

Directing  
Affections to  
Beauty



# The Transcendentals



Truth

Goodness

Beauty

Head

Heart

Hands

Reason

Conscience

Wonder

Ontological  
vs  
Psychological  
Order





The most important  
part of teaching the  
Transcendentals is  
believing in them.



What does it mean to  
believe?

Recognition and Action



Taught  
Vs.  
Caught





What is Beauty?





Beauty – *Belitatem*

*Yepah*

*Kalos*



Regardless of  
Particulars: Beauty is  
a manifestation of the  
glory of God in our  
world whether in  
action, language,  
creation, or craft.





Beauty is real, it finds  
its source in God, and  
humans can  
recognize it even  
while they struggle to  
define it.





# Task 1: Create beautiful environments





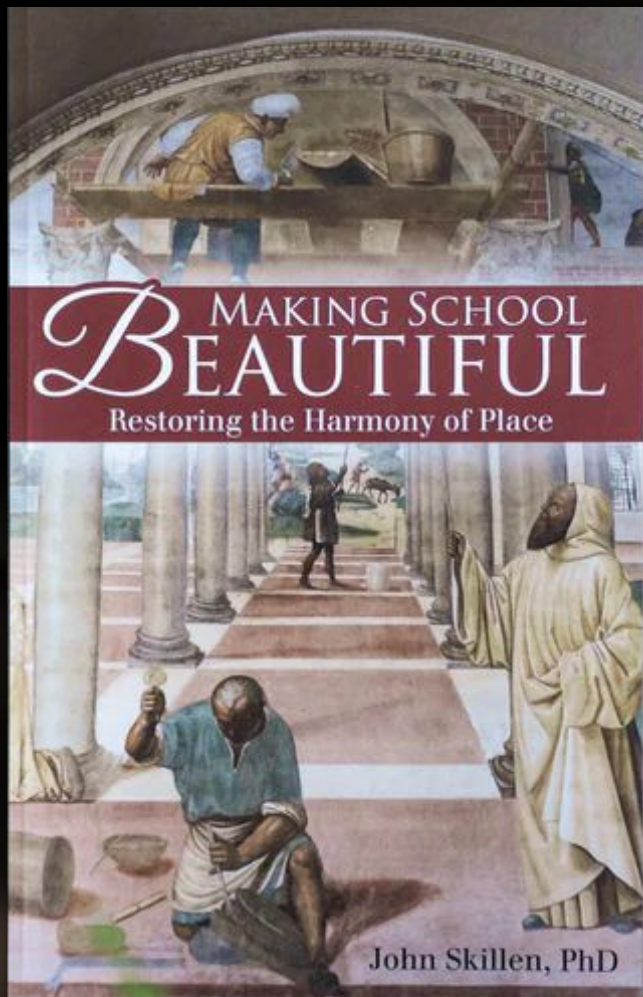






Think about:  
Architecture, Decor,  
Windows, Colors,  
Corridors, Furniture,  
Acoustics, and  
Placement.





