



Have We Lost Our Minds? Reading Group Questions



Introduction:

Why does this topic interest you? What do you hope to get out of reading and discussing this book?

Chapter 1:

Have you encountered neurotheologians? If so, where? What were your initial impressions? Do you agree they are physicalists (whether they know it or not)? Why or why not? Why would you say these ideas matter?

Chapter 2:

Is the biblical teaching presented in this chapter consistent with what you have been taught or studied yourself? In what ways is it similar to your understanding? In what ways is it different? Has this chapter caused you to understand biblical anthropology differently? If so, how?

Chapter 3:

Were the philosophical tools and distinctions in this chapter new to you? Did you find them helpful in evaluating the claims of neurotheology? Why or why not? Do you think non-reductive physicalism is helpful in understanding what we are? Why or why not?

Chapter 4:

Did you find the arguments based on our unity at a time and through time convincing? Why or why not? Which points made in this chapter best help you clarify your understanding of what it is to be human?

Chapter 5:

Did this chapter help you better grasp the nature of the soul? Why or why not? Was the classical understanding of "substance" new to you? Did it make sense? If so, what are some implications for your understanding of your life and work?

Chapter 6:

Have you encountered this understanding of the body before? If so, where? Does it make sense? Why or why not? If it does, what are some implications in relation to your life and work?

Chapter 7:

Were any of these defenses of neurotheology ones you have heard or thought of before? If so, which ones? Do you think the author succeeded in showing them to be inadequate? Why or why not?

Chapter 8:

Were any of these objections to dualism ones you have heard or thought of before? If so, which ones? Do you think the author succeeded in showing them to be inadequate? Why or why not?

Chapter 9:

Have you ever heard Christians promote the "pure spirituality" or physicalist ideas of growth in Christ? If so, where? How did you respond? Might you respond differently after reading this chapter? What are some practical ways this chapter helped shape your understanding of growth in Christ?

Chapter 10:

Have you ever heard Christians promote the "pure spirituality" or physicalist ideas of "ministry"? If so, where? How did you respond? Might you respond differently after reading this chapter? What are some practical ways this chapter helped shape your understanding of what it means to love others?