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Brave New World Ch. 16-17; World State Foundational Beliefs

1. Who are the four people meeting in the Controller's study?
2. Bernard was horrified that John, Mr. Savage, answered "No" to what observation from Mustapha Mond?
3. John is shocked to find that Mond has read what?
4. When John expresses his contempt for the World State with Othello's outburst of "Goats and monkeys!," what does Mond call the citizens of the world state?
5. According to Mond, what is the problem with letting the citizens of the World State read *Othello*?
6. "[S]tability isn't nearly so spectacular as _____" (221).
7. Why doesn't the World State create a society of only Alpha Double Plus individuals?
8. According to Mond, the optimum population is modelled on what?
9. Who would be the citizens above the water?
10. Who is happier, the people *above* the water or the people *below* the water?
11. What is just as incompatible with happiness as art? (225)
12. What almost got Mond sent to an island when he was younger? What did he do?
13. Explain Mond's reasoning that Bernard's "punishment" is really a reward.
14. What affect did the Nine Year's War have on science? What happened to science because of the Nine Year's War? (228)
15. What must be paid for?
16. The Controller chose to serve happiness. Whose? At what cost?

17. What does Helmholtz like about the Falkland Islands? Why?
 18. What term does Mond use to describe religious books? (231)
 19. When John insists that God does not change, Mond responds that *what* does?
 20. What does Mond insist is an unnatural state for man? (232)
 21. According to Mond, when/why do men turn to God? (233)
 22. So...why don't citizens of the World State need God?
 23. (234) According to Mond, God isn't compatible with _____ and _____ and _____.
 24. According to Mond, why do people believe in God?
 25. So, following that logic, why does the World State not need God?
- From 235 (bottom) to 236 (top), Mond says, "The gods are just. No doubt. But their code of law is dictated, in the last resort, by the people who organize society; Providence takes its cue from men." Over the next several paragraphs, John defines this Godless world that man – as a god – has created as degraded and immoral.
26. When John asserts that "God's the reason for everything noble and fine and heroic," Mond insists that "civilization has absolutely no need of nobility or heroism" (237). Why not?
 27. On 238, how does Mond define *soma*?
 28. On page 239, John asserts that "Nothing costs enough here." What does he mean?
 29. At the end of the chapter, what does John claim?
 30. Why?