



# Church History Literacy

**C.S. Lewis**

**Lesson 92**

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Have I got a  
gift idea for  
you!



Gift idea #1:  
*Surprised by  
Joy*

Lewis's early life  
and conversion

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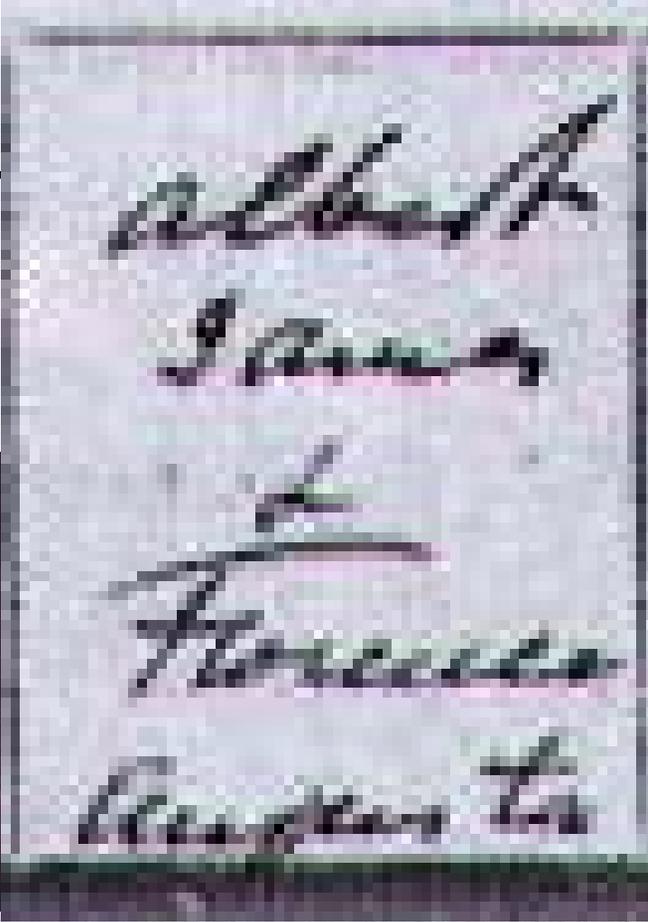
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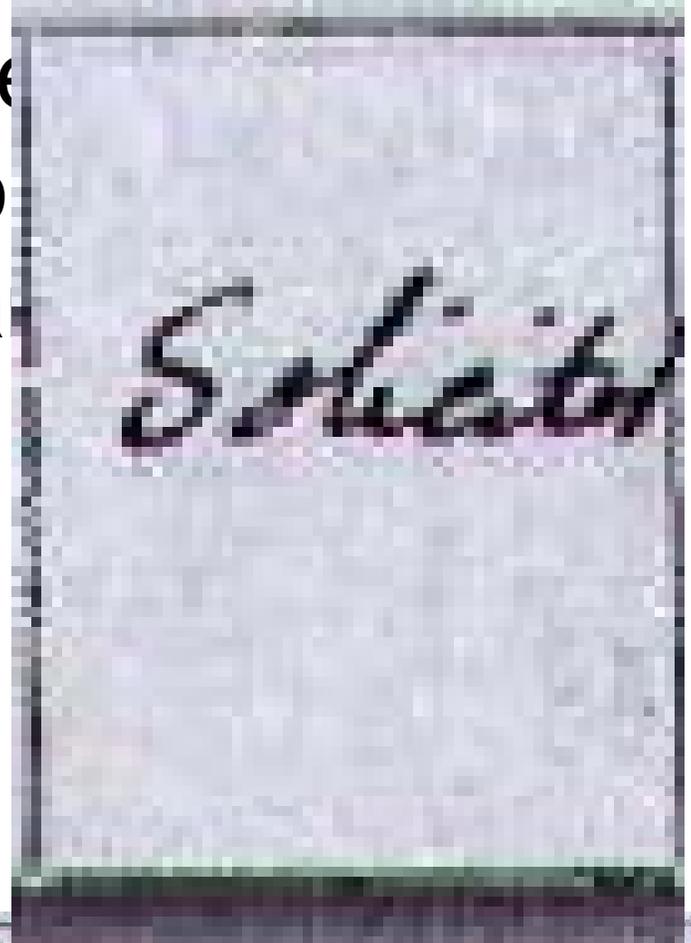
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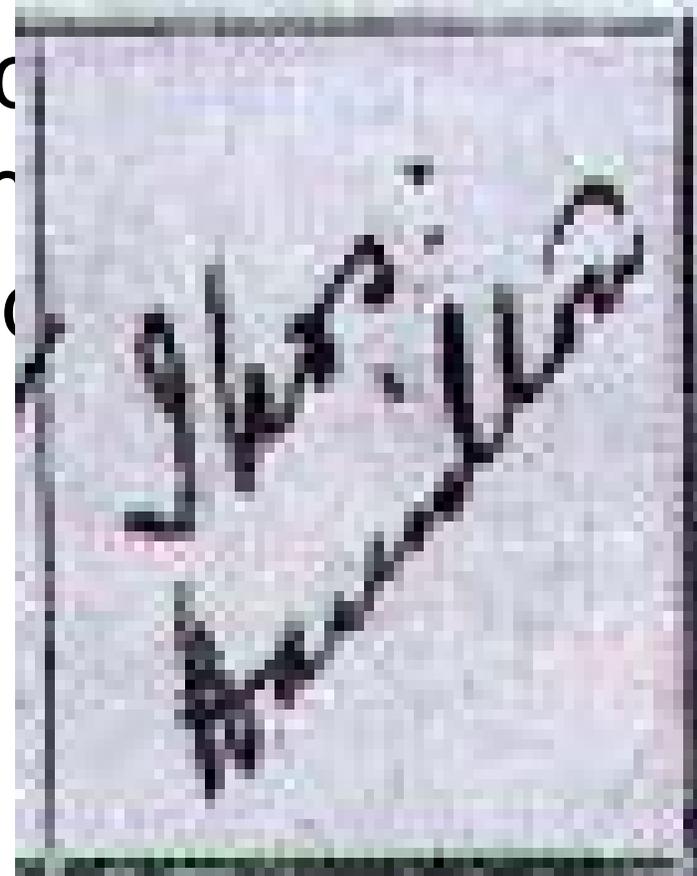
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We always had pencils, paper, chalk, and paint-boxes, and this recurring imprisonment gave us occasion and stimulus to develop the habit of creative imagination. We learnt to draw; together we devised the imaginary country of 'Boxen,' which proliferated hugely and became our solace and joy for many years to come

