



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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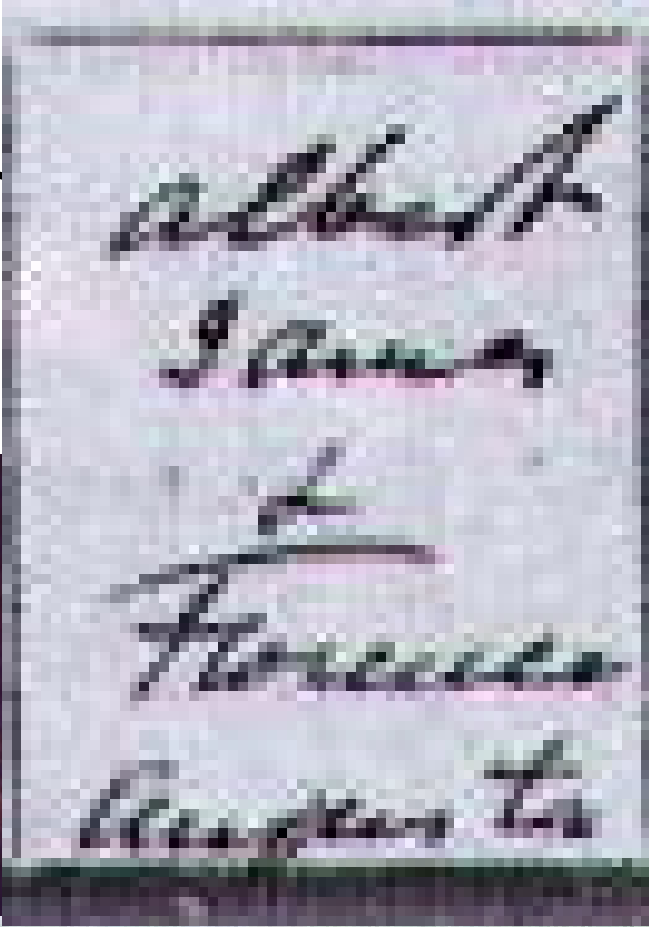
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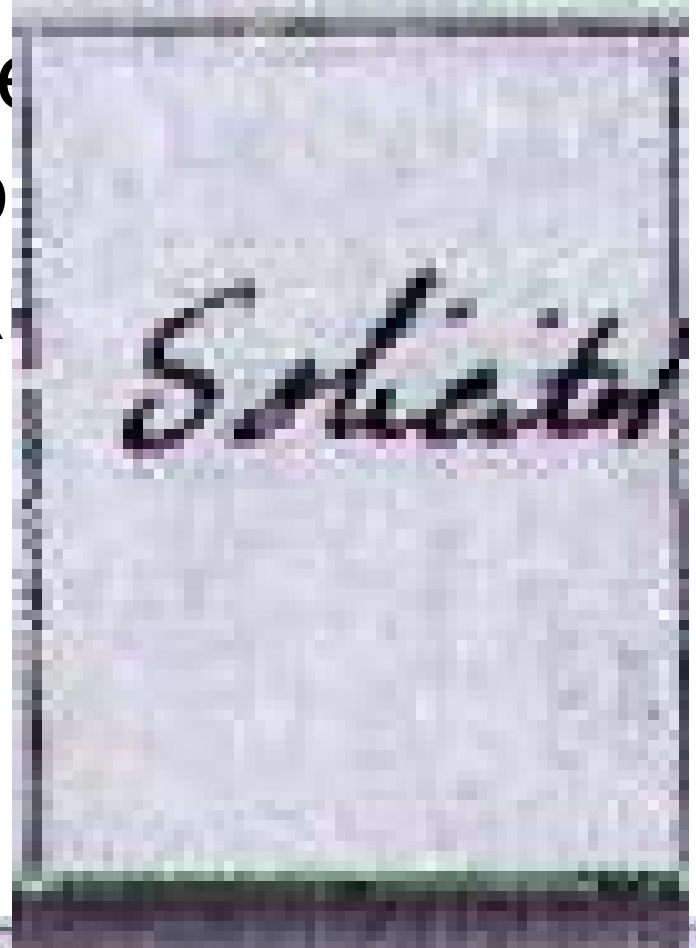
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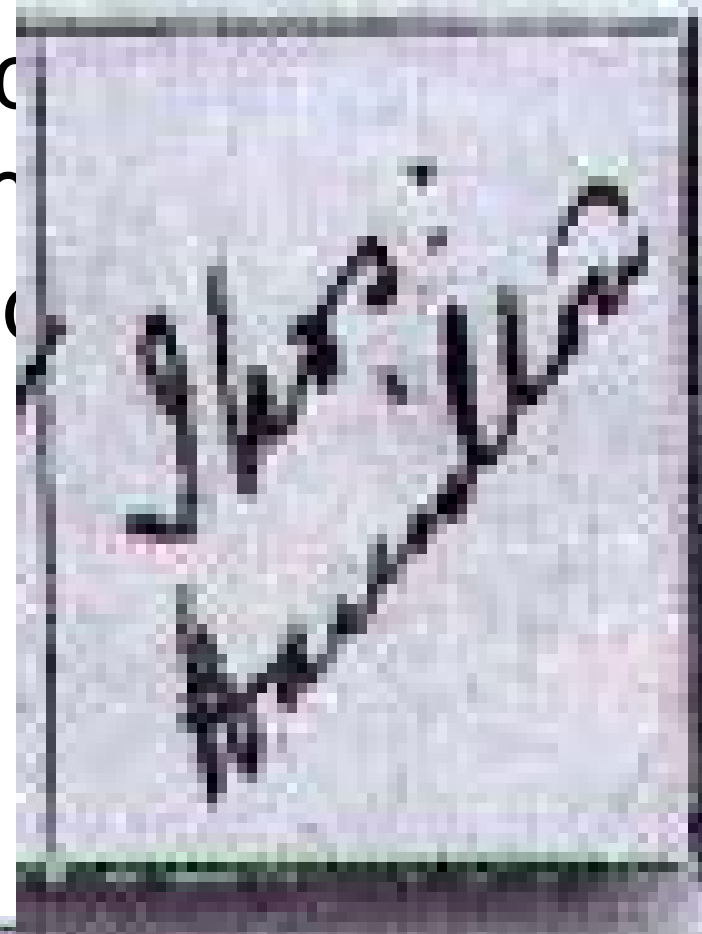
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His home of early
memory was a
major part of his
development



