out there’, and Cawley reminds us that this Something—the God who reveals himself in Jesus Christ—is not far from each one of us.”

Paul Copan

“Raw. Honest. Real. With unflinching authenticity, Luke Cawley guides readers through his own journey from ‘something’ to ‘Someone’, simultaneously inviting an exploration of God.”

Jeff Hoffmeyer

Somethingism

Exploring Our Sense of More

Most of us have a sense that there may be more out there than only what we can see or touch—not necessarily a God but something. You could call this intuition “somethingism.”

This book offers you the opportunity to begin to explore your own sense of more. Imaginative and thoughtful chapters reflect on our experiences, considering the possibility that our sense of something out there correlates to a someone who not only exists but can be encountered and known in the person of Jesus.

You can read this book by yourself, with a friend or over four sessions in a group. There are questions to fuel reflection and discussion.



About the Author

Luke Cawley is the director of Chrysolis, a non-profit which helps churches and organisations develop innovative projects that engage with the people and culture around them. He has written or coedited several books, including *Campus Lights: Students Living and Speaking for Jesus Around the World* (Muddy Pearl, 2019), a journalistic account of God's work in universities across the globe, and *The Myth of the Non-Christian: Engaging Atheists, Nominal Christians and the Spiritual but Not Religious* (IVP, 2016) — a practical guidebook to contextualised apologetics. Luke also serves on the leadership team of a growing local church in the south-west of England.

Suggested Interview Questions

1. How would you define somethingism?
2. What compelled you to write a book about this subject?
3. Why can't our longing for more be satisfied by religion alone?
4. What are the ramifications of the fact that God has revealed himself to us as a person?
5. Why is it important to acknowledge our mixed feelings about being fully known by a transcendent God?
6. Why are we tempted to view our expertise and effort as the necessary keys to encountering God?
7. You describe forgiveness as never simply *for* a person but instead something that occurs *between* two people that need to be reconciled. Why is this a crucial truth to understand in light of our relationship with God?
8. Why is ironclad certainty not a prerequisite for knowing God?
9. How is the Christian life a continual process of getting to know God better?
10. You mention that one of the ways people encounter God is through others. How can we reach out in love to our friends and loved ones who have a sense of something more?