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3. Number Six, The Cylon with Dr. Baltar, says she helped Baltar because God wanted her to help him. Do you think you can know the will of God, and if so how do you hear or understand God?
4. In his speech, Adama talks about how humanity visits our sins on our children and that, "You cannot play god and wash your hands of the things you've created. Sooner or later the day comes when you can't hide from the things you've done anymore." Are there places where you have seen this in your own life or in our society?
5. Did the President make the right decision in leaving the slower ships behind when the Cylons attacked? Why or why not?
6. The Cylon on Ragnar Anchorage suggests that God thought humanity was a mistake and gave souls to the Cylons. In part of the Noah story in Genesis 6, God speaks of regretting creating humans. Do you think God regrets making humans? What do you think a soul is? Do you think it is possible for animals, machines, or humans to have a soul? Why or why not?
7. What did you notice about the ritual and prayer practices performed by the humans. How are they similar or different to your own practices?
8. Adama says, "It is not enough just to live, you have to have something to live for." Do you agree? What do you live for?



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3. Baltar says he believes in a rational, understandable universe. Is it possible to believe in God and in a rational universe? What do you believe?
4. The pilots touch a picture when they leave the ready room. What do you think it is? Have you seen other people in your own life interact with images this way or have you done so yourself? Why do you or others do this?
5. How is the memorial in the halls of the Galactica similar or different to other memorials you have seen? Have you ever made a memorial for someone? Why or why not?
6. Number Six claims that procreation is one of God's commandments. In Genesis 1:28 God tells humans to "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it." How should we interpret this commandment today?
7. Number Six makes a connection between God's will and the arrival of the Olympic Carrier, and suggests that Baltar needs to repent to be saved. Baltar repents and then the Olympic Carrier is destroyed. Do you think God or Baltar were involved in the destruction of the ship or do you think that this was coincidence? Why or why not? How do you understand repentance and salvation?
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2. Apollo is questioning whether or not he did the right thing in destroying the passenger vessel the Olympic Carrier. Commander Adama tells him that 'a man accepts responsibility for his actions, and lives with the consequences.' In a difficult situation, how do you know if you've made the right decision? What do you think it means to live with the consequences of your actions?
3. President Roslin believes that leaders need to remember and learn from their mistakes. To remind her of this, she keeps a piece of paper with "Olympic Carrier" written on it. How do you or others remember decisions or mistakes in order to learn from them? How have you seen this done using objects or physical means?
4. Exodus 17:1-7 tells the story of how the Israelites had run out of water during the exodus. Through Moses, God provides water from a rock. Have you had an experience where you needed a miracle to get through? What was that like?
5. Do you think Chief Tyrol did the right thing by not reporting Sharon? Why or why not? Have you ever been in a situation similar to the Chief's? What was it like and how did you respond?
6. In this episode, we see Sharon as both a pilot and possibly the one who planted the bombs. We also see Sharon struggle with how these events happened and who she might be. Have you ever been in a situation that challenged who you thought yourself to be? What was it like, how did you react?



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3. Apollo says that Zarek's book, even though banned, made him challenge some of his assumptions. Have you ever read a book or seen a film that challenged your assumptions about the world? If so, what was it and how did it affect you?
4. When Zarek is accused of using violence for political purposes, he responds, "always better when the oppressed don't fight back isn't it?" When do you think violence is justifiable for political ends?
5. Apollo tells Zarek that people need a government and need rules. Zarek replies that people need freedom otherwise they are no different from the Cylons. Are rules and freedom mutually exclusive? How do you define freedom? Do you think the Cylons are free? Why or why not?
6. Galatians 5:1 says "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery." Zarek says the prisoners are slaves and freedom is earned. Do you think freedom is given or earned?
7. Apollo is confronted several times with the need to pick a side. What side does he pick in the end? Do you think it is necessary in life to pick a side or is this a false choice?
8. Do you think Apollo made the right decision in allowing the prisoners to keep the ship and in forcing elections? Why or why not?