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memory was a

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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“intellectual atheist”

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My dear Arthur,

Lewis soon became an “intellectual atheist”



My dear Arthur,

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”





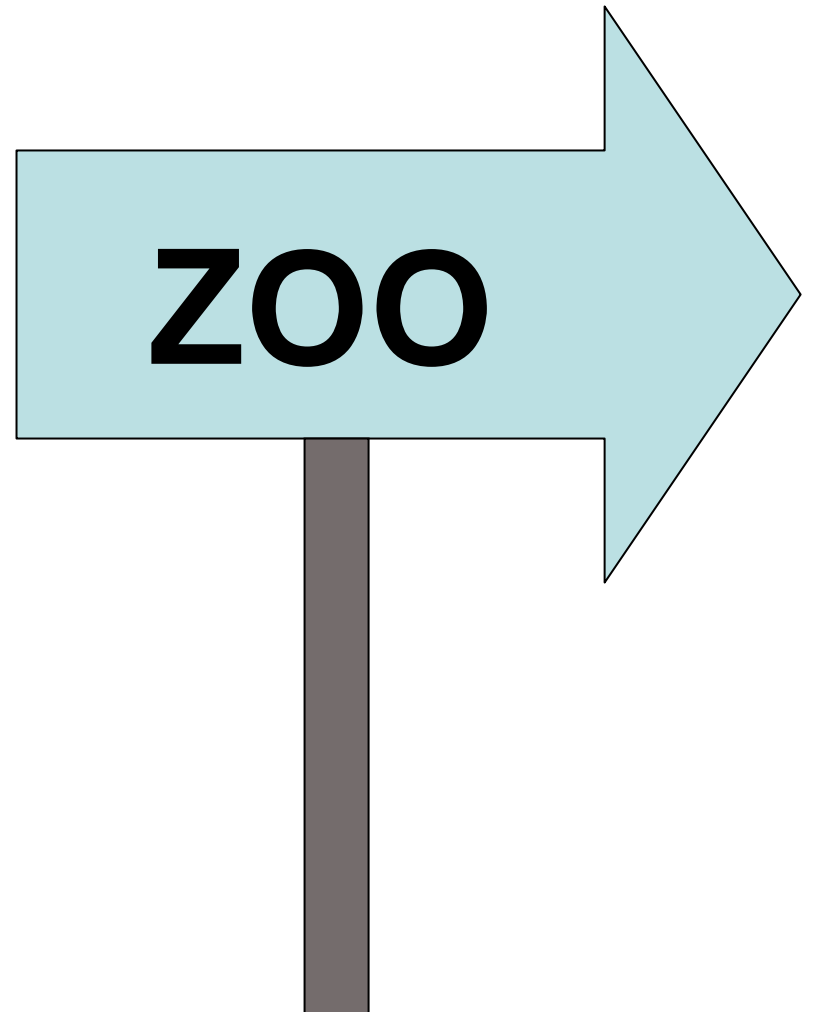
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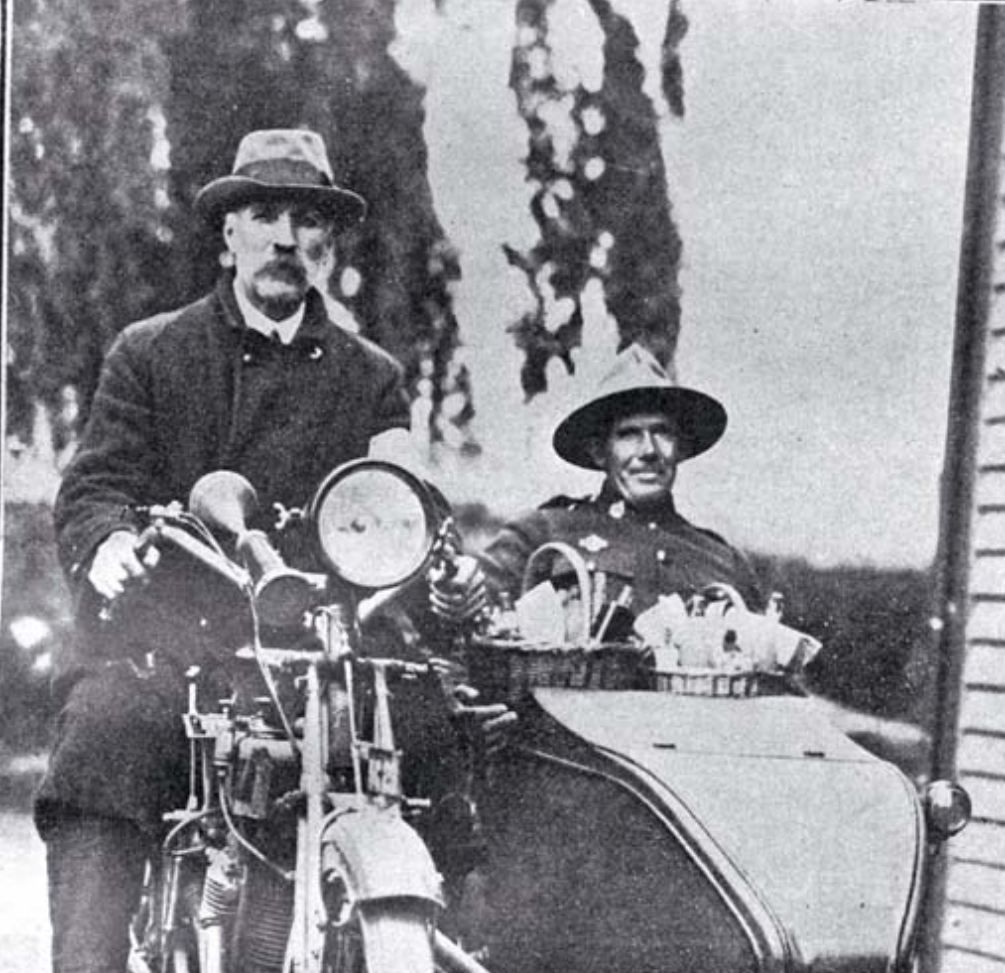


