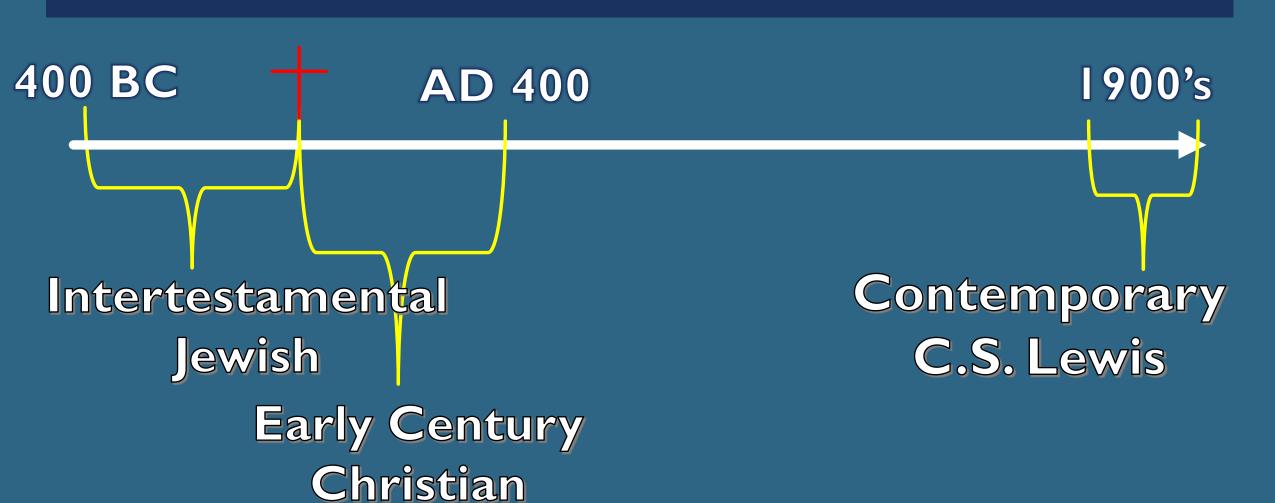
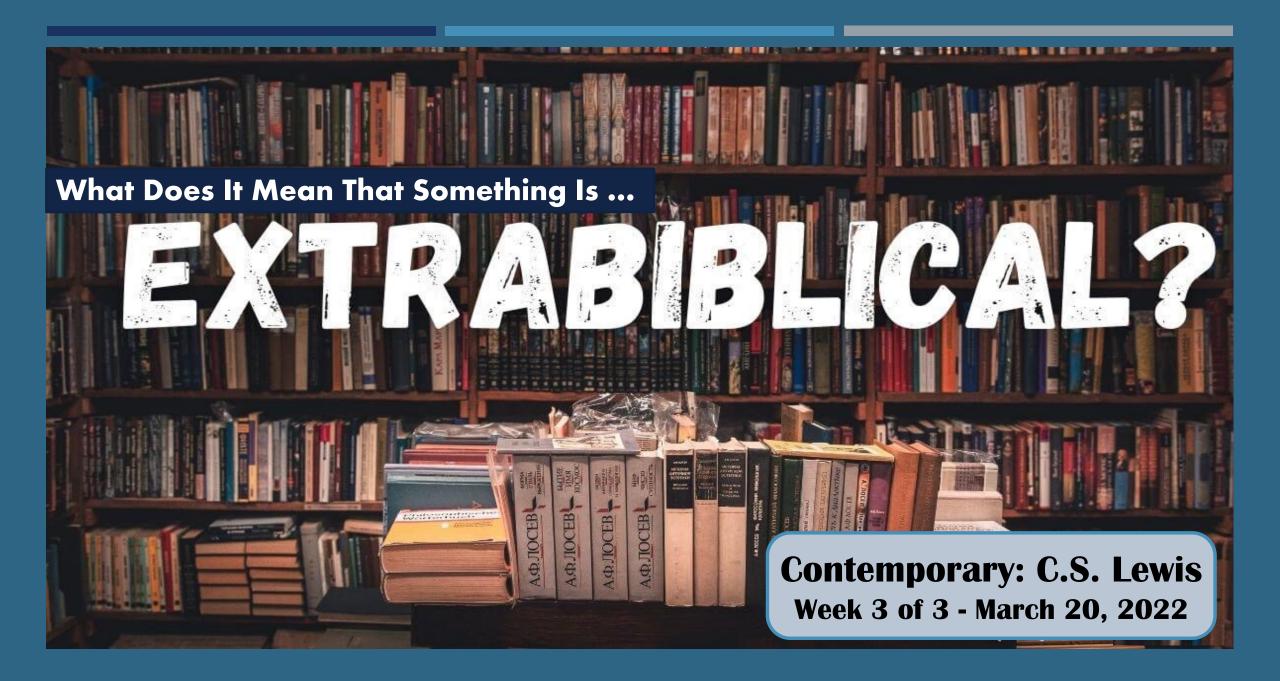