At 10, Lewis's mother died and Lewis was sent to boarding schools



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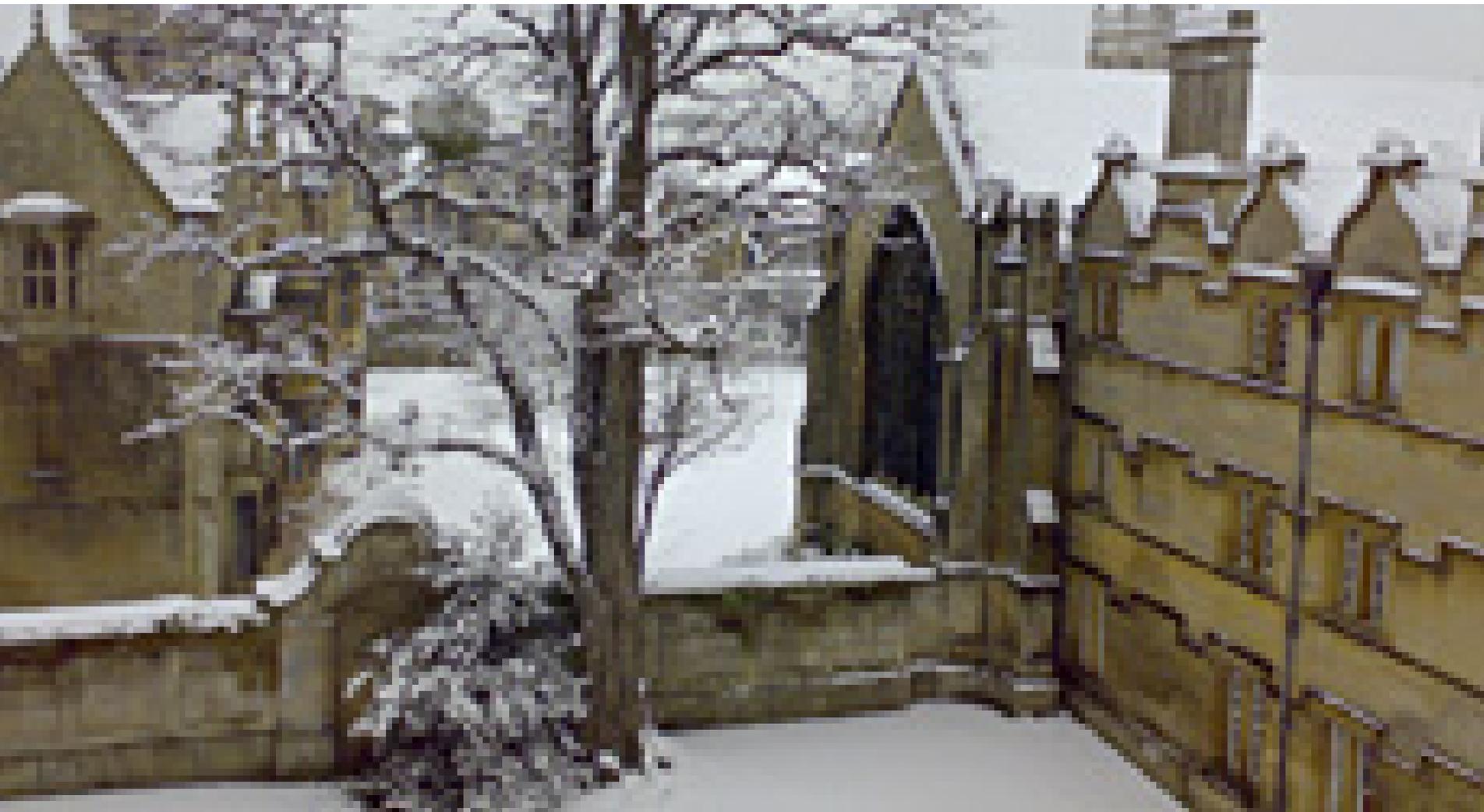
I believe in no religion.  
There is absolutely no  
proof for any of them. All  
religions are merely man's  
own invention...

Oct. 1916



In 1916, Lewis  
trades his spot at  
Oxford for the  
front lines of  
WW I

Lewis was an ace student at  
University College in Oxford



# Lewis taught Medieval and Renaissance Literature at Magdalen College, Oxford



Lewis's father died when Lewis in 1929,  
the same year Lewis became a "theist"