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Hugo Dyson





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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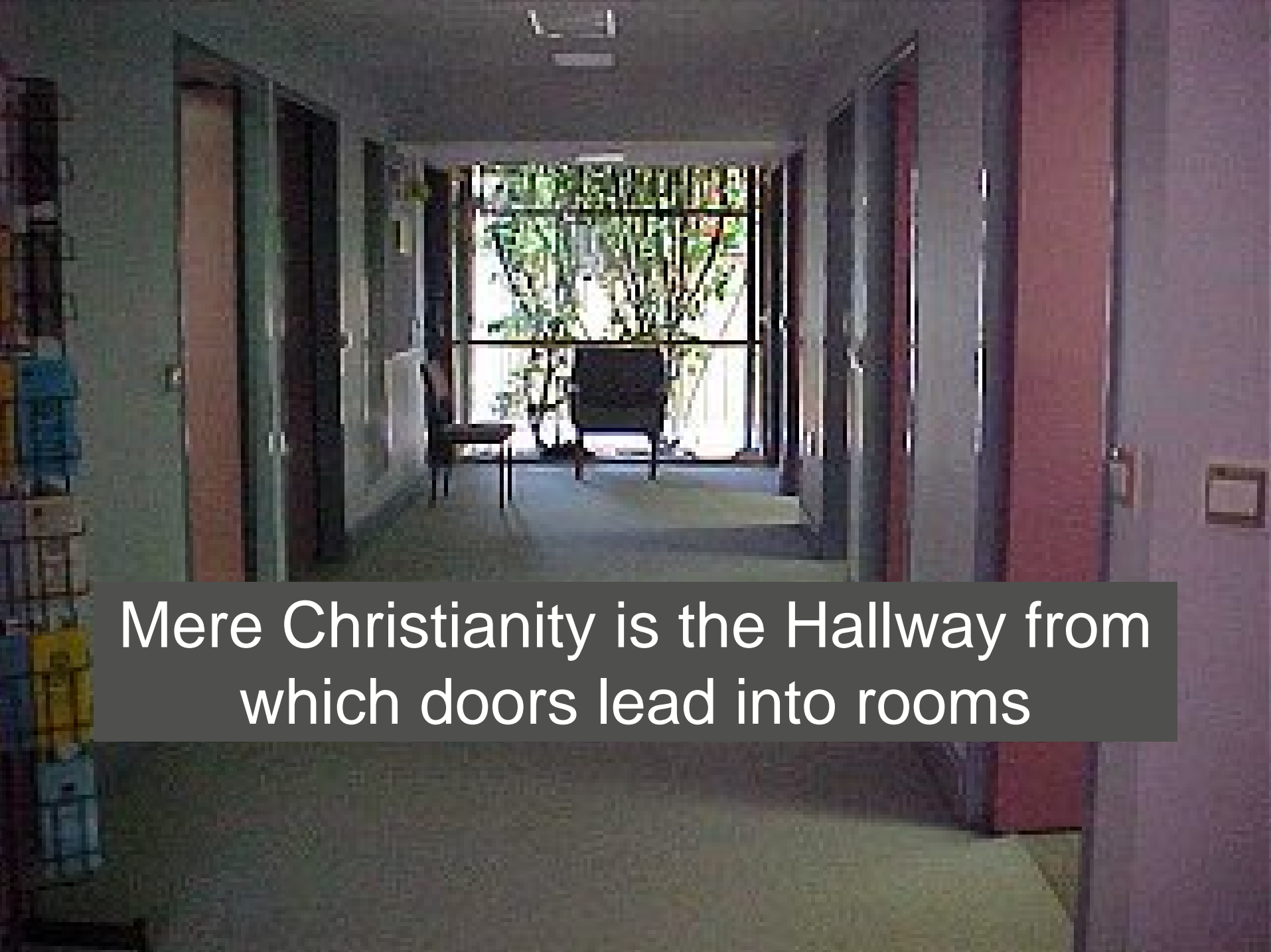
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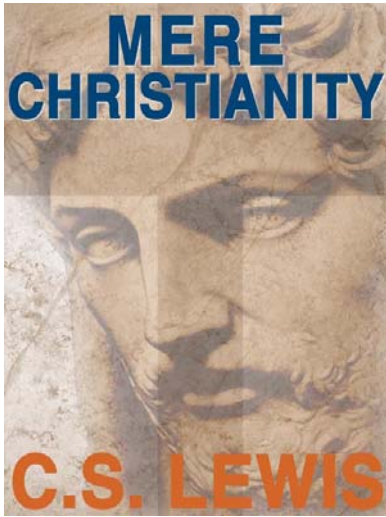
Gift idea #2:
*Mere
Christianity*



