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1. Which of Sher’s two phenomena is van Inwagen interested in?

2. Do you think he is right that it doesn’t pose a special problem for religious belief?

3. van Inwagen discusses religious, political, and philosophical beliefs interchangeably. Are there relevant differences that might affect what we want to say about them?

4. Recreate van Inwagen’s flow chart. Where does he stand? (Chart his path along the flow chart.) What are some alternative positions? (Chart those too.) Which are you most tempted by?