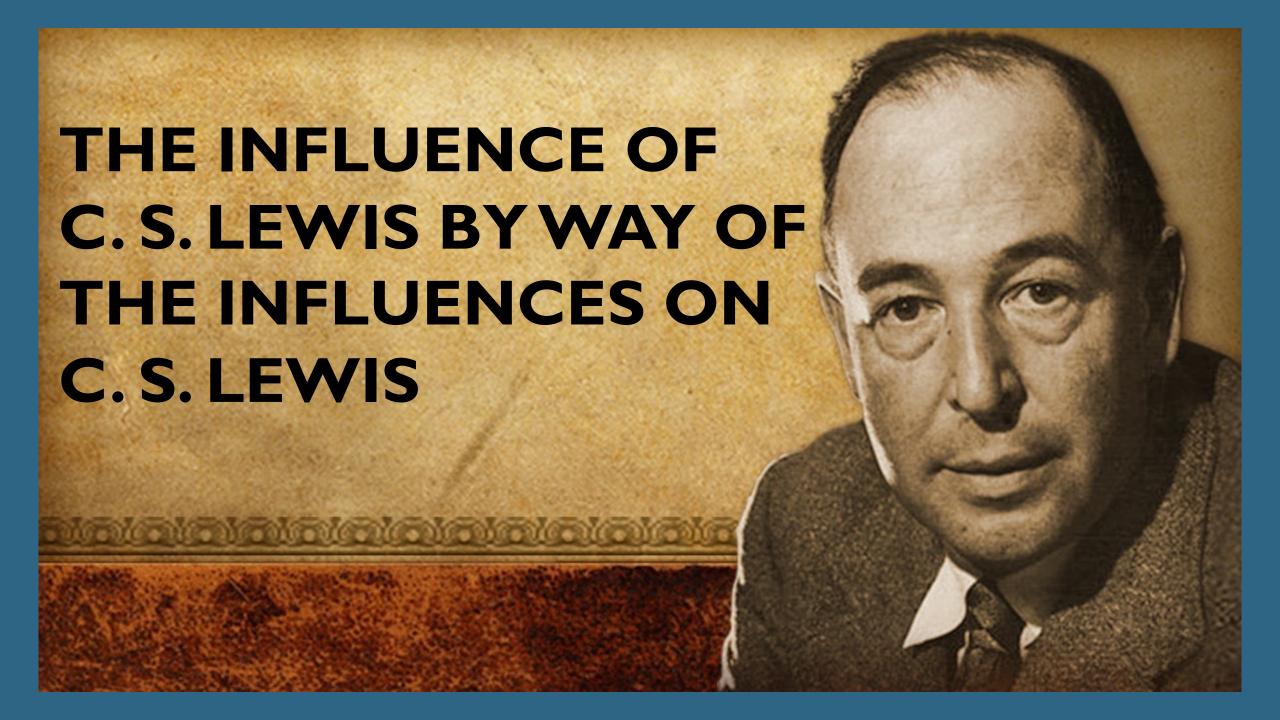