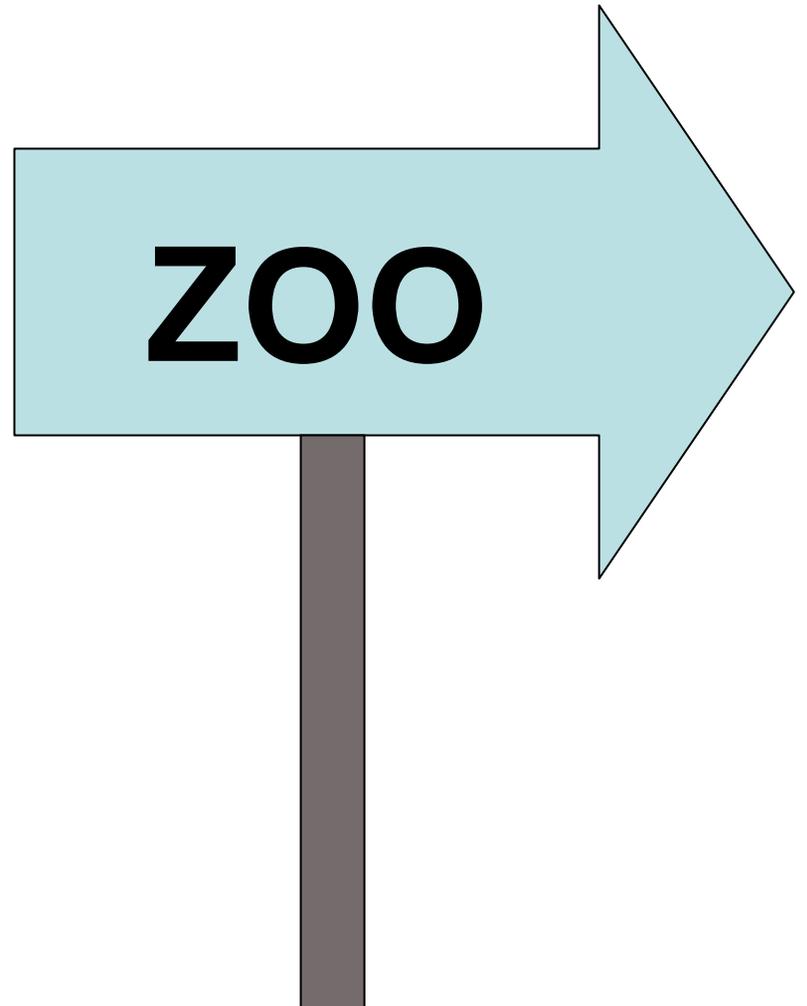
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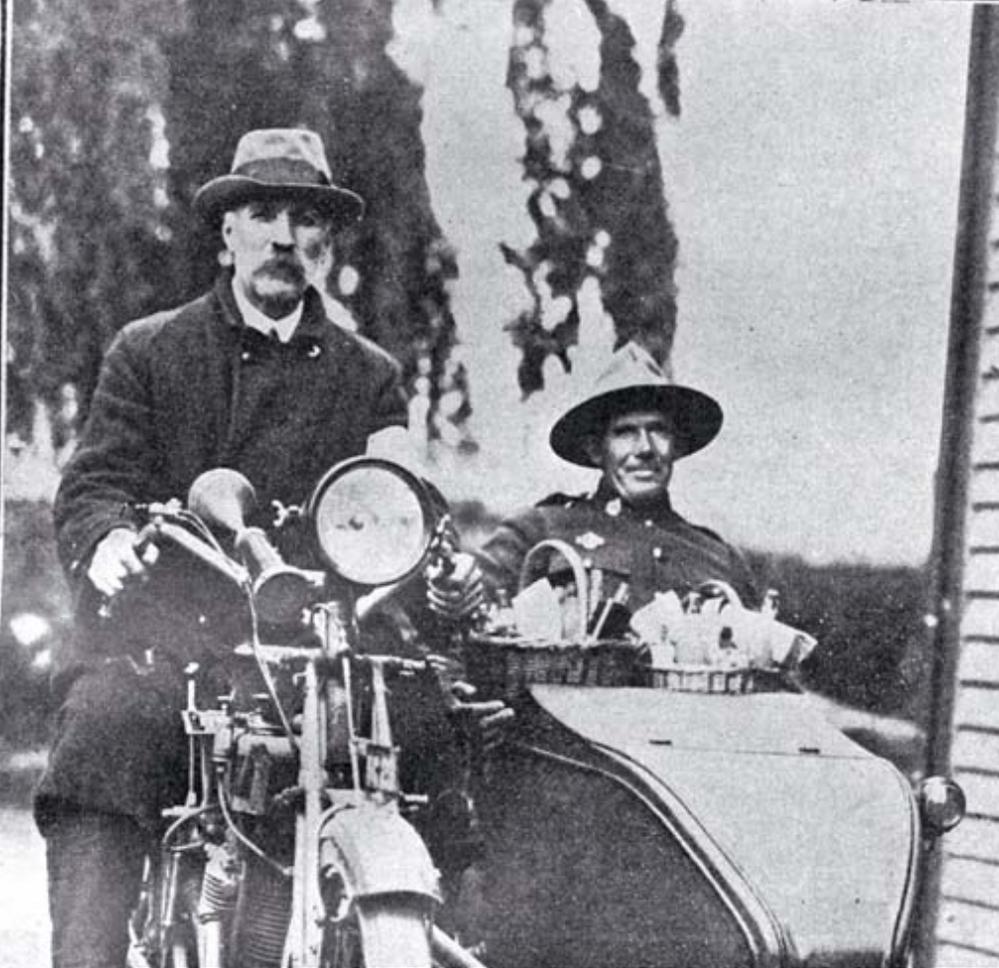


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Hugo Dyson





**ZOO**

“When we set out, I did not believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and when we reached the zoo, I did.”



