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Dear Dr. Jamm,

As an introduction to a unit that I am teaching on Ashkenazic history of the Middle Ages and all of the tragedies that occurred therein, I used your article, "The Face of G-d". I used the enclosed questions as a didactic tool.

I would appreciate your suggestions and comments.

Best wishes,
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Based on your very careful reading of "The Face of G-d", an article by Rabbi Lamm, please answer the following questions. Please do not copy answers from the article (or from anyone else...)

1. What does Rabbi Lamm refer to as the question that remains the "question of questions" for Judaism?

2. Aside from the problem in number 1, what specific questions do we have regarding the Holocaust?

3. What general reason have a number of Orthodox thinkers ventured to explain the Holocaust?

4. Explain more specifically three examples of this theory.

5. Why is Rabbi Lamm opposed to this way of thinking? (give at least 3 reasons)

6. Define "hester panim". What causes it?

7. Explain Rabbi Lamm's example of "hester panim" regarding the story of 17 AND 18.

8. How does the Ba'al Shem Tov explain "hester panim" from this? "וְהַיְיטָב הַשֵּׁמִינִי דְרַי"

9. Explain Rambam's theory regarding "hester panim" as it applies to the Jewish nation.

10. Explain the four separate stages of "hester panim". To whom does each apply? How can these stages help us to understand the Holocaust?

11. WHAT IS THE CHALLENGE OF "HESTER PANIM"? What is our challenge?