

# How to Ask the Proper Questions

Critical Reason reviews what is in the world, both the positive and the negative, asking the meaning of and reasons for both.

- What do you think this means, and why?
- What is life-giving here and why?
- What is not life-giving and why not?
- Whose interest is being served?
- Who is suffering?
- What are some of the reasons for this present state of affairs?
- Can you explain some of your own attitudes?

Analytical Memory uncovers the social and personal origins of how things got to be the way they are and the root of our own perspective.

- Where does this come from?
- How did this present situation arise?
- What is the history—personal or social—behind it?
- Whose interests brought things to be this way?
- What memories does this hold for you?
- What are some of the roots of your own attitude?
- Can you share some of the story behind what you're saying (or feeling, or doing, etc.)?

Creative Imagination invites seeing the consequences of our present situation, perceiving what might or should be changed, and stimulating our own creativity to change.

- What are the likely consequences of this?
- What should be the outcome here?
- What can we do on behalf of what is best for all?
- What changes can we make that are fitting?
- What consequences would we prefer and how do we help to shape them?
- How do we feel called to respond?
- What would it mean to act for life for all?