

Questions of Perspective - Discussion Questions

- 1) Much of the story focuses on Dave's growth after getting a brief taste of omniscience. How do you think that growth influenced Dave's dealings with Tom Horton at the conclusion of the story? How do you think the version of Dave from the beginning of the novel might have handled things differently?
- 2) Peaches the cat plays a prominent role in both Dave's and John's respective existences. What do you think Peaches represents to each of them?
- 3) John, as God, struggles to justify his existence while simultaneously respecting the notion of free will. Do you think he succeeds in balancing those interests at the conclusion of the story?
- 4) At one point, Dave struggles to come up with decent answers after repeatedly asking himself "Why?" with regards to the choices he has made in his life to that point. Do you think he would have better answers to those "Why?" questions at the conclusion of the novel?
- 5) What do you think Abby and Dave see in each other that make them work as a couple?
- 6) Dave learns over the course of the story that joy is more than just the absence of pain - it is a positive force. Do you think he succeeds in finding that positive force? What is that positive force for Dave?
- 7) What does the title "Questions of Perspective" mean to you, as it relates to the story?