

Questions related to the Personal Letters

1. To what extent had Heloise decided for herself to become a nun? Explain.
2. Have Abelard and Heloise been communicating on a personal level these past ten years? Explain.
3. In one word, what does Heloise believe had been Abelard's motivation in their early relationship?
4. In Letter 1, what does Heloise say she wants from Abelard and why?
5. In Letter 2, how does Abelard respond to Heloise's complaint?
6. Based on Letter 3, does Heloise believe that Abelard deserved to be castrated? Explain.
7. Based on Letter 4, does Abelard believe that he deserved to be castrated? Explain.
8. Does Abelard believe that God brought good out of the evil?