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Sharon has appeared on Justin Brierley's program "Unbelievable?" on Premier Christian Radio, and several BBC programs including *Songs of Praise*, Radio 2 *Good Morning Sunday*, and Radio 4 *Beyond Belief*. Her topics of interest focus on science, theology, "mind and soul," and the problem of evil, and she speaks and lectures throughout the UK, as well as in Europe and North America.

Her first book, *Why?: Looking at God, Evil and Personal Suffering* (2013), won the prize for best book at the 2014 Speaking Volumes UK Christian Book Awards (presented by Pam Rhodes). *Why?* interweaves the stories of people who have suffered, with a practical look at some "why?" questions on suffering. Sharon's latest book, [Am I Just My Brain?](#) (2019), examines questions of human identity from the perspectives of neuroscience, philosophy, and theology.

Sharon lives in Oxford with her husband and two young children.