

The Screw Tape Letters

Letter VIII Questions

1. Describe the process of “undulation”. Give an example of undulation in your recent life.

2. What can trigger undulation?

3. Screwtape states that God relies on the troughs even more than on the peaks ‘to better build an individual’s spiritual life’. Why is this, and can you point to a time in your life there this has been true for you?

4. Do you believe that the third paragraph of this letter does an accurate job of summing up God’s position with mankind?

5. In the fourth paragraph Screwtape provides a deeper description of the concept of undulation, focusing primarily on the troughs of our lives. Discuss how this works in your personal life.

7. What is meant when Screwtape states “Our cause is never more in danger, than when a human, no longer desiring, but intending, to do our Enemy's will, looks round upon a universe from which every trace of Him seems to have vanished, and asks why he has been forsaken, and still obeys.”? How can we take advantage of this?

8. What did you learn from this letter?