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



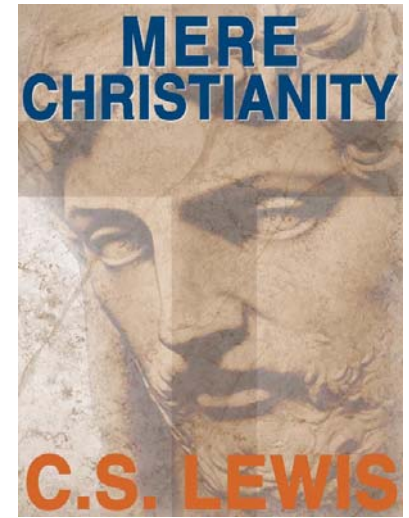
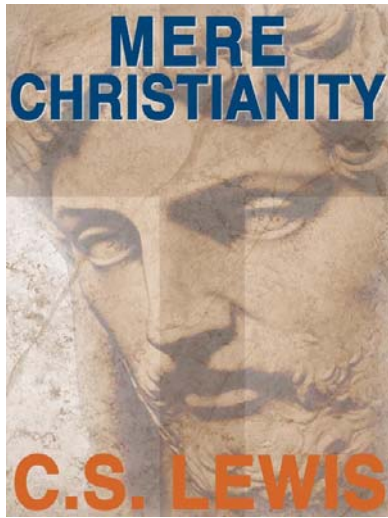
Human beings all
over the earth have
this curious idea
that they ought to
behave a certain
way



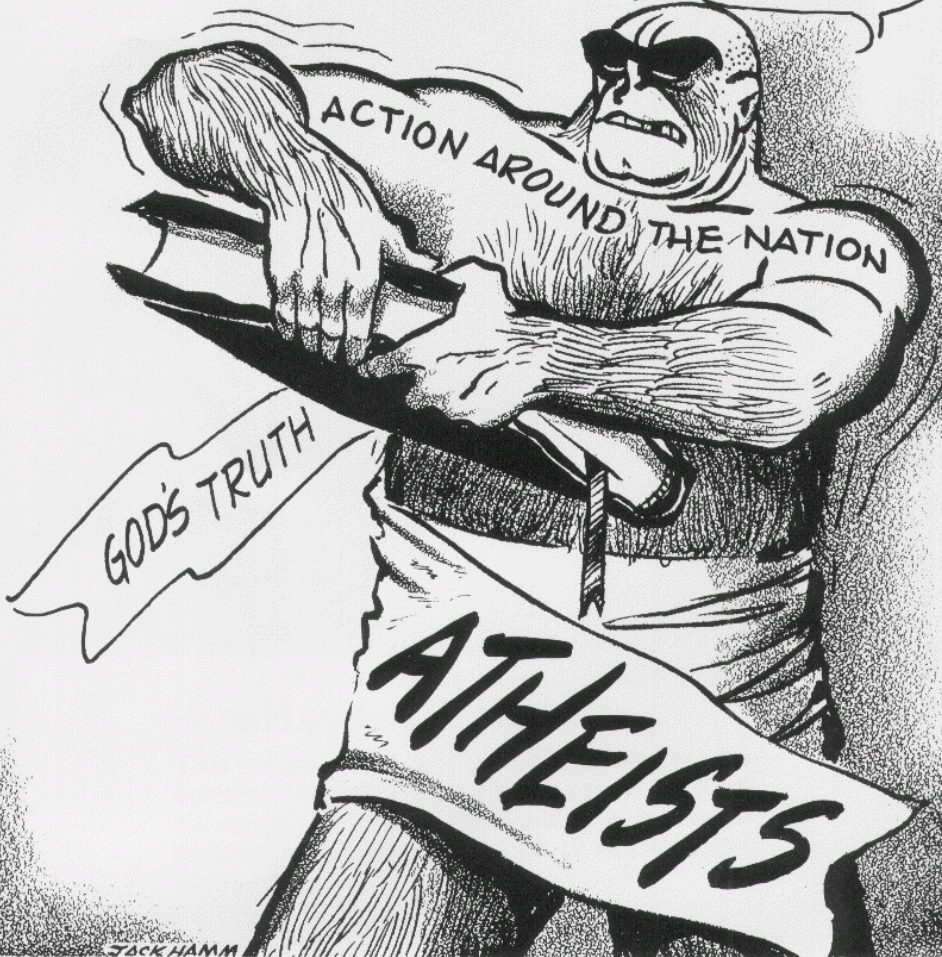
But they **DO NOT** in
fact behave that
way



