



Discussion Questions

RICHARD ROHR AND THE ENNEAGRAM SECRET

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Chapter 1: Enneagram 101: The Road Map

1. If you have ever used the Enneagram, how did you hear about it? Was it presented to you as a personality test or a tool for spiritual growth?
2. What information have you heard about the Enneagram's origins? Were you surprised to learn it's not ancient?
3. Which, if any, of the Enneagram authors mentioned have you heard of? (Ian Cron, Suzanne Stabile, Chris Heuertz, Richard Rohr) Have you read any of their books?
4. Richard Rohr (more on him in Chapter 5!) has been a key figure in popularizing the Enneagram, first among Catholics and Progressives, and more recently among Evangelicals. Were you surprised to learn Rohr denies essential biblical doctrines? Do you think other Christians are generally unaware of this?

Chapter 2: Forbidden Fruit

5. The authors make application of Gen. 3 (Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden) by stating, "Even today, our lives become infinitely more complicated and crooked when we lose focus on God, either by becoming focused on or deceiving ourselves, or by coming 'under the spell' of false teachers and deceivers." What are some current examples you can think of?
6. Enneagram author Chris Heuertz wonders if the reason the Enneagram is becoming so popular in evangelical churches is because "some evangelicals have gotten bored with what their tradition offers, and therefore, they find a deeper and more contemplative system like the Enneagram appealing" (p. 41). Do you see this as a problem in the church? Can you think of other 'systems' evangelicals might be turning to because the "same old literal Bible study interpretations of stuff" has lost its appeal?
7. Based on what we've read so far, what information do you think would be most effective in convincing someone to reconsider using the Enneagram?