### EXTRABIBLICAL? - WHAT







# CLIVE STAPLES "JACK" LEWIS

Belfast, Northern Ireland (1898)

Childhood Influences

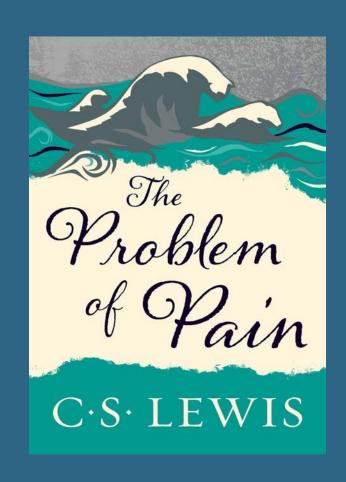


- Belfast, Northern Ireland (1898)
- Childhood Influences
- Mother Dies (1908)
- Boarding School (1910)
- Denies Christ / Embraces Atheism

"If God were good, He would wish to make his creatures happy and if God were almighty, He would be able to do what He wished. But the creatures are not happy. Therefore, God lacks either goodness, or power, or both."

- Lewis, The Problem With Pain (1940)

"For I can speak of it, because I certainly remembered what Christianity looked like from the outside."



Oxford College (1916)

Mythology / English Liter



- Oxford College (1916)
- Mythology / English Literature
- Enlisted World War I (1917)
- Wounded / Discharged (1918)
- English Fellow Oxford (1925)

#### MAGDALEN SCHOOL - OXFORD



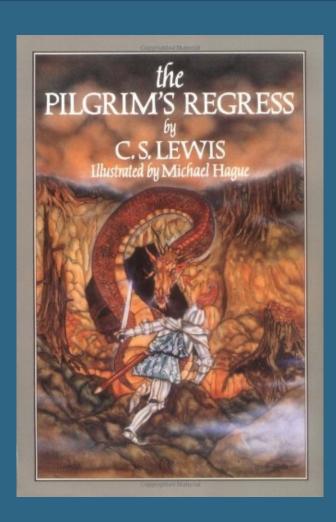
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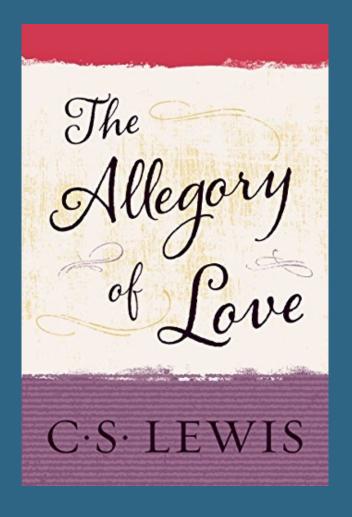
"I want atheism to be true and am made uneasy by the fact that some of the most intelligent and wellinformed people I know are religious believers."

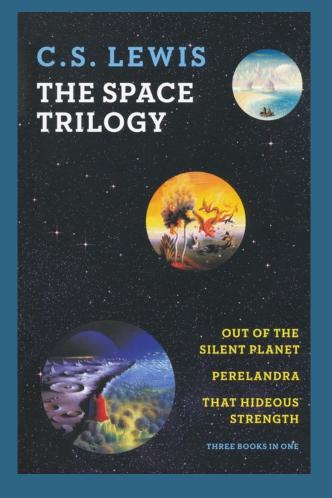




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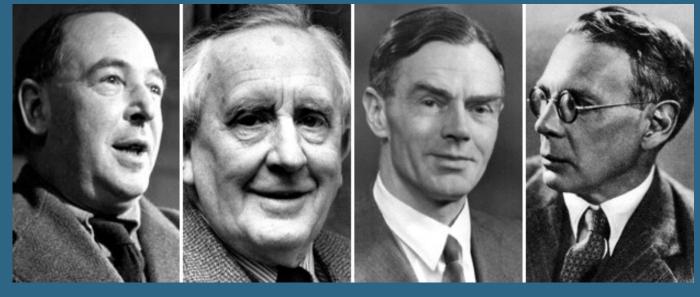






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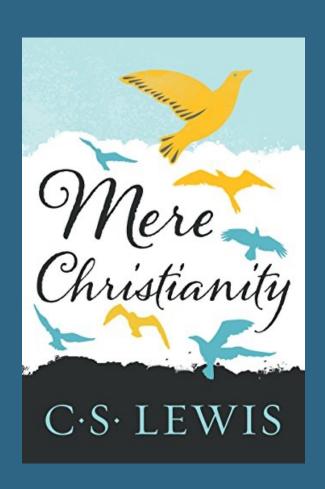
### THE INKLINGS



C. S. Lewis Charles Williams
J. R. R. Tolkien Owen Barfield



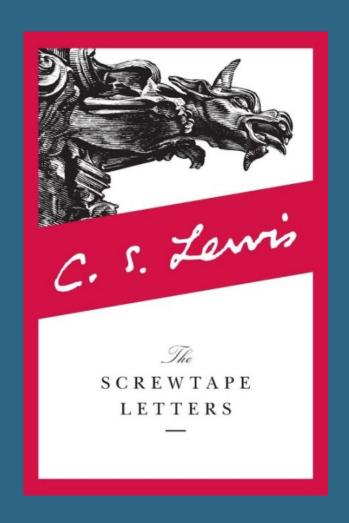
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- World War II Broadcasts (1941)