So something
outside is directing
the universe



Book 2: Core Beliefs of Christians

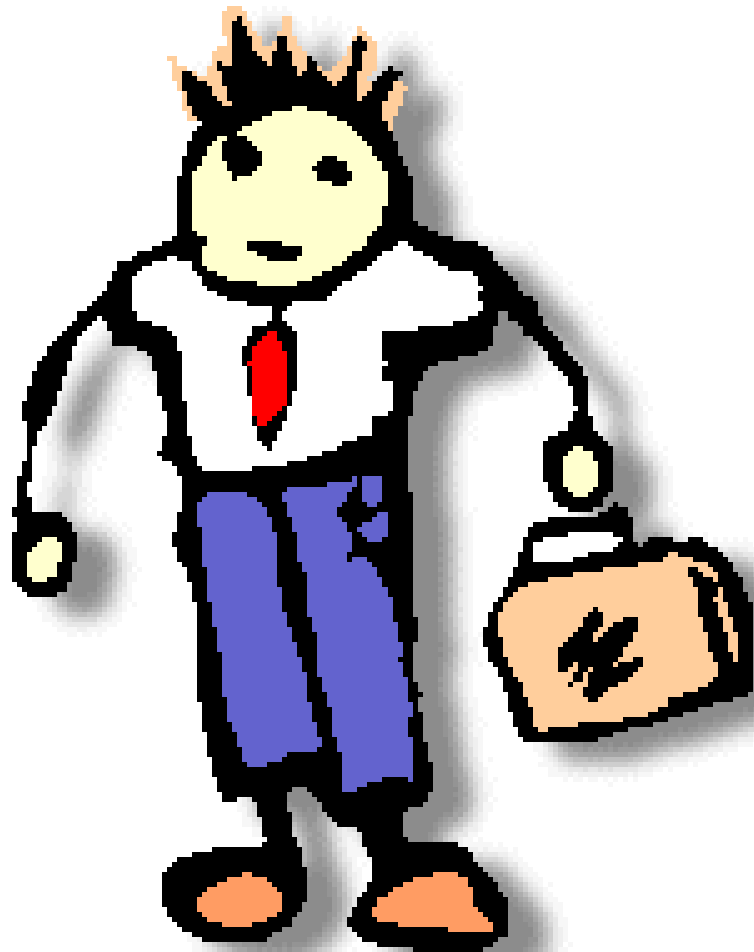


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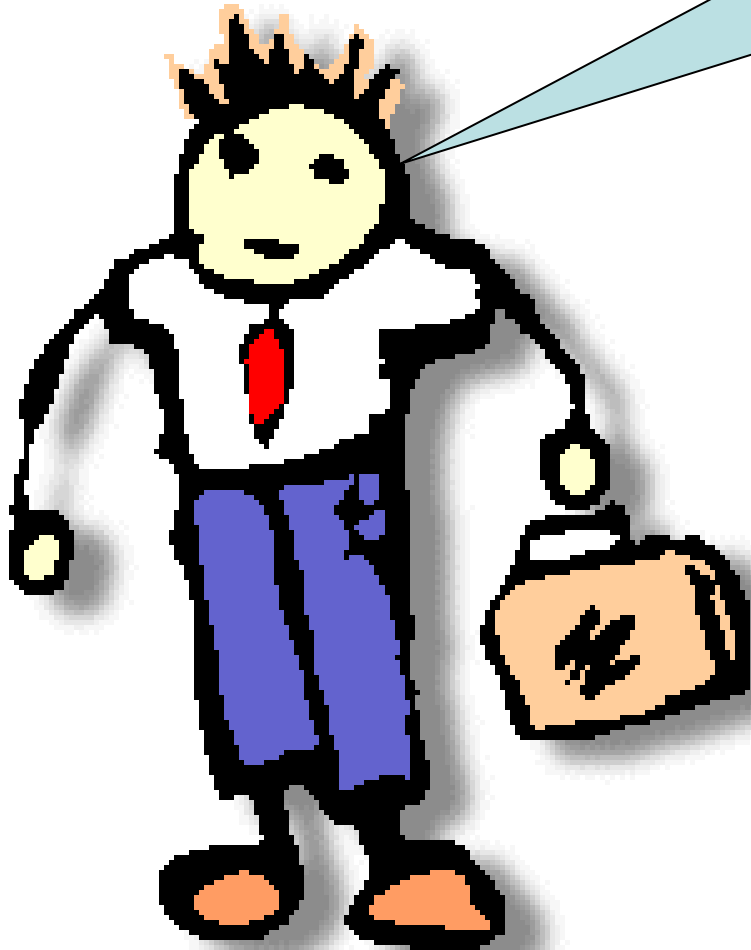
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Christianity:
You might find
some truth in
many
religions, but
absolute truth
in Christianity



Atheism is a
“boys’ philosophy”,
It is too simple

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

