

Questions for Week 6 (August 3)

11. The Three Parts of Morality

Lewis proposes three concerns of morality:

1. *Fair play and harmony between individuals.*
According to Lewis' ship analogy, why is it not useful to stop with this first concern of morality?
2. *Harmonizing the things inside each individual.*
How is the second aim of morality achieved? What causes differences between people in regards to the second concern of morality?
3. *The general purpose of human life as a whole.*
Why is this notion un-Christian: "As long as I don't hurt others, what I do is OK"?

12. The 'Cardinal Virtues'

Lewis discusses what are traditionally called "the cardinal virtues."

1. Lewis says that according to old writers, there are seven virtues. Four are called cardinal and the others theological. What are the four cardinal virtues?
2. What does it mean (and not mean) to follow Jesus' command to be like a child?
3. Does temperance apply only to drinking? How does it relate to abstinence?
4. What word does Lewis use to describe justice?
5. Fortitude is described in two ways, what are they?

Resources:

Audio of this book can be heard on our podcast or at our webpage at <http://www.beaconnet.org>

A professional recording can be heard on YouTube, with Chapter 11 beginning later in this file: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-6-Je71BQCg>

The **radio address** that became the final chapter of *Mere Christianity* is here in Lewis' own voice: http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/christianity/people/cslewis_16.shtml

The entire text can be read on-line here (among other places): <http://www.philosophyforlife.com/mctoc.htm>

A more detailed study guide can be downloaded here (the next-to-last file): <http://scholia.net/mccoy.html>

Finally, **a detailed outline designed for small group leaders** can be found below. It may also be useful for general use or review: http://www.opendiscipleship.org/Mere_Christianity_leaders_notes

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