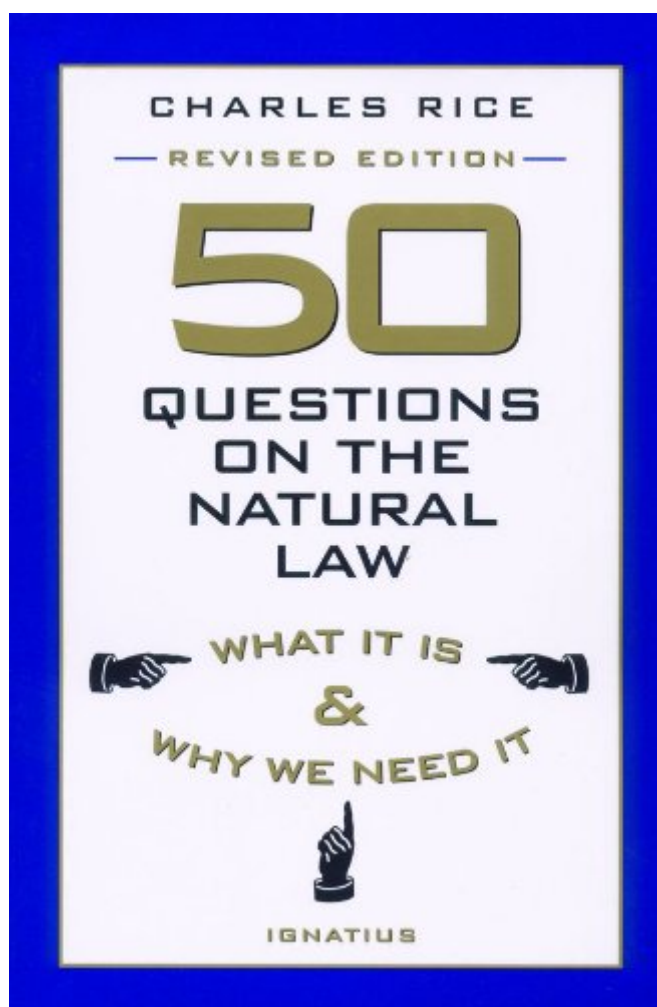


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This book is a great introduction to how the Natural Law fits into Catholic philosophy. The book is very well organized, with each question being independent of the other as much as possible without sacrificing relevance. The writing style is very good, the chronological orders of the questions are

great, and the questions are common. Overall the book was great reading and the answers were good. I especially enjoyed Prof. Rice's talks about how the Catholic Church views man (as a relational creature), views the family in relation to the state, and her sexual ethics. With all that said, there are some negatives that bring the book down from five stars to 3.5 stars. One negative being that this book was made more for the already Catholic who would like to know how the Natural Law fits into Catholic theology. It is much less a defense and understanding of the Natural law than it is an understanding of how the Natural law fits into Catholic philosophy, and certain Catholic teachings with regard to the natural law. When I received the book, I was looking more for a general understanding of the Natural Law, with emphasis on different schools of thought on the subject, and where they differ. I was also looking for systematic ways of applying the Natural Law in our everyday life. This was not given in much detail at all. The author relied too heavily on what the Catholic Church already teaches on certain topics, than on how I can arrive to that conclusion on my own reason. I would like to have seen the emphasis reversed.

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