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the man who says he is
a poached egg”

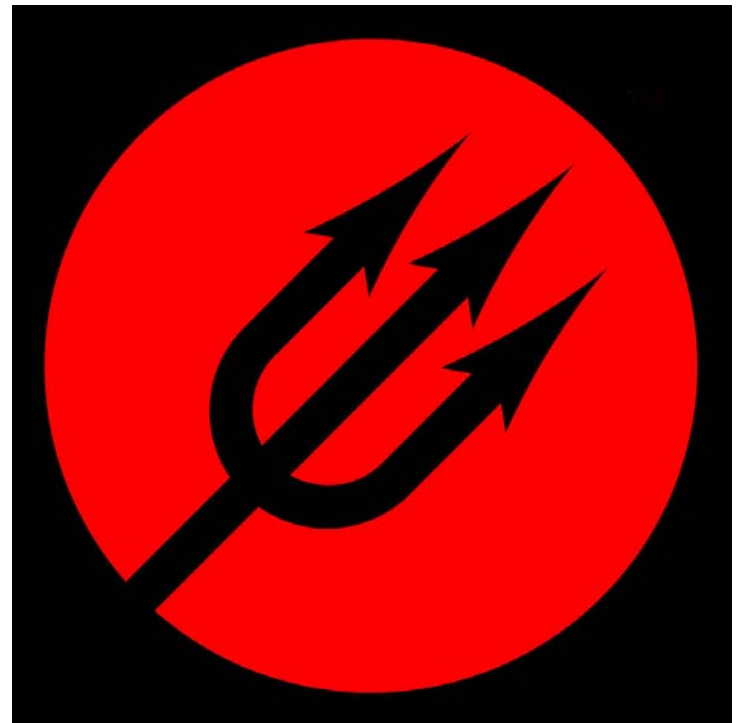


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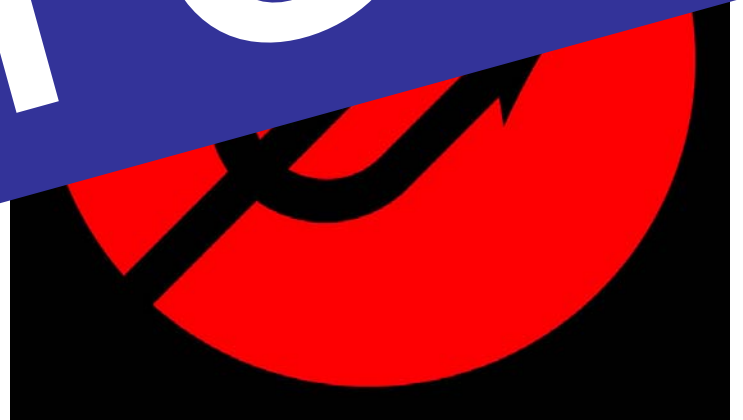
“the Devil of Hell”



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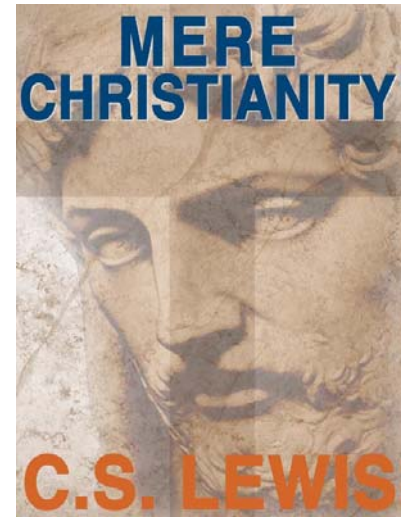
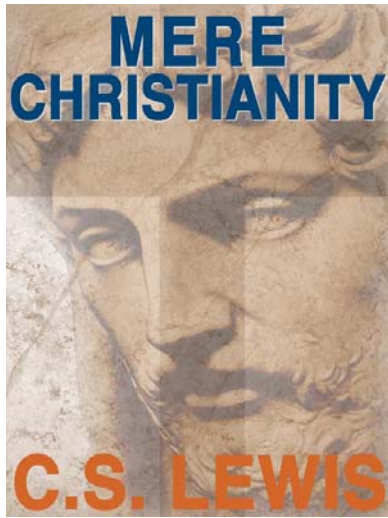
“a lunatic on a level with
the man who says he
a poet

