



Discussion Questions

THE RETURN OF THE GOD HYPOTHESIS

by Stephen C. Meyer

Prologue

1. Are you someone who is generally interested in discussions about science, or intimidated by them? What do you hope to gain from reading this book?

Chapter 1: The Judeo-Christian Origins of Modern Science

2. Meyer says the Warfare Model of science vs. religion has become “deeply embedded in the culture of the West” and “has proven extremely hard to dislodge.”
 - Have you had any encounters or conversations with someone who thinks belief in God and belief in science are mutually exclusive?
3. Do you think it’s common knowledge that the Christian worldview uniquely provided a strong philosophical foundation and motivation for doing science?
4. What impact did the Christian teachings that the universe is an orderly and intelligible place, and that humanity’s reasoning is both capable yet fallible, have on the way the modern scientific method developed? (p. 26)
5. Why do you think that as evolutionary science has progressed, the room for religious belief has continuously shrunk, undermining belief in an omnipotent and omnibenevolent God?

Chapter 2: Three Metaphors and the Making of the Scientific World Picture

6. Three metaphorical ways of describing nature and nature’s relationship to God were given: a book, a clock, or a law-governed realm. Have you heard of any of these? Which is the most compelling metaphor to you and why?
7. What things in nature that demonstrate intelligent design evoke awe in you?