



***Unspoken*** by Angela Hunt

## **DISCUSSION GUIDE**

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1. What does it mean to be human? How did Glee's idea of humanity change through the course of the story?
2. How have animals influenced your life? If you've had pets, how did they reveal their emotions to you?
3. How did this story change your perception of animals and/or creation?
4. Some people believe that God designed creation for man, but since most of creation is or has been beyond the awareness of man (in space, for instance, and at the unexplored depths of the sea), what are we to assume about God's motivation for creating this magnificent world?
5. This story bears witness to natural revelation (the works of God that reveal his glory and power) and special revelation (the Word of God revealed in his Son and in Holy Scripture). What place does natural revelation have in the plan of God? How is natural revelation inferior to special revelation?
6. At one point Glee thinks: *Until a few days ago, my focus had been on trying to bridge the gap between humans and animals. How ironic that an animal could be used to bridge the gap between me and God.* In what way was Sema used to bring Glee to belief in God?
7. The word *oracle* comes from the Latin *oraculum*, derived from a verb meaning "to speak." An oracle is commonly known as a source of wisdom—someone or something considered to be a source of knowledge or wisdom. Is there an oracle in this story? Who is it?
8. Which character best represents your spiritual journey? Which character best represents your opinion of animals?

9. If you could ask the author any question, what would it be?

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