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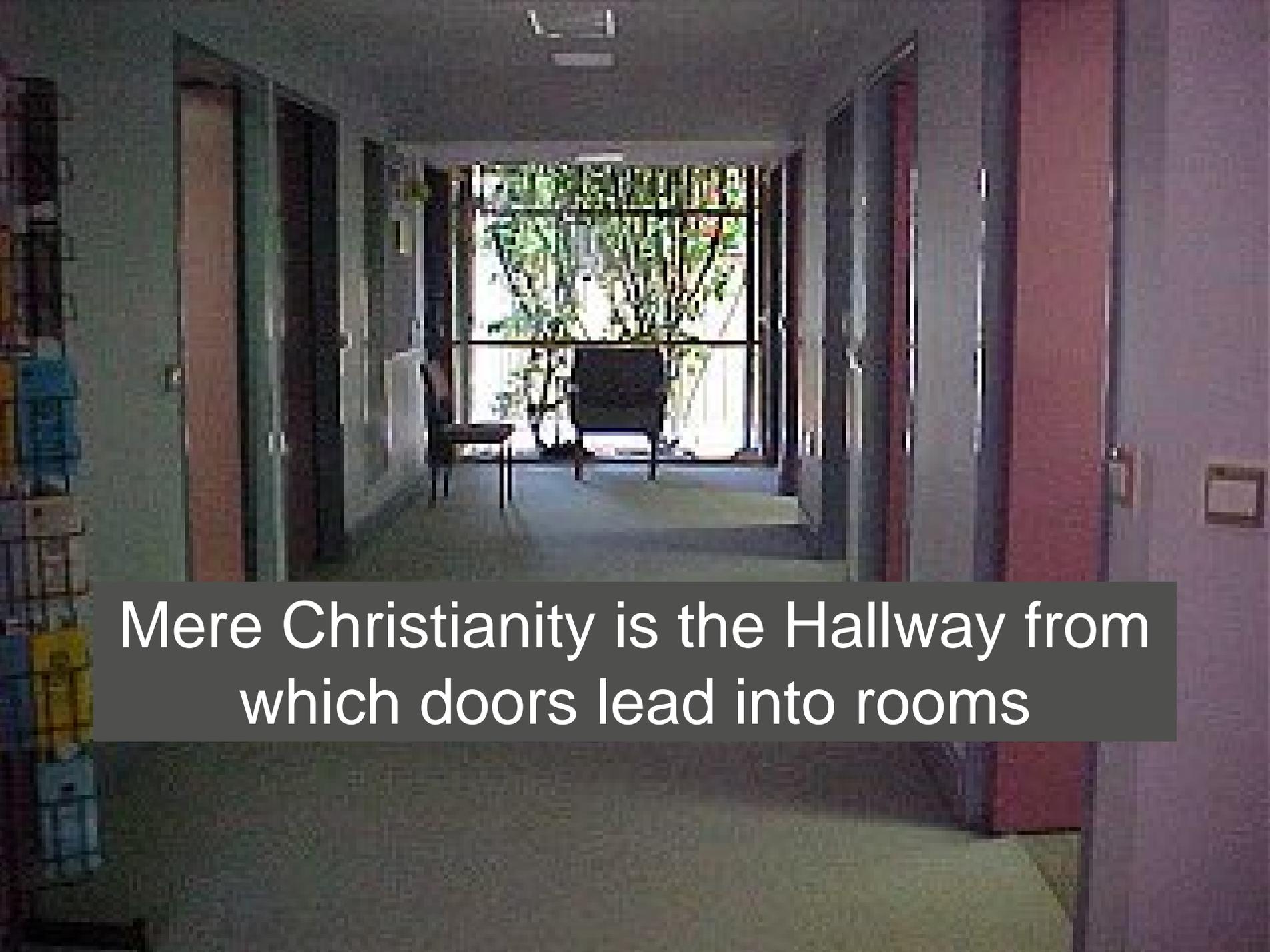
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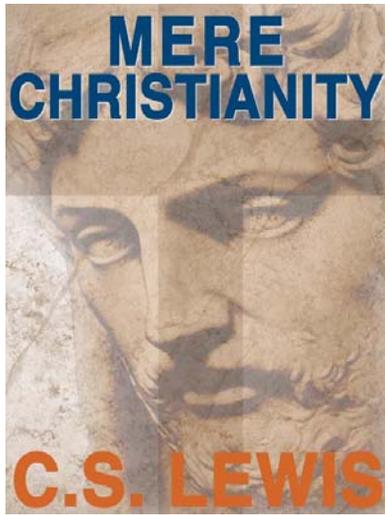
Gift idea #2:  
*Mere  
Christianity*



The book  
arose from  
radio  
broadcasts  
during WW II



Mere Christianity is the Hallway from which doors lead into rooms



# Book 1: Right and Wrong as a Clue to the Meaning of the Universe



Quarreling  
means trying to  
show the other  
fellow is in the  
wrong



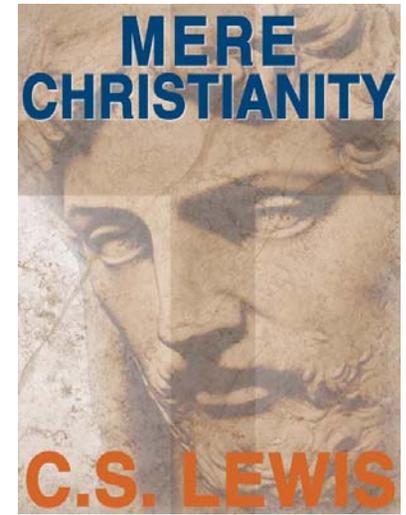
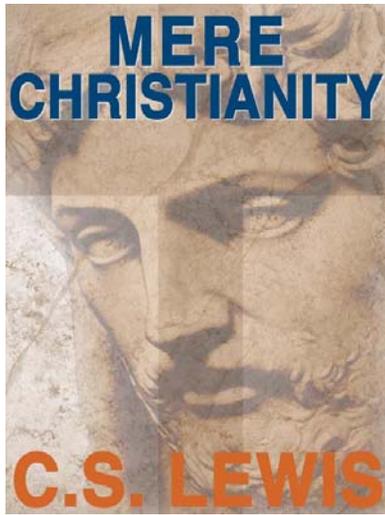
Human beings all  
over the earth have  
this curious idea  
that they ought to  
behave a certain  
way



