



Discussion Questions

RICHARD ROHR AND THE ENNEAGRAM SECRET

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Chapter 8: One Last Question: Can God Redeem Anything?

plus

3 Articles: “Enneagram: A Stairway of Sand” by Joshua Waulk, “The Enneagram, Science, and Christianity - Part 1” by Jay Medenwaldt, and “The Enneagram, Science, and Christianity - Part 2” by Jay Medenwaldt

1. What examples of “God can use (or redeem) anything” have you heard applied to questionable teachings or practices? Do you think the claims were valid (in light of what this chapter presented)?
2. Which of the 4 guiding principles for determining whether to engage in a particular practice do you think is most overlooked or misunderstood by Christians?
 - God’s character
 - God’s use doesn’t mean God’s approval
 - There is a great distinction between what God does and what we can do
 - God abhors practices connected to pagan worship and spiritual activity
3. In his article “Enneagram: A Stairway of Sand” biblical counselor Joshua Waulk emphatically states, “I cannot, do not, and will not commend enneagram to my counselees” because of its “hazy and mixed religious origins.” He also notes “the extant materials on enneagram do the flock a great disservice in key areas of sound doctrine,” namely, the five “solas.” Do you think his critique is fair and accurate from a biblical standpoint? What other points did he make that stood out to you?
4. Jay Medenwaldt has education and experience in both apologetics and psychology. (See his bio here: <https://www.jaymedenwaldt.com/p/about-me.html>) How influential do you think his article’s scientific perspective would be for Christians using the Enneagram as a personality test/tool? Would you use the article as a recommended resource?
5. In Part 2 of his article, Jay lists four reasons Christians should avoid using the Enneagram. Which reason do you think is most compelling?
 - Potential for harm
 - Gives Christians a bad reputation (anti-intellectual/anti-science)
 - Barrier to understanding others (it stereotypes people)
 - Barrier to better tools