



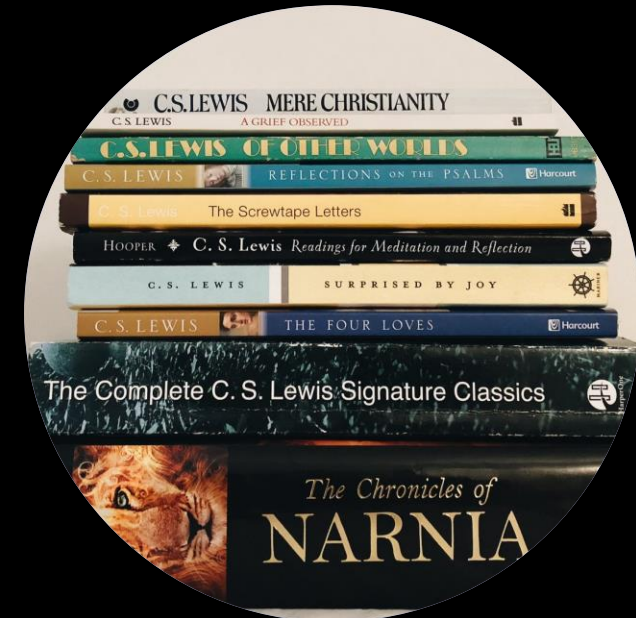
Mere Christianity

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Schedule

- Oct 22 Worldview; Book 1
- Oct 29 Book 2: What Christians Believe
- Nov 5 BREAK (Mission Sunday)
- Nov 12 Book 3
- Nov 19 BREAK (Thanksgiving, In-N-Out)
- Nov 26 Book 4(a)
- Dec 3 Book 4(b)



Mere Christianity:

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

Mere Christianity: Book 1

3. The Reality of the Law

Men ought to be unselfish, ought to be fair. Not that men are unselfish, not that they like being unselfish, but that they ought to be. The Moral law, or Law of Human Nature, is not simply a fact about human behavior...it is not a mere fancy...it is not simply a statement about we should like men to behave for our own convenience. ... Consequently, this Rule of Right and Wrong ... must somehow or other be a real thing.

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4. What Lies Behind the Law

If there is 'Something Behind,' then either it will have to remain altogether unknown to men or else make itself known in some different way [than scientific observation]. . . .

The only way we could expect it to show itself would be inside ourselves as an influence or a command trying to get us to behave in a certain way. And that is just what we do find inside ourselves.

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5. We Have Cause to Be Uneasy

If the universe is not governed by an absolute goodness, then all our efforts are in the long run hopeless. But if it is, then we are making ourselves enemies to the goodness every day, and are not in the least likely to do any better tomorrow, and so our case is hopeless again... God is the only comfort, He is also the supreme terror: the thing we most need and the thing we most want to hide from.

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Book 2: What Christians Believe

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I. The Rival Conceptions of God

- The irrationality of pluralism
- The irrationality of pantheism
- The irrationality of questioning God allowing evil

“If the whole universe has no meaning, we should never have found out that it has no meaning; just as, if there were no light in the universe and therefore no creatures with eyes, we should never know it was dark.” (39)

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2. The Invasion

Simplistic solutions that should be rejected:

- Christianity-and-water
- Dualism

“Enemy-occupied territory—that is what this world is.

Christianity is the story of how the rightful king has landed, you might say landed in disguise, and is calling us all to take part in a great campaign of sabotage.” (46)

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3. The Shocking Alternative

“A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic—on a level with the man who says he is a poached egg—or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice.” (52)



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4. The Perfect Penitent

“We are told that Christ was killed for us, that His death has washed out our sins, and that by dying He disabled death itself. That is the formula. That is Christianity.” (55)



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5. The Practical Conclusion

“In Christ a new kind of man appeared: and the new kind of life which began in Him is to be put into us.” (60)