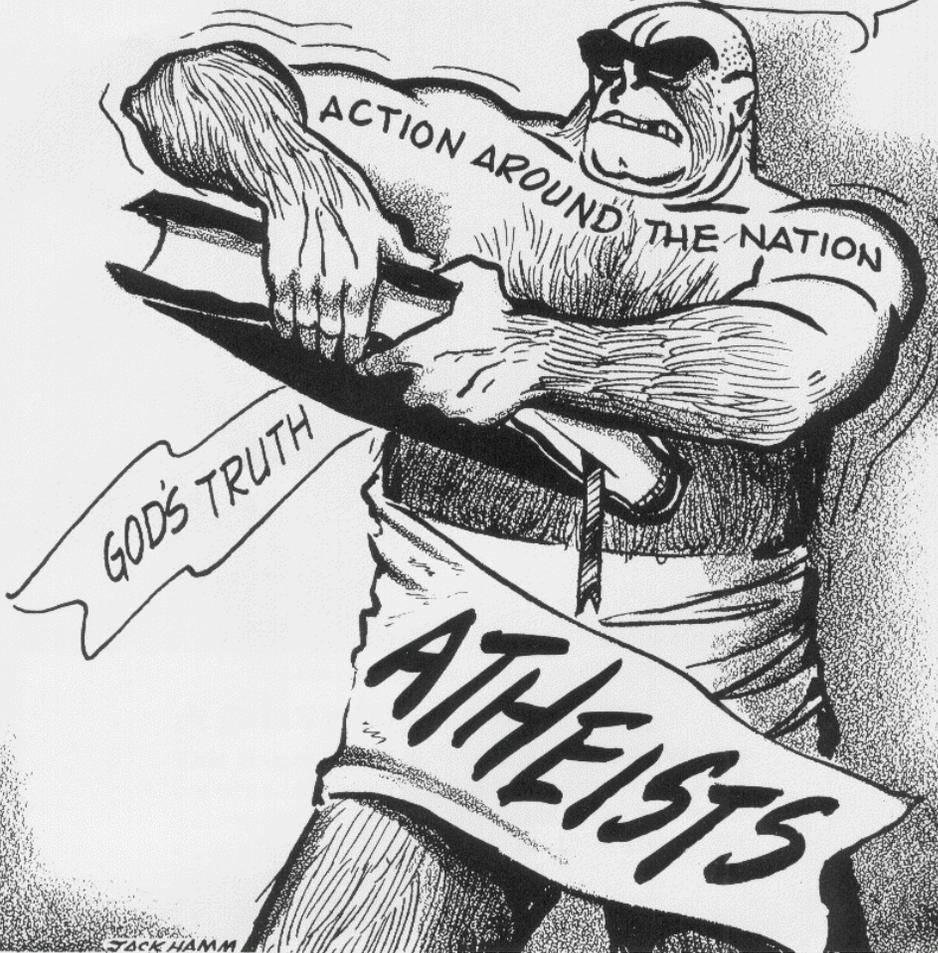
But they **DO NOT** in  
fact behave that  
way



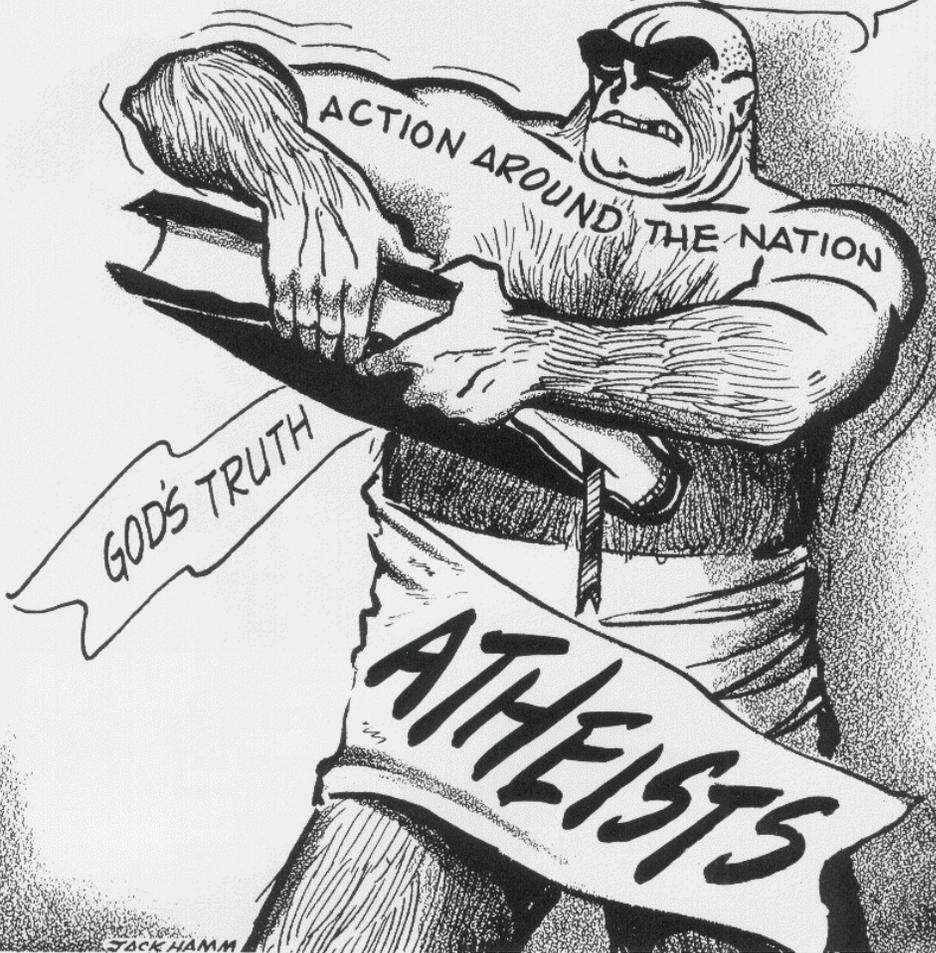
So something  
outside is directing  
the universe



