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## **Theology Q2**

Why would the creator of a trillion galaxies become angry if you have sex with your boyfriend or eat bacon for breakfast?

### **Key Issues and Questions to Address**

#### 1. Scale and Significance

How can human activities matter to a cosmic creator?

Does divine concern scale inversely with cosmic scope?

The problem of reconciling divine transcendence with immanence

#### 2. Anthropomorphism in Religious Thought

To what extent is divine "anger" a human projection?

How do different traditions understand divine emotional responses?

Locke's views on metaphorical language about God

#### 3. Cultural and Historical Context of Prohibitions



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How dietary and sexual regulations served community functions

The historical development of purity codes across religions

How prohibitions reflect ancient rather than cosmic concerns

#### 4. Theological Interpretations of Divine Law

Different religious understandings of commandments (tests, demonstrations of loyalty, ways to flourish)

Theological efforts to rationalize specific prohibitions

The concept of divine accommodation to human understanding

#### 5. Moral Psychology

How disgust psychology underlies many religious prohibitions

The cognitive mechanisms behind moral intuitions about "purity"

How morality becomes sacralized in religious contexts



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6. Epistemological Questions

How can humans know what matters to God?

Locke's approach to religious knowledge claims

The limits of revelation as a source of knowledge about divine preferences

7. Free Will and Divine Purpose

The relationship between prohibitions and human freedom

Whether constraints serve a developmental purpose

How prohibitions might relate to larger divine purposes

8. Proportionality and Theodicy

Whether divine concern with human behavior is proportionate

How divine justice is understood across different scales

The problem of evil and suffering versus minor prohibitions