



Reasoning with the Tao

Instructions: C.S. Lewis's *The Abolition of Man* challenges readers to think about truth, morality, and the future of humanity. Below are open-ended prompts. Write thoughtful responses that show your reasoning. Use examples from the text **and** your own reflections where possible.

1. Lewis warns that rejecting objective values will lead to "men without chests." What do you think he means by this, and how might it apply to modern education or society?

2. Can a society function if all morality is treated as relative? Why or why not? Give an example from history or current culture.

3. Lewis argues that the Tao represents a universal moral law. Do you agree that such a universal law exists, or do you think morality is purely cultural? Defend your answer.

4. Imagine a world where advanced technology allows humans to fully control emotions and instincts. Would this be progress or danger? How would Lewis likely respond to such a scenario?

5. In your view, what is the greatest strength of Lewis's argument in *The Abolition of Man*? What is the greatest weakness?