# Book 2: Core Beliefs of Christians

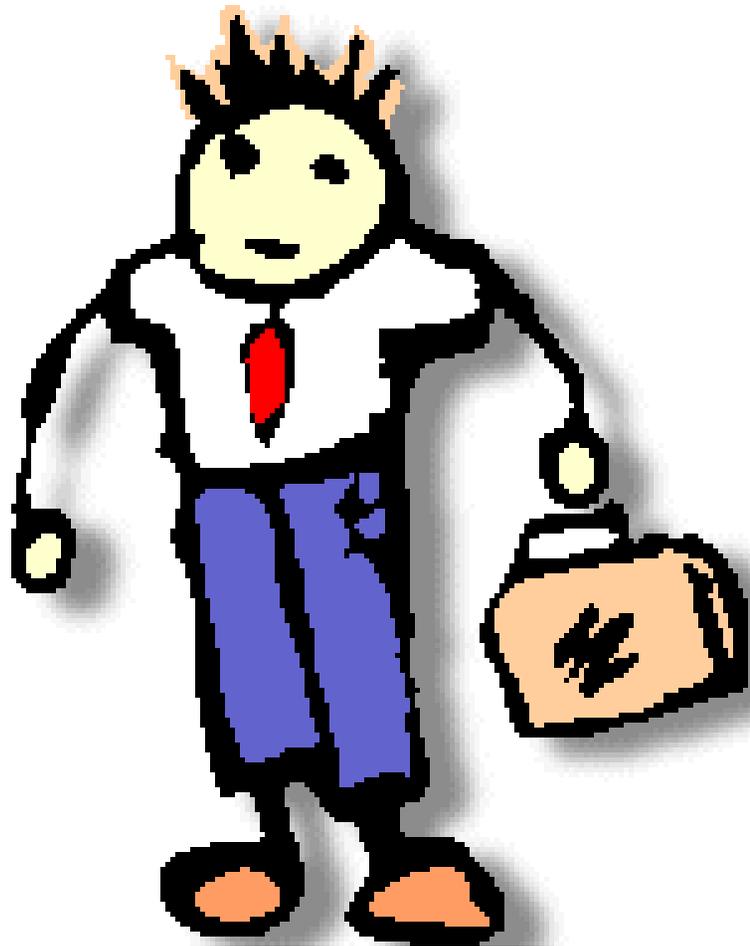


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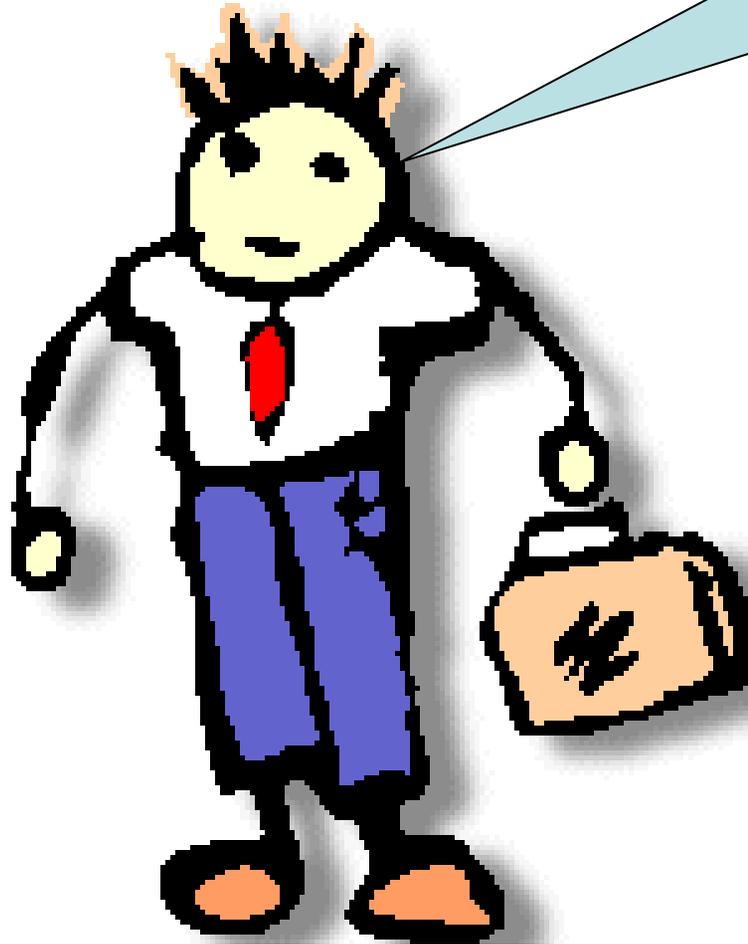
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Christianity:  
You might find some truth in many religions, but absolute truth in Christianity



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I got ALL the answers!



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Lewis: We live in a good world that has gone wrong, but still retains the memory of what it ought to have been

As for Jesus ... either:

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“a lunatic on a level with  
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“the Devil of Hell”



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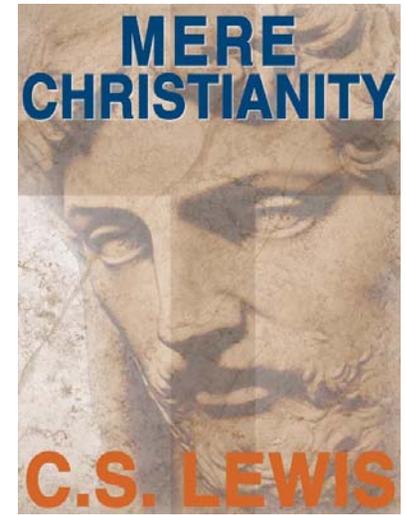
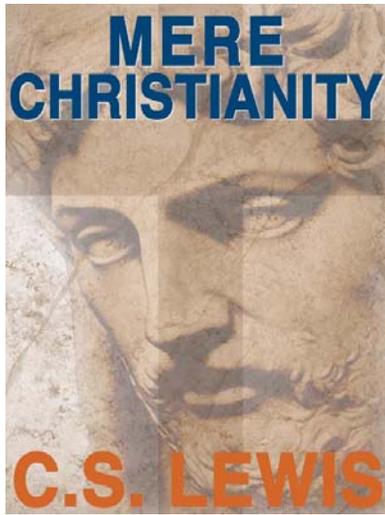
“a lunatic on a level with  
the man who says he  
a poet