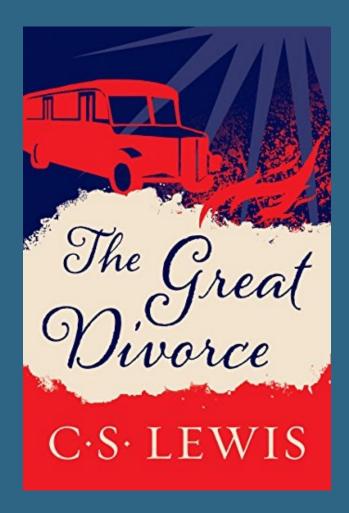


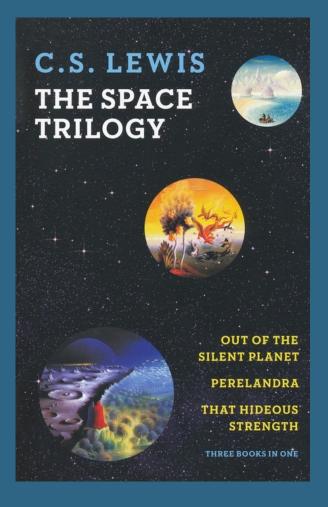
- Top 100 Christian Books of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century

- Christianity Today

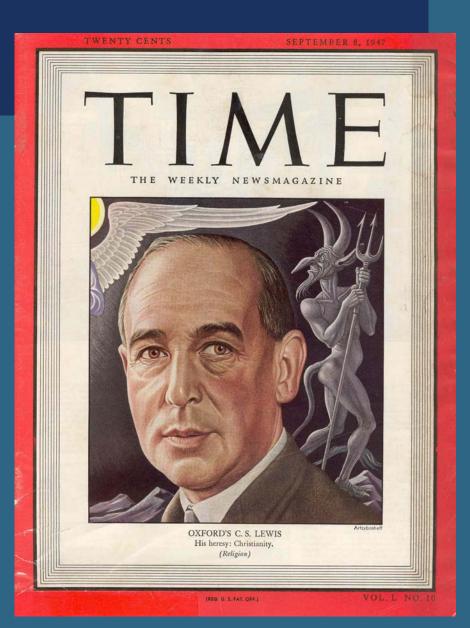
- Top 10 Christian Books of All Time -Share Faith Magazine







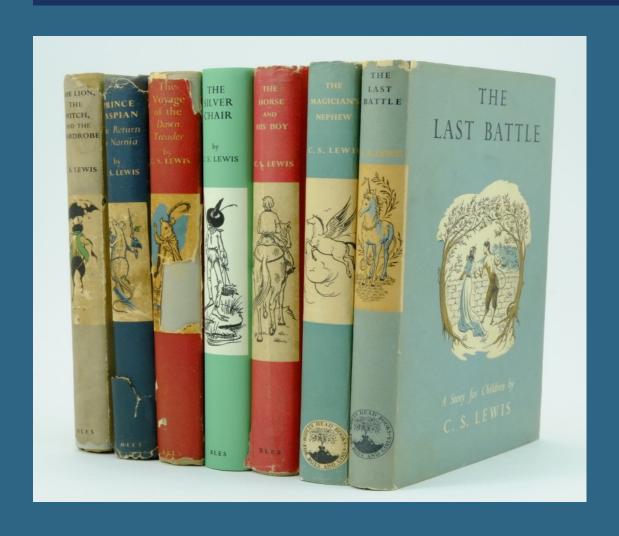
Since 1941, when Lewis published a witty collection of infernal correspondence called The Screwtape Letters, this middle-aged (49) bachelor professor who lives a mildly humdrum life ("I like monotony") has sold over a million copies of his 15 books. He has made 29 radio broadcasts on religious subjects, to an average of 600,000 listeners. Any fully ordained minister or priest might envy this Christian layman's audience.



"I was afraid I would be intimidated by him because of his brilliance, but he immediately put me at ease. I found him to be not only intelligent and witty but also gentle and gracious."

