



## ***Pilgrim at Tinker Creek* by Annie Dillard**

### **Discussion Questions**

1. How does God and faith play a role in Dillard's journey and exploration of isolation?
2. How does science play a role in her journey? Do her ideas of God and science ever conflict?
3. Are there any parallels between Annie Dillard and Henry David Thoreau? In what ways are their writing/ideas similar?
4. How do Dillard's vivid descriptions of nature highlight her solitude?
5. To what extent is isolation necessary for Dillard's personal growth and exploration?
6. How does Dillard use nature to explore her own mortality?

7. What does Dillard mean in her closing statement when she describes her left foot as “Glory” and her right foot as “Amen”?
8. How and why does Dillard use insects to sum up her journey at the end of the book?
9. How does Dillard use other philosophical schools of thought to analyze her own experiences and to what effect?
10. What are, for you, the most memorable episodes in this book? Why? Do they possess anything in common?

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