**Or He is the  
Son of God**

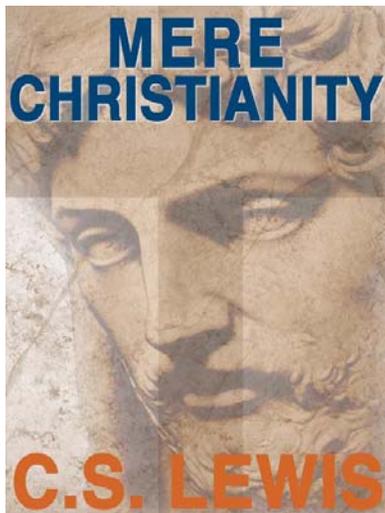


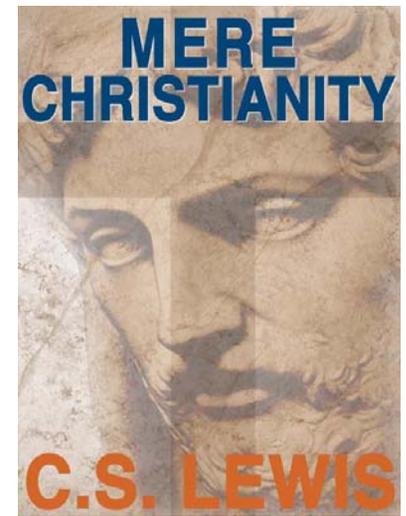
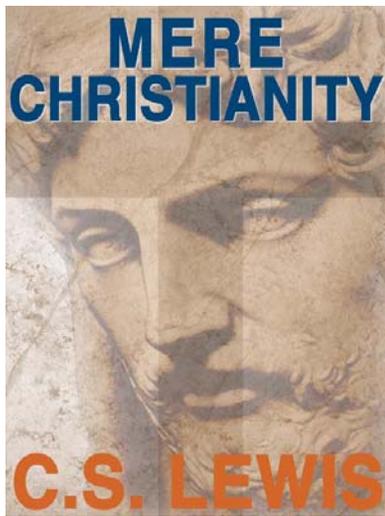


You can shut Him up for a fool, you can spit at Him and kill Him as a demon; or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us.

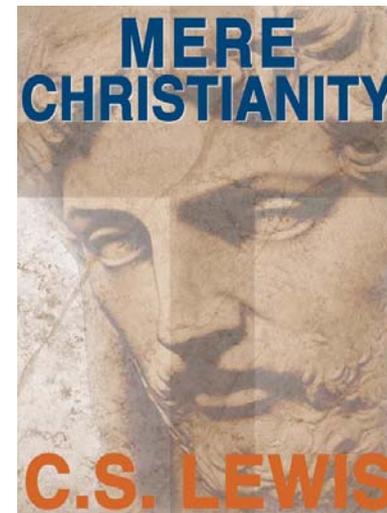
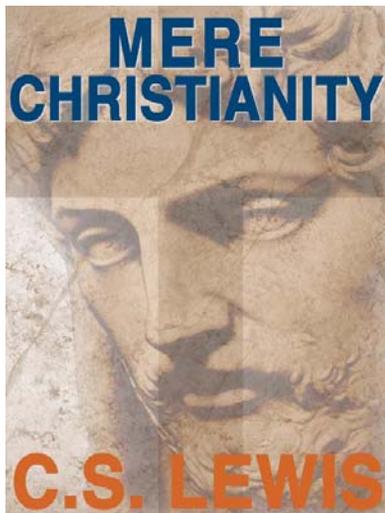


## Book 3: Morality and Ethics





# Book 4: Theology of the Trinity





Gift idea #3:  
*The Chronicles  
of Narnia*

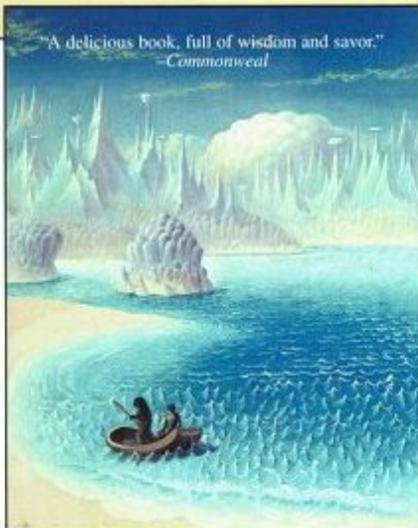


Learn from  
the  
dufflepuds!



Gift idea #4:  
*Space Trilogy*

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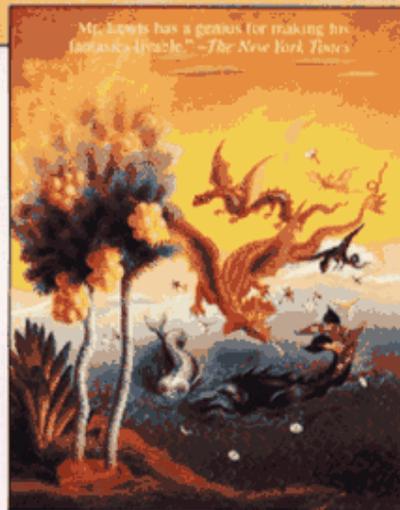


