

## **Study Guide for Peter Berger's *The Sacred Canopy***

15 Questions on the following 13 topics:

1. The dialectic of externalization, internalization, and objectivation
2. The relations between culture and social structure
3. The meaning of individuals' biographies
4. The following terms: nomos, anomie, theodicy, legitimization, and secularization
5. The role of religion in legitimating social structure
6. The challenge to religion posed by human mortality
7. Different theodicies
8. The shift from Grace to Justice
9. Protestantism and secularization
10. The institutionalization of Christianity and secularization
11. What religious symbols are understood to refer to in modern times
12. Religious monopoly vs. market-oriented religion
13. The Decline in plausibility of religious ideas