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**Challenging current assumptions about Science and Theology  
with new ideas on both**

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## INTERVIEWER'S CATALYSTS

### 12 THINGS ABOUT RELIGION THAT ARE TOTALLY WRONG

1. The Second Coming is still to come.
2. Faith alone saves.
3. The holy sacraments save.
4. Heaven is a place you go to.
5. We can't take everything with us when we die.
6. God is a trinity of persons.
7. There are no marriages in heaven.
8. We have no genitalia and there is no sex in heaven.
9. God punishes the evil and they are not allowed in heaven.
10. There are no jobs in heaven.
11. Religion and science have nothing to do with each other.
12. The mysteries of faith are beyond rational understanding.

### 10 THINGS ABOUT SCIENCE AND THE NEW PHYSICS THAT ARE FLAWED

1. The geometry for higher dimensions (in string theory) is wrong.
2. Einstein is wrong that the speed of light is nature's maximum velocity.
3. Relativity theory fails to recognize the discrete structure of space.
4. The Big Bang theory is baloney.
5. The neo-Darwinian synthesis is cockamamie.
6. The universe is not purposefully directed (teleology).
7. The wavefunction represents fundamental reality.
8. Consciousness is an epiphenomenon.
9. Reality can be explained entirely by physical systems.
10. Science fails to recognize that Love is ultimate substance (*substantia prima*).

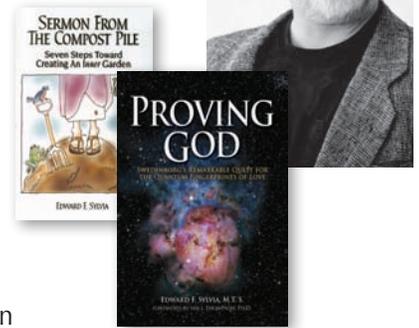
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## DON'T BE AFRAID TO ASK THESE QUESTIONS

1. Do you really think that science and theology can be unified?
2. Why do you believe current assumptions about both science and theology need to be challenged?
3. Who is Emanuel Swedenborg?
4. How can someone who lived in the 18th century offer us the best solutions towards unifying science and theology?
5. Explain what you mean when you say that Holy Scripture is also a scientific document?
6. Do you think Armageddon is close at hand?
7. Why do you call Love a fundamental substance?
8. Were Neanderthals smarter than we currently believe?
9. What does hypnotism have to do with religion?
10. What is the nexus between the finite and the infinite?
11. How is God's religion a Divine Strategy for extending evolution into a non-local and non-temporal realm?
12. What is Higher Mind?
13. What is Conjective Design?
14. How do the End of Days square with modern Cosmology?
15. What does Love have to do with the gravitational organization of the universe?