# OUT OF THE SILENT PLANET

First in the celebrated Space Trilogy,  
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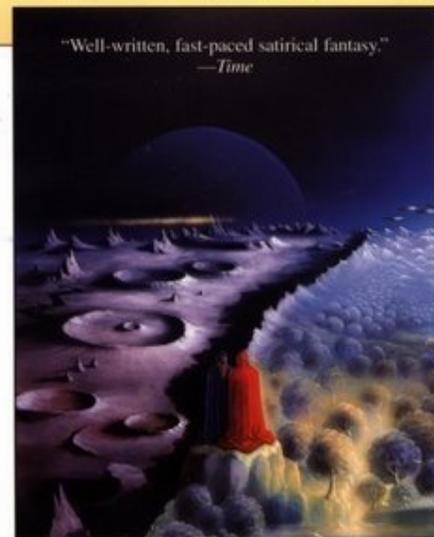


# PERELANDRA

Second in the celebrated Space Trilogy that begins with  
*Out of the Silent Planet* and ends with *That Hideous Strength*

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# THAT HIDEOUS STRENGTH

Last in the celebrated Space Trilogy that begins with  
*Out of the Silent Planet* and *Perelandra*

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Gift idea #3:  
*The Great  
Divorce*



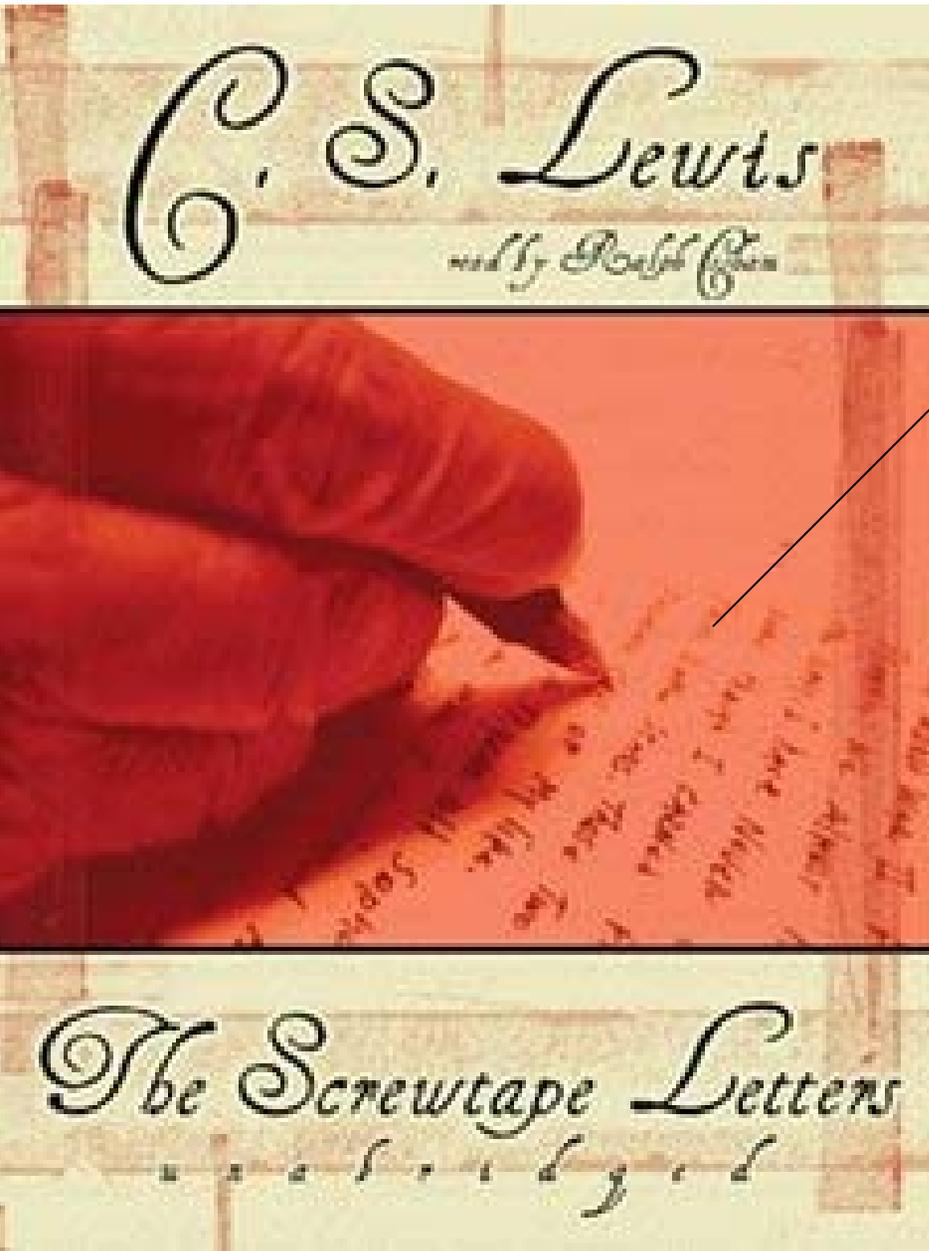
Gift idea #4:  
*The Problem of  
Pain*



Gift idea #5:  
*A Grief  
Observed*



Gift idea #6:  
*The Screwtape  
Letters*



The very new desirable friends are just the sort of people we want him to know—rich, smart, superficially intellectual, and brightly skeptical about everything in the world.

It does not matter how small the sins are, provided that their cumulative effect is to edge the man away from the Light and out into the Nothing. **Murder is no better than cards if cards can do the trick.** Indeed, the safest road to Hell is the gradual one – the gentle slope, soft underfoot, without sudden turnings, without milestones, without

signs

*The Screwtape Letters*  
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Gift idea #7:  
*Miracles*

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“Men are without excuse ... God’s invisible qualities - his eternal power and divine nature-have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made” (Rom1:20)

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“Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might” (Ecc. 9:10)

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“Do not be misled: Bad company corrupts good character” (1 Cor. 15:33)