

## NOTES

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#### CHAPTER 6—THE “HOUSE OF THE LORD”?

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## CHAPTER 9—HEAVEN IS NOT OUR FOREVER HOME

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5. Tim Keller, *The Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Skepticism* (New York: Dutton, 2008), 79.
6. Mackie, “Compelled.”

## POSTLUDE—SIGHT TO THE BLIND

1. Unless, of course, you count Harry’s little mishap at the zoo—but in both the book and movie, that incident was unintentional. In the movie, Ron Weasley tries a spell on his rat first, but it doesn’t work. And for the record, “oculus reparo” doesn’t appear in any of Rowling’s books. Hermione is still the first student to cast a spell in the books, but it’s “alohomora” in chapter 9 of *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone*.