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1. The Bible and Christians through the centuries have claimed that God reveals himself through various kinds of human _____. *(p.364 | k.3916)*

2. What is the basic argument *form* for arguments from religious experience? *(p.364 | k.3916)*

3. What is a veridical experience? *(p.364 | k.3917)*

4. Describe Richard Swinburne’s “principle of credulity”. *(p.365 | k.3921)*

5. What is Swinburne’s “principle of testimony”? *(p.365 | k.3930)*

6. What are the four categories of religious experience claims? *(p.366 | k.3936)*

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7. What two thinkers have explored the argument from emptiness and divine longing in depth? *(p.367 | k.3945)*

8. Describe Pascal’s understanding of humans as “deposed royalty”. *(p.367 | k.3945)*

9. Describe C.S. Lewis’ argument from yearning. *(p.368 | k.3960)*

10. What does the concept of “fulfillability” indicate? *(p.370 | k.3980)*

11. The term “numinous experience” refers to experiencing an object that is both _____ and _____. *(p.370 | k.3990)*

12. What two things single out a numinous experience? *(p.371 | k.3997)*





13. However _____ these experiences may be, the framework of knowledge does not dissolve into mystical _____ or _____. (p.372 | k.4011)
14. All that can be claimed for veridical numinous experiences is that they involve an _____ with an _____ and _____ being of transcendent significance. We cannot rest the _____ case for Christianity on _____ experience. (p.374 | k.4031)
15. What is a transformational experience? (p.374 | k.4033)
16. Why is counterevidence (such as reports from those who have fallen away from the faith) not decisive against the positive apologetic from religious experience? (p.376 | k.4054)
17. Respond to this objection to religious experiences: “Religious experiences cannot be checked or verified in any repeatable or objective way. They are an unreliable source of truth because they are subjective.” (p.377 | k.4063)





18. Why can't religious experience claims shoulder the entire burden of apologetics? (p.379 | k.4088)

19. What is the "projection objection"? (p.379 | k.4090)

20. Someone may come to Christian faith for purely _____ reasons (say, to receive the love, acceptance and forgiveness never received from his or her father) and still hold a true belief. To dismiss this belief as false because it is psychologically motivated is a classic example of the _____ fallacy. The _____ of a belief does not, in and of itself, disqualify the belief as being _____. (p.382 | k.4117)

21. What is one way to reverse the projection argument? (pp.382-383 | k.4127)





22. What is one problem with reducing religious beliefs to a biological explanation? (*p.384 | k.4146*)

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23. Why don't the diverse religious experience claims from other religions nullify Christian experience?

(pp.385-388 | k.4153)

24. How can your own religious experiences add to your apologetic argument for Christianity?

25. What do you think is the greatest weakness (and strength) of arguments from religious experience?

