Questions for the Reading of:

C. S. Lewis

*The Problem of Pain*

Human Pain *Continued*

[1] What is the paradox about tribulation in Christianity that Lewis mentions?

[2] How does Lewis respond to the question, "If suffering is good, ought it not to be pursued rather than avoided?"

[3] What does Lewis mean by the "complex good"?

[4] Why does the fact that God makes complex good out of simple evil not excuse those who do the simple evil?
[5] How does self-torture differ from tribulation sent by God?

[6] What is the danger of fasting?

[7] What is the chief redemptive effect of suffering?

[8] Why does tribulation presuppose a world where human beings are ordinarily seeking, by lawful means, to avoid their own natural evil and to attain their natural good?

[9] In what way does Christian renunciation differ from stoic ‘Apathy’?

[10] Why is it not Christian to suppose that it is our duty to leave the world rather than improve it?
[11] Why is the idea that an imagined heaven on earth is necessary for vigorous attempts to remove present evil absurd?

[12] Why is life such that we are never safe, but we do have plenty of fun, and some ecstasy?

[13] What does Lewis mean by saying that, of all evils, pain only is sterilised or disinfected evil?

[14] What is the danger involved in condemning the public sins of others?