

Questions for “Scientists and Religion in America”

1. What do you think about Sir John Templeton’s use of the term “humility theology”. Give your opinion concerning whether you agree or disagree with the goals of the Templeton Foundation.
2. What opinion do you have of the two questions put to scientists by Leuba and later by Larson and Witham? Do you agree with Leuba that Christianity could not survive without its “two cardinal beliefs”?
3. Describe how the two surveys of scientists across 80 years agreed and differed in their results. What do you make of the results of Larson & Witham’s survey of the members of the National Academy of Science? Do you think that there really is “a reward system to being irreligious in the upper echelons” of scientists?
4. Describe or sketch and reflect upon the “ziggurat” to which Larson & Witham refer.
5. Compare and contrast the religious views of Allan Sandage and Ursula Goodenough.
6. Find a quote in this article that supports the quote below then identify the author and indicate whether you agree or disagree with either quote.
"Supernatural intervention was replaced by natural selection. It was perhaps a more logical world, it was certainly a lonelier one."