

Chapter 9

Words:

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| 1. hart | 6. impish | 11. evocation |
| 2. obsequious | 7. palsy | 12. rapture |
| 3. kindling | 8. arthritic | 13. uncanny |
| 4. inchoate | 9. keens (v) | |
| 5. solemn | 10. condescence | |

Questions:

14. What is the only thing that can bring the belief that the tress will revive?
15. What does Grendel observe that makes him believe that “religion is sick”?
16. Explain: “The will to power resides among the stalactites of the heart.”
17. Grendel pretends to be who? What is his supposed job?
18. Ork gives a long discourse on the nature of God, much of this is very difficult to understand (he does not sound medieval at all). But concludes with two very important points: the definition of ultimate evil and of ultimate wisdom. What are these?
19. How are the three priests fundamentally different from Ork?
20. Why doesn't Grendel kill all of them?

Analysis

21. If only the “Deepest Religion” can bring hope for the resurrection of nature, what does this imply about the limitations of strict rationality?
22. Why is Grendel afraid?
23. What might the hunter/hart relationship a metaphor for?
24. Compare and Contrast the two forms of religious persons presented. What might Gardner be saying about the nature of practical religion?