



Discussion Questions

THE SURPRISING REBIRTH OF BELIEF IN GOD

by Justin Brierley

Foreword by NT Wright

1. What are your thoughts about the two GK Chesterton quotes that Wright shares?

Introduction

2. What has Justin Brierley noticed about his secular guests on his long-standing show *Unbelievable?* (pp. 3-5) What reasons does he propose for this?

Chapter 1: The Rise and Fall of New Atheism

3. What does the term “New Atheism” refer to? What are some of the factors Brierley gives as coalescing in the rise of New Atheism? (p. 10)
4. What was your reaction to learning about the various issues that arose (pp. 15-22) that led the New Atheist community to discover they “held radically differing views about how life should be lived once religion has been abandoned”? (p. 23)
5. Why does Brierley say the New Atheists “inadvertently stumbled into the mold of a religious cult”? (p. 25)
6. What does the fact that atheist gatherings exist demonstrate about human beings’ innate needs? (p. 27)
7. What did Brierley feel “was something rather thrilling” about the Atheist Bus Campaign in the UK (p. 7-8) and why does he say, “I thank God for Richard Dawkins” and by implication, all of the New Atheists? (pp. 30-33)