

Mr. Blue—Questions for Reflection and Discussion

Use the following questions as guides to deeper individual understanding of the novel or for group discussion.

1. What are Blue's interests, passions, and eccentricities? What deeper aspects of his character and beliefs do they point to and illuminate?
 2. What is the narrator's stance toward Blue? What attracts him to Blue? What puzzles him? What challenges him?
 3. Connolly could have chosen to have the story of Blue narrated by a fully supportive acquaintance or disciple. What is the effect of the voice of the skeptical narrator on you as a reader?
 4. Blue says of his wealth, "These millions were a trial set me by my Lady Poverty." What does that mean? What do you think of Blue's use of his wealth?
 5. How is Blue like Jesus? How is he like St. Francis of Assisi?
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