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**“By the Waters of Babylon” Study Guide Questions**

**Directions:** Complete the following questions on this worksheet. You may use the back if you need more space.

1. “We live in an age of advanced technology beyond the understanding of most of us.” Do you agree with this statement? Is it possible that technology has advanced beyond human control? Explain why you believe this statement to be/not be true.
2. **Setting:** Using paragraph one of the story, describe the society portrayed by the author. Also, identify WHERE the narrator lives.
3. In which direction is it forbidden to travel? Why?
4. Why does the author use a priest and the son of a priest to tell his story?
5. What does the narrator tell about the Place of the Gods?
6. What do these beliefs suggest about the narrator’s society?
7. **Point of View:** Why does the author use first person point of view in this story?
8. Why is it that only priests can touch the metal?
9. What does it mean that John can touch it?
10. **Theme:** Living in a society with limited understanding, the narrator yearns for and values \_\_\_\_\_.
11. What does John’s father tell him about his dream? What do these words reveal about the reason it is forbidden to travel east?