

I did not grow up in a Christian home but God got a hold of me in college. I was an atheist and convinced that evolution was true. My freshmen year I met a brilliant Christian pre-med named John Riel. I was shocked and confused about how this scientifically educated person could claim to be a Christian. I was also surprised by how he calmly answered questions I pressed upon him about evolution. I was expecting all Christians to feel threatened by science. Yet, here was this intelligent Christian who did not seem fearful of me in the least. He subsequently invited me to a church service. I was deeply moved by the sermon. God seemed to be speaking directly to me through the pastor. By the end of the sermon I was moved to tears. John Riel gave me a hug and told me, "Welcome to the kingdom of God!".

Although I had an encounter with God, perhaps because of my scientific temperament and/or my own brokenness, I was hesitant at first to believe I had become a Christian. God brought people into my life at that time that disciplined me. I am especially grateful to Reverend Robert Siegel (<http://bobsiegel.net>) who met with me for many years. I will not say that I now have all the answers. Rather, I have learned to walk by faith and depend on Him.