

Existence: Chapter Discussion Questions

Chapter 1: The Problem with Words

- Why can words be a problem?
- What are your problem words?
- How could you be more careful choosing your words?
- How can we reduce the problem with words?

Chapter 2: What About Me?

- Does everyone have a worldview - why or why not?
- How are worldview and behavior related?
- How does one modify one's worldview?

Chapter 3: God

- If god exists, who/what is he?
- Is he the God of the Bible - why or why not?
- How do you interact with your god?
- How does your god shape your relationships?

Chapter 4: The Union of Truth, Logic and Spirit

- Why is relative truth problematic?
- How do logic and truth reinforce each other?
- How does one's spirit impact one's behavior?

Chapter 5: The Origin of Our Universe

- What's missing in the "big bang" theory?
- What's important about "existing outside of time"?
- What's the origin/source of information?

Chapter 6: What's the Point?

- What value can we each add to the human experience?
- How has anger impacted your life?
- Why is hope important?
- How does one find purpose?

Chapter 7: Good and Evil

- How might we help someone who is suffering?
- How can we show our love for the unlovable?
- Is justice absolute or relative? Why?
- What can help one battle evil?

Chapter 8: Intelligent Life

- How can statistics make or break the case for extraterrestrial life?
- If Darwinian macroevolution occurred, what would make it evil?
- What considerations make the biochemistry of evolution impossible?

Chapter 9: Fossils, Dinosaurs and Dragons

- Why doesn't the fossil record support Darwinian macroevolution?
- Where does information originate?
- How is the Geological Clock "broken"?

- How might dragons have generated flames?

Chapter 10: Time

- What makes time difficult to grasp?
- What exists outside of time?
- How long is the present?
- How is a sequence of events like the passage of time?

Chapter 11: Knowledge and Information

- What is the source of information?
- What role do consequences play in knowledge and understanding?
- How are wisdom and worldview interrelated?

Chapter 12: Nature

- What are some unique attributes of the earth?
- How is the idea of “intelligent design” woven through nature?
- Why don’t we do more to reduce the impact of “natural disasters”?
- What could be some long-term consequences of “genetic engineering”?

Chapter 13: Work

- How do you differentiate a job from a career?
- What are some examples of the intrinsic value of work?
- How should excess corporate profits be used?
- Why is rest (a vacation) from work important?

Chapter 14: The Metaphysical

- From where does one’s sense of the metaphysical arise?
- Why are some dreams nightmares?
- How might ingested chemicals affect one’s dreams?
- What could be wrong with hypnosis?

Chapter 15: Design with a Purpose

- What is the source of your standards (values)?
- Who can impact one’s worldview?
- What are some of the benefits of writing a Life Purpose statement?
- What is implied by the words, “intelligent design”?

Chapter 16: Character

- To what would you ascribe Billy Graham’s character?
- If character implies goodness, what is the standard for goodness?
- What are some ways one’s character can be modified?
- What are some pitfalls to be aware of in character modification?

Chapter 17: Why it Matters

- What are some keys in the formation of your worldview?
- Why does your worldview matter?
- List some of the joys brought to you by your worldview.