Questions for the Reading of:

C. S. Lewis

*The Problem of Pain*

Animal Pain

[1] Why is it not possible to extend the Christian explanation of human pain to animal pain?

[2] What can we confidently know about the pain of animals?

[3] What can we know about what animals suffer?

[4] What is the difference between sentience and consciousness?

[5] Why does Lewis criticize the presumption that animals feel pain?
[6] How can it be seen that human consciousness is not completely ‘timeful’?

[7] Why is it impossible to attribute the pain of animals to the Fall of man?

[8] How can it be argued that the doctrine of Satan’s existence is not among the things we know to be untrue?

[9] Why does the theodicy problem remain even if one supposes that the pain of animals was caused by Satan rather than by God?

[10] What does Lewis call the real difficulty about supposing most animals to be immortal?

[11] In what sense does Lewis defend the immortality of animals?

[12] How does Lewis reconcile the suffering of higher animals, i. e., animals that seem to have a self, with the justice of God?