

Unseen Existences Online Book Study

Week 2: Chapter 2

1. David Brooks says that faith came, not through information or persuasion, but through numinous experiences. How has faith come into your life?
2. Brian describes the “spiritual bankruptcy of disenchantment that is the loss of wonder.” What does disenchantment look like in our modern culture? What is the fruit of disenchantment in our society?
3. Reflect on Matthew 18:3–“Unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”
4. Is worship necessary to a lifestyle desiring to know God?
5. What are some ways to maintain wonder in a busy life filled with responsibilities?
6. Why does Brian say it is a sin to take creation for granted?
7. Have you had experiences of *mysterium tremendum*—the mystery before which we tremble?
8. Why did it take the experience Ellie had in the movie *Contact* to change her mind?
9. Reflect on Paul’s use of the word “mystery” in his epistles—17 times.
10. Reflect on the examples of holy awe in Scripture listed on pg 39. What other stories come to mind?