



Discussion Questions

THE REASON FOR GOD

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Preface & Introduction

1. How did it land for you to learn that the world is getting both “more religious” and “less religious” at the same time (that both religious belief and skepticism are on the rise)?
2. The author says, “Atheist author Sam Harris and Religious Right leader Pat Robertson should each admit the fact that his particular tribe is strong and increasing in influence. This would eliminate the self-talk that is rampant in each camp, namely that it will soon be extinct, overrun by the opposition.” (p. xxii)
 - Have you encountered this narrative in the media you consume? Does it serve to make us more gracious or more dismissive of opposing views?

Chapter 1

3. Do you agree with the author that one of the most difficult aspects of Christian faith for many is the Christian claim of exclusivity?
4. How can a religious group’s claim to exclusive truth lead to isolation from others, stereotyping others, and oppression or even violence against others outside the group? Is that where the Christian claim to exclusivity leads those who follow Jesus?
5. How have you or someone you know experienced any of the three approaches to “contain” the excesses of religious groups? [1) Outlaw religion 2) Condemn religion 3) Keep religion completely private]
6. Do you agree with the claim (p. 19) “Christianity provides a firm basis for respecting people of other faiths.” What examples do you have that violate this understanding? Examples that support this understanding?