**NOAH: AND MORALITY**

**1. DO GOOD AND AVOID EVIL**

**2. PRESERVATION OF LIFE**

**3. PROPAGATION AND EDUCATION OF OFFSPRING**

**4. THE PURSUIT OF TRUTH AND A PEACEFUL SOCIETY**

The movie Noah is filled with moral dilemmas and choices. Watch it with critical eyes and ears to listen for the deeper natural laws that Noah and the other characters are conflicted by. As the story Aronofsky tells alongside the flood story of Genesis is provocative and disturbing understand that the movie is not exactly as the Bible portrays the events.

1. What is evidence in the story that human violence and wickedness is widespread? List all that you witness before the flood. (5)
2. Who is Methuselah? Why does Noah and his family search for him? What is evidence that Methuselah walked with God? What did he give to Noah?(4)
3. Explain the concern of Noah’s unwed sons. What moral choice impacted the relationship between Noah and his one son? Which natural laws-stated above- were in conflict when the flood began and this son was running toward the arc? (5)
4. Prior to the flood, mankind (and animals) had permission from God to [eat plants and fruit](http://quod.lib.umich.edu/cgi/r/rsv/rsv-idx?type=citation&book=Genesis&chapno=1&startverse=29&endverse=30), but permission to eat animals was given to human beings only [after the flood](http://quod.lib.umich.edu/cgi/r/rsv/rsv-idx?type=citation&book=Genesis&chapno=9&startverse=1&endverse=3).

Tubal-Cain boasts to having power over life and death and that the will of mankind is to be granted greater power then the authority of the heavens. How does he disrespect the innocents on the arc? Why is this so wrong? Why did the guideline change after the flood? (5)
5. “In the beginning, God entrusted the earth and its resources to the common stewardship of mankind to take care of them” ([*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2402](http://bit.ly/1lT7HSm)).

Noah explains that all living things have a purpose, and men should take only what they need and can use. Why do you believe Noah would reason that picking a flower for its beauty is flawed yet chopping down many trees to build an arc is right? (4)

1. For Noah (and Lamech), to be in God’s image is strongly associated with man’s responsibility as stewards of creation.

When does it become obvious to all the family that the animals are far more important to Noah’s (Gods) plan than the continuation of the human race? (2)

1. When the children are born on the arc and Noah is about to carry out his understanding of Gods plan which natural laws above prevent him from following through with his original plan at the birth? What is said or done that changes his mind? (5)
2. “When men began to multiply on the face of the ground, and daughters were born to them, the sons of God saw that the daughters of men were fair; and they took to wife such of them as they chose. … The Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men, and they bore children to them. These were the mighty men that were of old, the men of renown.” Genesis 6:1-4

The “Nephilim”/ the rock-monster Watchers supported the corruption of mankind. How did they do that? They also enabled the survival of Noah and his family; do you believe that the movie shows the rock watchers as being forgiven for their actions of the past?(4)

1. What is evidence that human nature is still fallen after the family has left the arc to start life on land again? (2)
2. Does our will power need to be stronger than our desire for pleasure to remain moral? Explain in a **paragraph**. Be sure to support with evidence>