**Or He is the
Son of God**

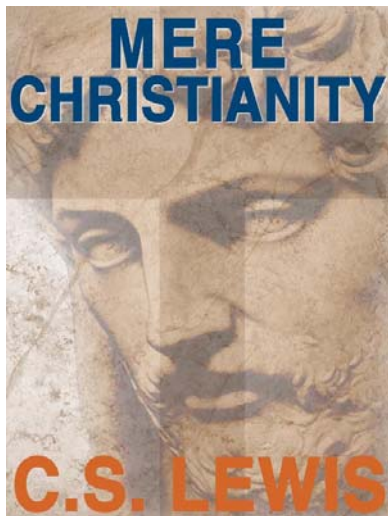


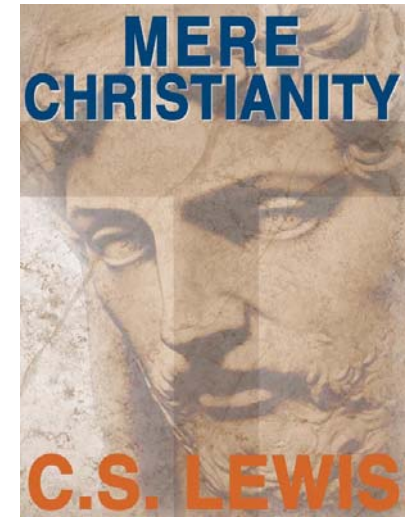
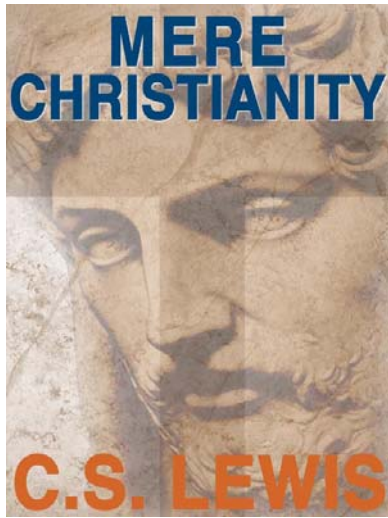


You can shut Him up for a fool, you can spit at Him and kill Him as a demon; or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us.

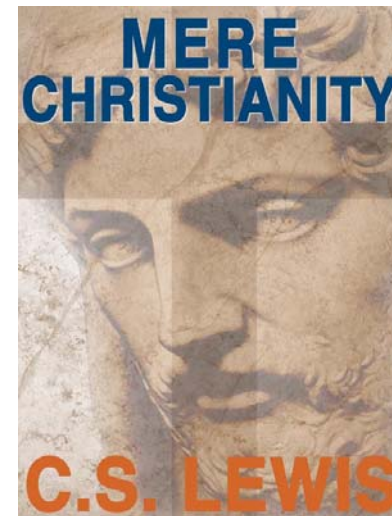
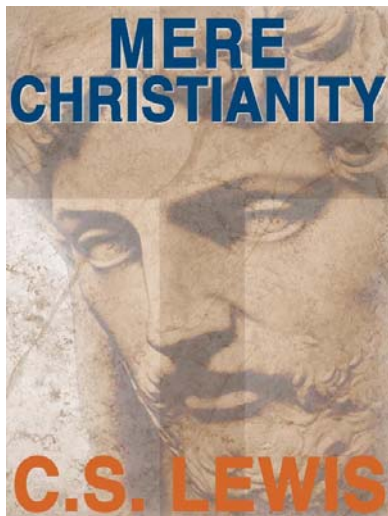


Book 3: Morality and Ethics





Book 4: Theology of the Trinity





Gift idea #3:
*The Chronicles
of Narnia*

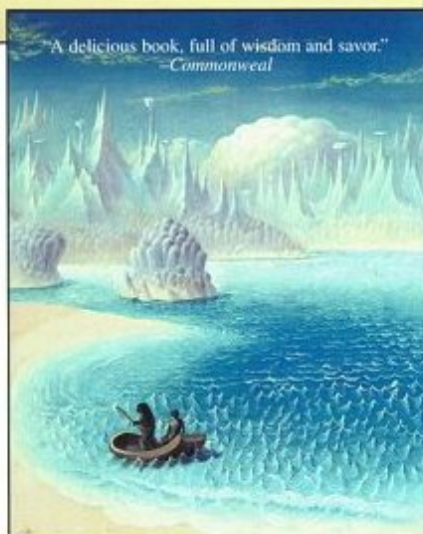


Learn from
the
dufflepuds!



