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**Christian Beliefs**

**Discussion Questions: Rice Chapter 2**

1. On Page 24, Rice talks about how everything that is revealed about God is revealed to us in segments, or how God sees fit. How would the world operate and see God if he revealed everything about himself in one fell swoop? One part of me thinks that if He gave everything about Himself up, it would clear up the questions and doubts that a lot of us had and would make it easier to follow Him. On the other, not revealing everything creates a, sort of, barrier of entry, that causes us to seek Him out.
2. The idea of natural theology doesn’t make sense (page 26). What revelations is Rice referring to? He was unclear about what “natural” revelations meant. I can only guess it means that by studying nature that we can gain a clearer picture of who God is. But did God really place those there, or are what we call “revelations” simply dots we connect in nature?
3. Page 29 talks about divine inspiration being the way God gave the Bible to us. The Bible was translated, transcribed, and paraphrased over many years. How can we be sure that we didn’t lose any scripture to time? After the hundreds of years that it’s been passed on and translated, could it be possible that verses have been removed or changed? There’s a chance, but it could be my own lack of information. I have heard that originals exist that can be directly transcribed from.
4. What criteria did God use to choose the prophets? The book makes no mention of this. I’m assuming, based off past stories and examples, that these were men that walked directly with God. It’d be interesting to gather everything we know about the prophets and compare them against each other to see what kind of person God is looking for when he designates prophets.