- Billy Graham

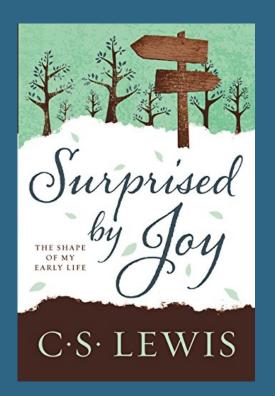
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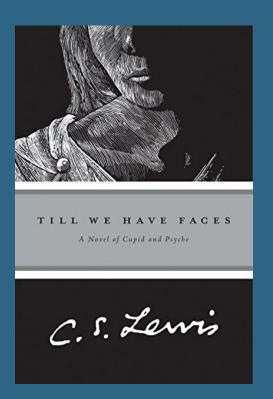


- Magician's Nephew
- The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe
- The Horse and His Boy
- Prince Caspian: The Return to Narnia
- The Silver Chair
- The Last Battle

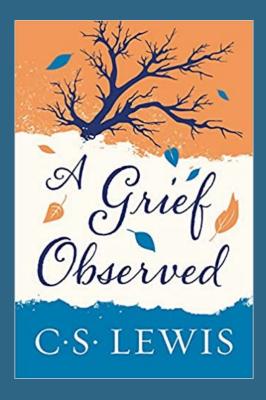
# JOY DAVIDMAN (1956)

### Joy Davidman Dies (1960)



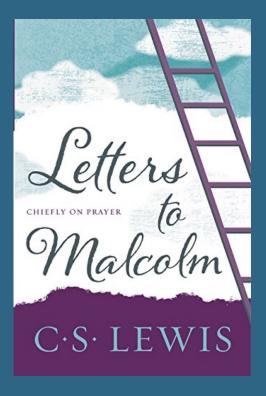


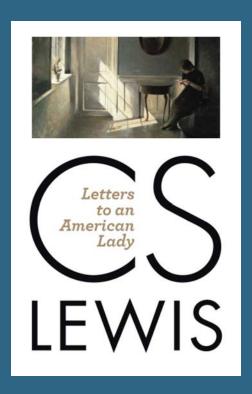




Lewis Dies (1963)







#### WHAT CAN WE LEARN

- To Think Often About God (All of Us)
- To Think About ... Joy, Grief, Pain, Hope, "Divine Yearnings"
- To Imagine the "Bigness" of God
- To Welcome Deep/Diverse Fellowship

"The Christianity of C.S. Lewis is a mindful Christianity where there is a marvelous union between head and heart. To be creative without distortion is rare indeed."

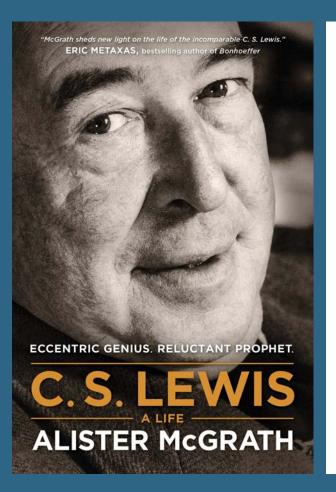
- R. C. Sproul

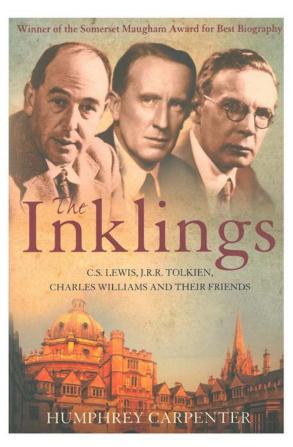
"To be sure, Lewis is not orthodox on some important matters. He is not always right, but he is nearly always worth considering and engaging. He is sometimes wrong - but is always worthwhile."

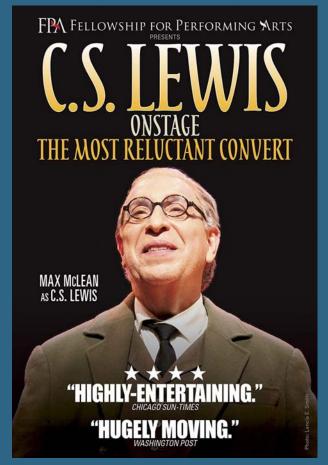
- Al Mohler

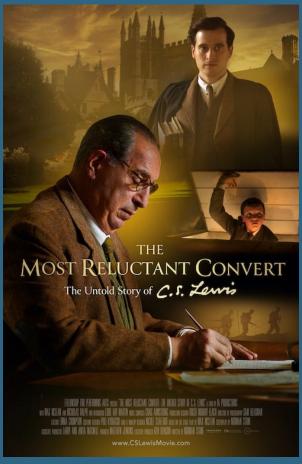
"I say just read everything, because it seems like he can't write anything that is uninteresting or unhelpful."

- Tim Keller & John Piper









## UPCOMING EQUIPPING CLASS

- April No Classes (Easter)
- May TBD (Luke Small Group)
- June Navigating Grief

