

Quotes from C.S. Lewis

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C.S. Lewis (1898-1963) was a well-known British writer and believer in God. He is the author of numerous books on the general subject of Christian Evidences, though he is more well-known for his fictional works, like *The Chronicles of Narnia*. But even his fictional works were a promotion and defense of the reasonableness of belief in God versus unbelief.

The Chronicles of Narnia deal with the struggle between good and evil. Much has been made of the Chronicles as a Christian allegory, with the lion sharing many of the characteristics of Christ. After all, when he wrote the books, C.S. Lewis was a well-known scholar and defender of Christianity.

C.S. Lewis was a highly educated man, holding academic positions in English literature at both Oxford University and Cambridge University. His intellect can be seen in the power of his quotations and in the many followers he has even today, decades after his death.

Some of his more popular other writings include *Mere Christianity*, *The Screwtape Letters*, *The Four Loves*, *The Great Divorce* and *The Abolition of Man*. Consider some of his finer quotes below and think about the truthfulness of what he said:

- You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream.
- True humility is not thinking less of yourself; it is thinking of yourself less.
- I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else.

The last quote resonates best with me because that is how I view my life and the world around me. I was “raised in the church” as people say, so my life from beginning till now is framed by my belief in God, the Bible, Jesus Christ and His church. Not only do I “see” God everywhere and in almost everything, but **through Him** I see everything in this world. ***The New Testament***, Jesus’ last will & testament, is the whole of my thinking — spiritually, morally, mentally and philosophically. I could only wish that everyone in America would adopt this perfect mindset. It would solve a lot of today’s conflict.

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