Syllabus - Does god Exist?

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Hey, everyone. My name is Michael, and I'll be giving you a two hour speed run through one of life's most important questions: does god exist? To make this work, I'm skipping the introductory material that I was originally planning on including in the course. Below are some videos/pages, all very short, that will cover the material necessary for understanding the arguments we'll look at in class. I look forward to meeting you all.

Pre-class Materials

- Null Hypothesis (http://goo.gl/vujaE1)
- Burden of Proof (https://yourlogicalfallacyis.com/burden-of-proof)
- Positions on God's Existence (http://goo.gl/y1tNq3) and (http://goo.gl/ePxjKD)
- Basics of philosophical argumentation + Moral Argument (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M4h4V4we9cA)
- Kalam Cosmological Argument (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z5XvT0awYHk)
- Teleological Argument (http://carm.org/teleological-argument)

Please answer these questions for yourself for an informal poll at the beginning of the class:

- What number on Dawkins' scale would you rate yourself?
- Are you agnostic or gnostic with regard to your belief/nonbelief?