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3. Commander Adama tells the pilots to remember their self-esteem, self-respect, and self-worth because the fleet needs to know that they can be counted on even in a time like this. How do you grieve the loss of loved ones when there is also a need to be strong?
4. What about the funeral service is similar or different to our own funeral practices? What do you find helpful or not helpful about funerals?
5. During Zack's funeral, the priest mentions the need for repentance to make their lives worthy of Zack's sacrifice. What do you think repentance means for Starbuck in her situation? How do you think repentance and worth are connected if at all?
6. The priest speaks of people being re-united in a better world to come. Christians profess a similar belief in the Nicene Creed saying, "We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come." Do you believe in a world to come? Why or why not? If so what is it like?
7. Do you think Starbuck is responsible for Zack's death? Why or why not?
8. How do you determine the right thing to do when there is a conflict between your professional life and your personal life? Do you think it is possible to separate your personal and professional life?
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3. Do you think Commander Adama and Apollo did the right thing by risking so much to find Starbuck? Why or why not?
4. In Luke 15:3-7 Jesus tells a parable about a shepherd who leaves 99 sheep to find the lost one. What does this kind of action say about the shepherd? Do you think God acts in this way? Why or why not?
5. In this episode, we see that Commander Adama and Apollo do not want to give up the search for Starbuck. When facing a difficult situation, how do you know when to give up?
6. President Roslin accuses Commander Adama and Apollo of not being able to come to terms with Zack's death. What do you think it means to come to terms with someones death?
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3. In this episode, a Cylon, who looks like a human, blows himself up killing several people and injuring many more. In the show they struggle with how to tell a Cylon from a human. In our world, terrorists have killed thousands of people through suicide attacks. How can we know who is or is not a terrorist in order to prevent attacks?
4. President Roslin says independent tribunals, openness, and transparency sound good, however, these things have a tendency to inflict damage in places you don't suspect. Do you think independent tribunals and transparency in these kinds of issues are helpful or not? Why or why not?
5. Commander Adama says that the purpose of the law is to protect citizens not to prosecute them. Do you agree? Why or why not? How do you see law used in our society?
6. In Exodus 20, God gives the 10 Commandments to the people of Israel as the law. Do you think this is for the purposes of protection or prosecution of the people? Why or why not?
7. President Roslin says someone on the Galactica screwed up allowing the Cylon to come aboard. The Master at Arms implies that Commander Adama was in part responsible for the bombing. Do you agree? Why or why not?
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3. Number Six tells Baltar that it is important that he form a personal relationship with God, and that only he can give himself over to God's love. What do you think it means to have a personal relationship with God?
4. Baltar suggests that while religion is attractive to the half-educated dullards of humanity, no rational, intelligent, free-thinking human actually believes. Do you agree with Baltar? Why or why not?
5. Number Six refers to God as a "he." How do you address God? Do you see God as male, female, neither, or both?
6. Sharon suggest that the Cylon Raider should be treated like an animal, a pet, rather than a thing in order to get it to respond. How does what you think about something or someone affect how you treat that thing or person?
7. When Baltar is praying in the cell he changes from promising to do God's will to asking for grace. What do you think the prayer says about Baltar. In a crisis, do you think this kind of prayer is effective, and if so to what ends?
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3. Leoben says that the most basic article of faith is the belief that “this is not all that we are...I know that I am more than this body, more than this consciousness.” Do you agree? Why or why not?
4. Starbuck says that to be human is to suffer and feel pain, and if Leoben turns off the pain, it proves he isn't human. Do you agree? Why or why not?
5. On Caprica, Number Six says that “In the scheme of things, we are as we do, She acts like [a human], thinks like them, she is one of them.” Do you think who we are is defined by our actions, our family, our community or all or none of these things?
6. Leoben says that humans were the most loved by God but because they repaid that love with sin, evil, and corruption, God decided to create the Cylons. Starbuck responds saying that the Cylon genocide of humans was evil? How do you define evil and sin?
7. Starbuck tells Leoben that he has been programmed with a fairytale of God and life everlasting but she thinks there is a message in his head saying error: does not compute. Does this relate to your own experience of faith? Why or why not?
8. When President Roslin sees that Leoben has been tortured she is upset, yet orders his execution. Do you think torture was justifiable in this case? Do you think torture is ever justifiable?



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3. Baltar asks whether or not suicide is a sin. What do you think? How do you think individuals and communities can best respond to suicide?
4. Colonel Tigh is in love with a woman that brings out in him negative personality traits. What do you think Colonel Tigh should do now that his wife is back in his life?
5. Commander Adama decides not to keep Ellen away from Colonel Tigh but doesn't seem happy about them being together. In your own life, how do you respond to friends or family members that are involved in relationships that you feel have negative influences on the person?
6. On Caprica, Number Six says that Sharon's passion has made her resourceful. Have you seen this in your own experience? If so, how? How does your love for someone or something affect how you live your life?
7. The Cylon Doral suggests that Helo seems more alive because of the anguish he can feel. When have you felt most alive? What were the circumstances?
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3. The priest speaks of the exile and rebirth of the human race on a caravan through the stars. The book of Exodus speaks of the Israelites traveling through the wilderness, led by God to the promised land. Why do you think stories of exile and rebirth are stories that are told and remembered for thousands of years? Why are these stories important to you if at all?
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2. Are you interested in politics and follow the news about elections? Why or why not? What do you find most intriguing and frustrating about politics?
3. How do you think matters of faith or religion should be connected with politics if at all? Why?
4. Tom Zarek suggests that the current social order should emphasise the group over the individual. Which one do you think our political structure favors and do you think this arrangement is beneficial or harmful? Why?
5. Number Six mentions that love and sex are different. How do you think they relate or are different? Is one more desirable than the other?
6. Throughout the series, Number Six and Baltar often talk about God. Yet, God does not come up in their discussion about sex. There are significant divisions in our culture around issues of sex, religion, and politics. How do you think sex, religion, and politics should be related if at all?
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3. How do you think matters of faith or religion should be connected with politics if at all? Why?
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3. The President and the Priest are both surprised to discover that the scriptures are true. The Priest even says that President Roslin has made a believer out of her. What do you think it means for scripture to be true? What evidence would you need to believe that scripture is true?
4. Commander Adama speaks of the scriptures as story and myth but he needs to deal with reality. What do you think is the difference between myth and reality? How does that understanding shape your actions?
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7. Do you believe Apollo made the right decision in opposing the arrest of the President? Why or why not?
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