



Five Steps to Answer Any Tough Question

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The Church and Questions

Answering Questions

Three Key Things to Remember

- The aim is to answer the *questioner*, not the *question*.
- Clarify a question: e.g. you might ask “what” and “why” questions, or find out why your friend asked it.
- Be willing to admit your limitations!

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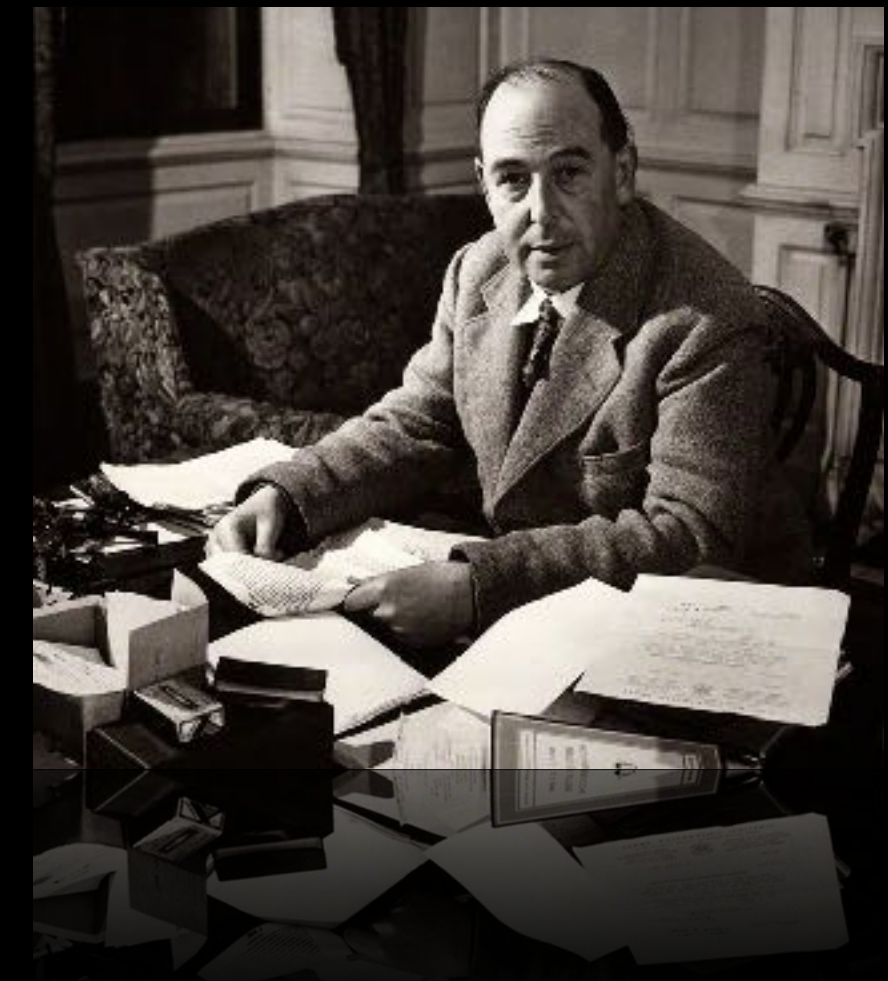
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“My argument against God was that the universe seemed so cruel and unjust. But how had I got this idea of just and unjust? A man does not call a line crooked unless he has some idea of a straight line.”

C. S. Lewis
Mere Christianity



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= com (*with*) + passion (*suffer*)

= to suffer alongside



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Why?

Looking at God, evil
and personal suffering

