Questions for the Reading of:

C. S. Lewis

The Problem of Pain

Heaven

[1] Why must a Christian solution to the problem of pain treat heaven?

[2] How does Lewis respond to the objection that Christian belief in a life after death implies that we are trying to 'escape' from the duty of making a happy world here and now?

[3] Why can it not be said that heaven is a bribe?

[4] How does Lewis defend his conviction that we have a desire for heaven?
[5] How does Lewis respond to the objection that “the secret signature of each soul” is merely a product of heredity and environment?

[6] How does Lewis explain the reason for the individuality of each human soul?

[7] How does Lewis explain why your place in heaven will seem to be made for you and you alone?

[8] How does Lewis apply the two quotations from George MacDonald on page 153?

[9] Why did God create different individuals?
[10] Why does Lewis claim that pantheism is hopelessly behind the times?

[11] What is the sense in the argumentation of the sentence, "Even within the creation we might say that inanimate matter, which has not will, is one with God in a sense in which men are not"?

[12] How can it be that eternal life is an eternal dying?

[13] What does the following sentence mean?: "That fierce imprisonment in the self is but the obverse of the self-giving which is absolute reality."