Gift idea #4:
Space Trilogy

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OUT OF THE SILENT PLANET

First in the celebrated Space Trilogy,
followed by *Perelandra* and *That Hideous Strength*

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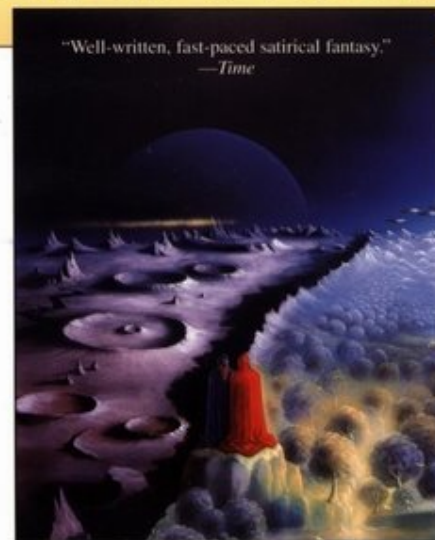


PERELANDRA

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*



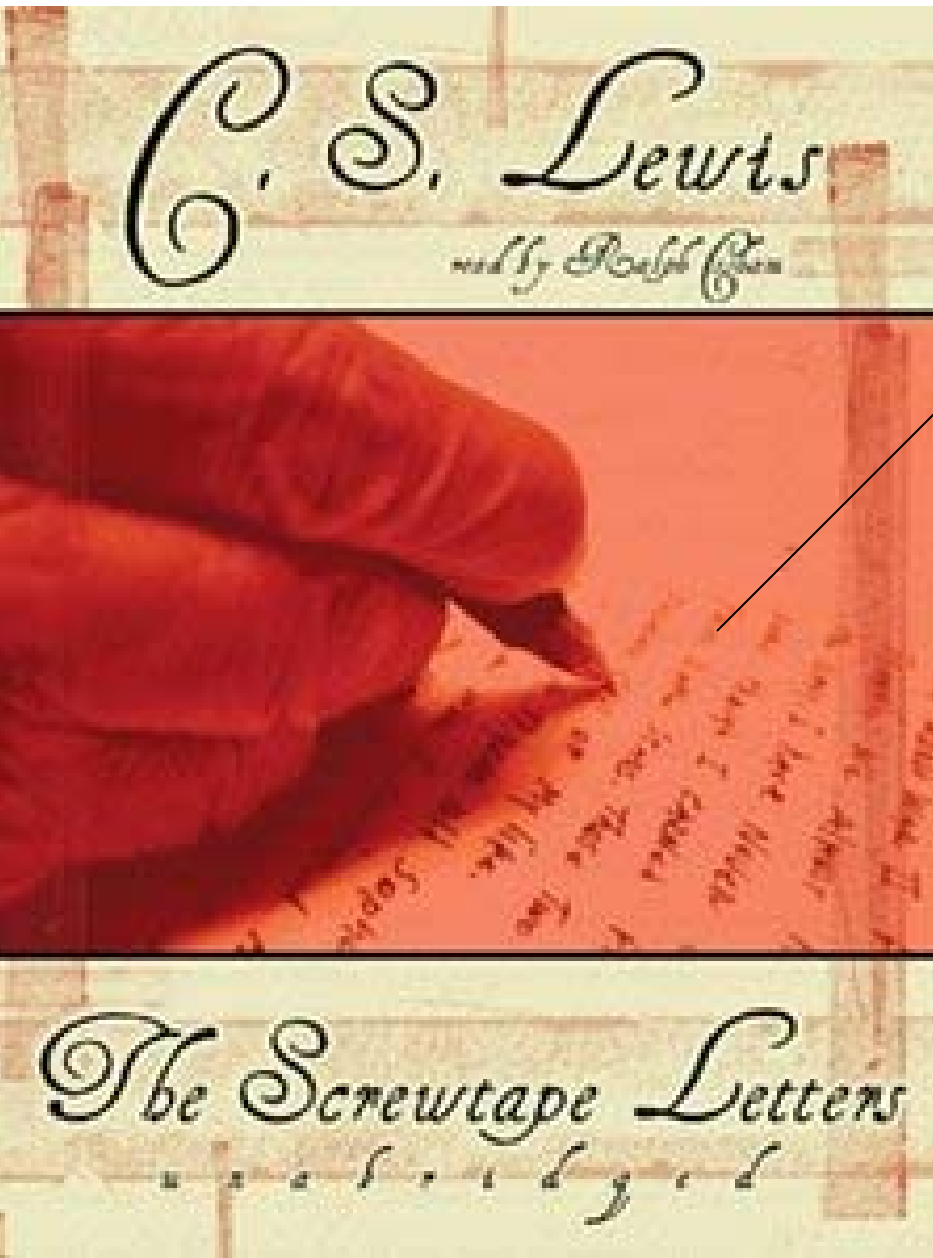
Gift idea #4:
*The Problem of
Pain*



Gift idea #5:
*A Grief
Observed*



Gift idea #6:
*The Screwtape
Letters*



The very new
desirable friend 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
— C. S. Lewis



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)