Utility

Dignity

Delight





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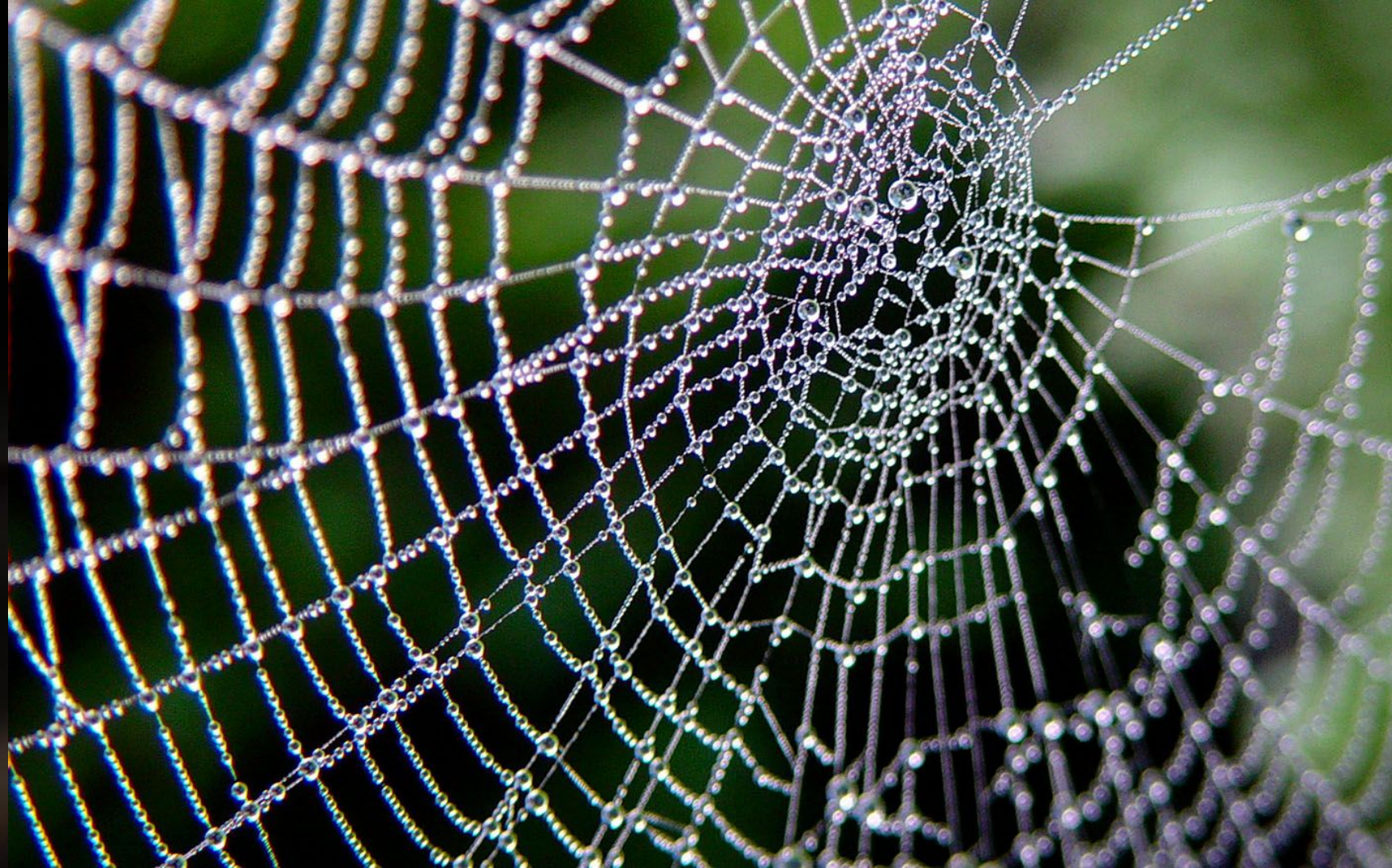
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Task 2: Revel in  
beauty and praise  
God for it

















What is beautiful about that?

What about that sight causes  
you to wonder?

What does that remind you  
of?



Unity in Complexity  
Infinity  
Symmetry  
Light  
Moderation  
Craftsmanship  
Technical Skill  
Attention to Detail





Craftsmanship



Task 3: Model a love  
for beauty by  
attending to the little  
things





# Norwich Cathedral



Task 4: Do the hard  
work of education:  
require beautiful  
work





**A** reading from the  
Book of Wisdom:  
The souls of the just  
are in the hand of God,  
and no torment shall touch them.

They seemed, in the view of the foolish,  
to be dead, and their passing away  
was thought an affliction and their  
going forth from us utter destruction.

But they are in peace.  
For if before men, indeed, they be  
punished, yet is their hope full  
of immortality. Chastised a little,  
they shall be greatly blessed,  
because God has tried them and  
found them worthy of himself.

As gold in the furnace, he proved  
them, as sacrificial offerings he  
took them to himself.

Those who trust in him shall  
understand truth; and the faithful  
shall abide with him in love:

Because grace and mercy are with  
his holy ones, and his care is with  
his elect.

❖ The Word of the Lord ❖



Benedic-  
tus Deus,  
et Pater  
Domini  
nostri Je-  
su Christi,

Pater misericordiarum,  
et Deus totius consolati-  
onis, qui consolatur  
nos in omni tribulati-  
one nostra.

¶ *Sabbato per. an. Cap.*



Altitudo divi-  
tiarum sapien-



Remember,  
Remember, always  
Remember:  
  
**The teacher IS the  
curriculum**





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