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## *Great Questions explored at St. Mary's College*

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- Can we prove that God exists, and that Jesus Christ is God?
- How do we learn, and what is tradition?
- How do we distinguish between truth and error, what are the limits of our knowledge, and how are the various fields of learning related?
- What is love? How is it manifested?
- What makes something beautiful?
- What is the relation between human reason and divine revelation, and why do Christians study the pagan classics?
- Can there be morality without belief in immortality?
- Why does God allow evil, and why do the innocent suffer? In what ways is suffering good?
- What is Christendom, how did it develop, how was it destroyed, and can it be restored?
- Why is warfare a focus of all human societies, and what makes war just?
- What are the relations among government, law, and man's natural rights? What role should the Church play in guiding temporal affairs?
- What does it mean to be human? How, then, should we live our lives?
- Do all men desire happiness? What will make them truly happy?
- What is freedom, and how have different ideas about freedom sparked dire conflict?
- Is it possible to find meaning in the waste land of the post-Christian, post-modern world? Is meaningful speech, thought, art, and even love still possible? Can we discern the action of grace among the ruins?
- How is love the motive force of every deliberate act---good or evil---of man? Another of the "great questions" explored at SMC. [Why Choose Liberal Arts? \(Roche, 2010\)](#)