

Questions for Week 7 (August 10)

13. Social Morality

1. Lewis states that Christ did not preach anything new in regards to morality. What is the real job of every moral teacher?
2. Why can Christianity not have a political program to apply the golden rule to a particular society at a particular time?
3. Lewis speculates that if we were to visit a Christian society, we would come away with a curious impression. What is that curious impression?
4. Three great civilizations have condemned the very thing we have based ours on. What were the three civilizations and what is the thing they have condemned? What do you make of this striking disagreement?
5. Lewis states that charity (giving to the poor) is an essential part of Christianity. How can we gauge our level of charity according to Lewis?

14. Morality and Psychoanalysis

1. According to Lewis, psychoanalysis and Christianity are not in contradiction. How does psychoanalysis affect a person's ability to make moral choices?
2. How is a man whose anger kills thousands similar to a man whose anger only causes laughter?

Resources:

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

A professional recording can be heard on YouTube, with Chapter 13 beginning in this file:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SdjHde0d4Sg>

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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