Questions for the Reading of:

C. S. Lewis

The Problem of Pain

Hell

[1] Why does Lewis find it necessary to discuss hell?

[2] What is the real problem concerning hell?

[3] What does Lewis want to show in this chapter?

[4] What is the error in the demand that God should forgive an evil person while he remains what he is?

[5] How does Lewis prefer to understand retributive punishment inflicted by God?
[6] How does Lewis solve the objection that there is a clear disproportion between eternal damnation and transitory sin?

[7] How does Lewis interpret the state which is equally well described as torment, destruction, and privation?

[8] Why does Lewis describe the damned as "a loose congeries of mutually antagonistic sins rather than a sinner"?

[9] How does Lewis answer the objection that no charitable person could be blessed in heaven while knowing that even one human soul was still suffering in hell?