

Unseen Existences Online Book Study

Week 1: Prelude and Chapter 1

1. What images do these words of Walt Whitman conjure for you? (pg 1)
2. Genesis 1:1 – “In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.” Does “the heavens” have a different connotation for you than “heaven”? Are “the heavens” more than just the sky? Is this a paradigm shift for you?
3. “Heaven is not a distant place, heaven is a *different dimension*.” Reflect.
4. Plato’s Theory of Forms says that the material world is a mere shadow of an eternal, unseen reality. What scriptures can you think of to support or rebut this idea?
5. Have your ideas about heaven changed over time?
6. Do you see current culture suffering from disenchantment?
7. What is the result of living in a disenchanted world?
8. How have stories helped you to live in an enchanted world?
9. From page 16, Lewis’s “Underland”, Jill has a hard time saying “Aslan”. Reflect on this.
10. Pg 19 – “Revelation...knowledge from the heavenly sphere communicated directly to the human spirit.” Paul on the Damascus Road, CS Lewis on the road to the zoo. Who else can you think of who have had similar experiences? How about yourself? Can you share?
11. How does the idea of apokatastasis (pg 20) affect you NOW?