

**BOOK III - CHAPTER 1: The Three Parts of Morality**

1. Lewis says, "In reality, moral rules are \_\_\_\_\_ for running the human machine. Every moral rule is there to \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_, or a strain, or a friction, in the running of that machine."
2. Do you agree that, "Perfect behavior may be as unattainable as perfect gear-changing when we drive, ..."? Is this a good analogy? Why?
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Do you agree that, "... every moral failure is going to cause trouble, probably to others and certainly to yourself."? Why?
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
4. In your own words, what are the "... two ways in which the human machine goes wrong."?
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Is the analogy of a fleet of ships a good analogy to help understand this? Why?
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Using the analogy of the ships, what is the third thing to take into account to really understand this problem of morality?
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
7. That brings us to Lewis's explanation of the three things that explain our problem of morality. In your own words, what are the three "parts of morality"?
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_

8. Lewis said, more than 70 years ago (!), "You may have noticed that \_\_\_\_\_ people are nearly always thinking about the first thing and forgetting the other two. ... When a man says ... 'It can't be \_\_\_\_\_ because it doesn't do anyone else any \_\_\_\_\_,' he is thinking only of the first thing. ... as long as you stick to the first thing, there is very little \_\_\_\_\_ about morality."
9. But he continues, "Unless we go on to the second thing ... we are only deceiving ourselves. ... What is the good of drawing up ... \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ behavior, if we know that, in fact, our \_\_\_\_\_, cowardice, ill \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_-conceit are going to prevent us from keeping them?"
10. Continuing to build that thought, " ... all that thinking will be mere \_\_\_\_\_ unless we realise that nothing but the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of individuals is ever going to make any system \_\_\_\_\_ properly."
11. We often hear, "You can't legislate morality." Is that the same as Lewis's statement that, "You cannot make men good by law: and without good men you cannot have a good society."? Why?
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12. OK. Now Lewis goes to the very root of the "weed". "We are now getting to the point at which different \_\_\_\_\_ about the universe lead to different \_\_\_\_\_. ... religion involves a series of statements about facts, which must be either \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_. .. If somebody else \_\_\_\_\_ me, for his own \_\_\_\_\_, then I shall have a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ which I should not have if I simply belonged to \_\_\_\_\_."
13. "Now there are a good many things which would not be worth \_\_\_\_\_ about if I were going to live only 70 years, but which I had better \_\_\_\_\_ about very \_\_\_\_\_ if I am going to live \_\_\_\_\_."

14. If we're only here 70 years, "then a state, or a nation, or a civilization, which may last for 1,000 years, is more \_\_\_\_\_ than an \_\_\_\_\_. But if Christianity is \_\_\_\_\_, then the individual is not only more \_\_\_\_\_ but \_\_\_\_\_ more \_\_\_\_\_, ... "

15. **Closed book** test: What are the three parts of morality, in your own words?

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_

16. **Extra credit:** God's "laws" are sometimes compared with guardrails on a mountain road. Is this a useful analogy? Why?

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17. **Extra credit:** What do you think about the following statement? In what ways do you agree or disagree? To understand Lewis's explanation of our problem with morality is to understand the root cause of what is wrong with this broken world. Our founding fathers understood this. Shaky as it is today, our democratic republic has survived more than 200 years because they gave us a constitution which is designed to minimize the destructive nature of man.

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