

William Wordsworth
The world is too much with us
Even more challenging questions!

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1. Wordsworth has often been described as a Pantheist.
 - What is a Pantheist? (4)
 - Are Wordsworth's pantheistic tendencies revealed in this poem? (10)

2. "The World is too much with us; late and soon,
Getting and spending, we lay waste our powers."
 - Do you agree with the poet when he says, "The World is too much with us"? Give reasons for your answer. (10)
 - What powers is the poet referring to when he says, "We lay waste our powers"? (4)

3. "We have given our hearts away, a sordid boon!"
 - What does the poet mean when he says, "We have given our hearts away"? (4)
 - Why does he say that this is a "sordid boon"? (4)

4. "It moves us not."
 - These words clearly mark the end of the Octave. Why then does the poet place these words within the first line of the Sestet? (6)

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