Section 5. Question 4

A person of great religious faith has huge faith in God. They feel that they have a special connection with him and don't need to question if he is really there or not because they can feel that he is there for support and comfort them through good times and bad. However, there are a lot of people who look towards factual evidence for answers. This can make them question faith or have no faith at all! This can challenge the views of a religious person who has faith.

Atheism is the belief that we can never really know if God exists or not because our human minds are not capable of understanding something so broad. People who are atheist feel that it is not right to say that God is definitely real, but also not right to say he definitely isn't real. We have no way of knowing. This can be a challenge to a person of faith because they feel that people of faith might feel that they can understand that God is real.

A person of faith may have thoughts about it carefully and feel they understand, but might also not think about it deeply but feel it. Atheists look to facts and say there is no evidence for God being real or not being real, but people of faith feel deeply that God is real and is a huge part of them. This can make people of faith feel challenged.
At the end of our discussion, one student shared their belief about atheism. They explained that atheism is the belief that there is no God. Most people might be atheists because they have not experienced anything supernatural. When people believe in God, they might feel that there are no answers. This can be extremely challenging to people of faith, as they may not have had faith but lose it over time. People are just not as religious as they used to be, and this can cause religious individuals to question their beliefs and the existence of God. Someone might be so definite that God does not exist, but they can cause religious people to question their beliefs and challenge themselves. It is a very important problem to ask. If God is a big part of your life, it is hard to compare your beliefs of an atheist to your own beliefs. It is so bluntly different. I feel that no matter what people believe, it is a good thing to ask questions. It is also important to respect other people and what they believe, and what gives their life meaning.