

School of Nihilism - Module 1 – *Morality* – Answer Sheet

1. How did a misplaced faith in rescue from the outside (salvation from an external source) hurt the group and their chances for survival?

Believing that a search team would arrive soon to help, the group waited to do many important tasks themselves, such as reach the tail to get the batteries and to craft survival gear. In the end rescue was impossible without a guide who knew where to look because the plane wreckage was white atop a background of white snow.

2. While stranded after the crash the group was forced to change their values (what they believed to be right and wrong) in order to survive. What does this tell us about *our* morality and where it comes from?

Morality doesn't originate from God or a Holy book; it emerges as a result of human interaction and circumstance, and is fundamentally built upon the basic animal needs of an individual and a group.

3. How is cooperation related to existence and the universal need for survival?

Although it might seem as if the group would have fought each other for the remaining scraps of food, they instead worked together and eventually most of them lived to tell about it.

4. How great of an impact does mind and willpower have on our physical survival?

In difficult circumstances we live or die based on our expectations of ourselves and others.

5. [Bonus Question] After watching the extra feature *'The Making of Stranded'*, what kind of sensations did the survivors describe feeling after being rescued and suddenly back within modern civilization?

After living in an extremely austere realm and surviving using every scrap available they felt assaulted by the perfume, flashy jewelry, and similar aspects of a superficial and disingenuous modern world. Roberto Canessa said, "You don't realize all the things you have in this world, much more than you need, and you do much less than you can."