

## BOOK DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

*God of the Big Bang* by Leslie Wickman, Ph.D

1. Why is it that so many people perceive a conflict between science and faith?
2. What are some of the reasons or causes for the perceived conflict between science and faith?
3. What does the author mean when she says that “science and faith are not in an either/or competition”?
4. Share an experience in which you felt the tension between mainstream science and devout Christianity, whether in the workplace, classroom, church or other arena.
5. Do you know people of faith who cringe when they hear the phrase, “Big Bang”? Why do you think that happens? How is the Big Bang theory compatible with a theistic worldview?
6. What does it mean to say that “God is the author of two books: the book of Scripture as well as the book of Creation/Nature”?
7. How do you view the Bible? Do you think it contains a scientific message, a theological message, or something else?
8. Do you think it can ever really be proven that God exists? What is the role of faith and free will in this discussion? What are some of the popular arguments for God’s existence?
9. What is “The Goldilocks Principle”? What are some other names for it? Are there any specific characteristics that you find particularly intriguing?
10. Do you think there might be life elsewhere in the universe? How does the thought of life on other planets make you feel? Would it change your view of God in any way?
11. What do you think our role should be as stewards of the earth?
12. How can we act as peacemakers between science and faith?
13. What are your main “take-aways” from the book?

Watch a related TEDx Talk by Dr. Wickman here:

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