



# Discussion Questions

THE CASE FOR FAITH

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## Objection #1: Since Evil and Suffering Exists, a Loving God Cannot

1. How have difficulties, challenges, and even pain shaped your character and values? How are you different today as a result of the problems you've had to face in life? Can you ever imagine thanking God someday for how suffering has molded you? Kreeft said, "I believe all suffering contains at last the opportunity for good." Was that true in your case?
2. What were Kreeft's strongest points? What were his weakest? If you had an opportunity to question him, what would you ask? Based on his other observations, how do you think he might respond to your question?
3. If you were God, how would you have designed the world differently? As you remove suffering or evil and tinker with people's free will, think through the consequences that would result. How would people form character in your utopia? Would they be motivated to seek God in the midst of their pleasures? If you supernaturally intervened to eliminate evil, where would you draw the line—to prevent murder? Child abuse? Theft? Slander? Evil thoughts that may prompt evil actions? At what point are people turned into puppets who lack free will and therefore cannot truly express love?
4. If Marc were to sit down with the woman in the *Life* magazine photo, what three things do you think he would say to her? How do you believe she might respond?
5. What was your favorite quote from this week's reading?
6. What do you think will be most helpful/useful to you in the future from this week's reading?

Except for the last two questions, these questions are taken from "Deliberations: Questions for Reflection or Group Study" at the end of each chapter in the book.