

Pillars of Lewis's Argument Answer Key

(Sample Responses)

1. **Main Idea (Lecture I):** Lewis argues that modern education undermines moral values by treating them as subjective feelings, producing "men without chests."
2. **Supporting Details:**
 - Critiques the *Green Book* for teaching students that moral judgments are only emotional reactions.
 - Warns that this approach leaves students unable to develop virtue or moral reasoning.
3. **Main Idea (Lecture II):** Lewis defends the Tao as a universal moral law that provides the foundation for all human values.
4. **Supporting Details:**
 - Points out that every culture has shared moral principles, such as fairness and honesty.
 - Argues that attempts to invent new values still borrow from the Tao, making rejection self-contradictory.
5. **Main Idea (Lecture III):** Lewis warns that abandoning objective value will lead to the destruction of humanity's moral core—"the abolition of man."
6. **Supporting Details:**
 - Predicts that advanced science and technology may allow people to manipulate others without moral restraint.
 - Argues that without universal values, those in power will dominate others using "nature" as a tool.
7. **Extension Prompt (Sample):** Students might respond that Lecture I is most relevant today because education still debates whether morality should be taught, or Lecture III is most relevant because of modern debates about AI, genetic engineering, and technology.