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Selected from sermons delivered by C. S. Lewis during World War II, these nine addresses offer guidance and inspiration in a time of great doubt. These are ardent and lucid sermons that provide a compassionate vision of Christianity.

Addressing some of the most difficult issues we face in our day-to-day lives, C.S. Lewis's ardent and timeless words provide an unparalleled path to greater spiritual understanding. Considered by many to be his most moving address, "The Weight of Glory" extols a compassionate vision of Christianity and includes lucid and compelling discussions on forgiveness and faith.

## **The Weight of Glory Details**

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## Denae Christine says

Such a short book. I listened to most of it twice, shocked that it was already over. I was expecting more of what John Piper gets into in some of his works, that you cannot understand the weight of God's mercy and glory until you understand the crushing weight of your sin. Instead, CS Lewis is more day-to-day, and that wasn't what I was looking for when I picked it up. Still good material, but forgettable.

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## booklady says

I'm recording *The Weight of Glory* as 'read' now, but actually I first encountered this marvelous essay years ago. It has been part of me for so long I don't even remember when I first heard about it or haven't had it in my storehouse of "essential documents". It might even have been my introduction to the immortal Lewis; for better or worse I wasn't raised on the Narnia chronicles.

The quote, *'We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased'* has long been one of my all-time favorites, although it was years before I knew its context.

To me this is a magnificent piece of work which speaks to the grandeur—indeed the glory—offered to humanity to live up to the potential which God intended for us. The 'weight' is in contemplating the woe if we do not.

Six stars if I could. You can read it online [here](#).

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## Julie Davis says

I listened to the audiobook and really enjoyed thinking that I was hearing these speeches as the first recipients did. Of course, C.S. Lewis wasn't speaking the words but an intermediary is necessary since I wasn't there to hear him.

Some of these talks have names that sound as if they will be antiquated or not particularly relevant to one's own life. I am thinking in particular of *Is Theology Poetry* and *Why I am Not a Pacifist*. However, what one soon discovers is that Lewis quickly winds up covering many other topics under these umbrellas, so to speak, and there are always thought provoking ideas and logic put forth for any interested thinker.

Once again I am in awe of Lewis's logic and his understanding of the human (my) condition. We really are all more alike than we are different and I appreciate having his insights to inspire me to a more fully lived Christian life.

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## Kells Next Read says

Actual Ratings: 4.25

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### Jeremy says

Read "The Weight of Glory" here (Feb. 22, 2014). Can't believe it took me this far along in my life to read it.

Read "Learning in War-Time" for the first time on Jan. 13, 2018. Read "The Weight of Glory" for the second time on Jan. 14, 2018.

Dr. Richard Russell is going over the first two essays in our CE class at church, before he gets into *The Great Divorce*.

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### Sarah says

Like any collection of essays, there are ones I absolutely loved and ones I didn't enjoy quite as much, but overall this is an excellent collection of thought-provoking essays on a wide variety of topics.

I'm fairly certain all of these are transcripts of speeches or sermons that Lewis gave at various places throughout his years and, in typical Lewis fashion, he takes you along for what is sometimes a wild and winding ride, but in the end just drops these incredibly insightful and thought-provoking revelations about the human life and condition.

My favorites in the collection were the title essay *The Weight of Glory, Is Theology Poetry?*, and *A Slip of the Tongue*. I'd read excerpts from *A Slip of the Tongue* before and honestly, the collection is worth reading for that essay alone.

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### Cindy Rollins says

"The negative idea of Unselfishness carries with it the suggestion not primarily of securing good things for others, but of going without them ourselves, as if our abstinence and not their happiness was the important point."

I have 44 highlights in the Kindle Book and I reread it regularly. In fact, I try to read at least one CS Lewis book every January to start the year off right. This is one of my favorites. It feels like Lewis and I chatting randomly about life and stuff. Of course, I just sit quietly nodding my head frequently and occasionally sipping my Lake District Pale Ale.

August update: Just listened to this on audio for the first time. I think I prefer this book in writing. The narration was excellent but I think it is too good a book not to highlight. Audio is great for review though and I did read this book twice this year.

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## Ron says

"The Weight of Glory" and "Transposition" are worth the price of the book, though the other essays--mostly public addresses from the forties--merit pondering. All bring fresh insight to difficult issues of Christian apologetics, even though most were written while bombs of the Blitz still fell about the English audience.

For the Christian reader, this collection may provide more food for thought than even Lewis's famous *Mere Christianity*. I re-read this book periodically and am usually rewarded with new insights. It's not easy reading, but it is rewarding.

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## Emily says

Wow. Just wow.

That's the feeling I always get after finishing one of C.S. Lewis's works; *Mere Christianity* was the same way for me. It's the feeling of, "well, that was that, and it was perfect, and there's nothing more I can even say".

Read this beautiful, thought-provoking book. It'll challenge you, convict you, and help you view the world-- and the Lord-- in light of eternity.

I underlined and marked so many quotes in this book, but these are a few of my favorites:

*"The books or the music in which we thought the beauty was located will betray us if we trust to them; it was not in them, it only came through them, and what came through them was longing. These things—the beauty, the memory of our own past—are good images of what we really desire; but if they are mistaken for the thing itself they turn into dumb idols, breaking the hearts of their worshipers. For they are not the thing itself; they are only the scent of a flower we have not found, the echo of a tune we have not heard, news from a country we have never yet visited."*

*"It would seem that Our Lord finds our desires not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased."*

*"He who has God and everything else has no more than he who has God only."*

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## Nick says

A great collection of essays and papers delivered to students during the 1940's. Lewis never ceases to inspire me with his prose. He's simply a great writer. But that's not all he is. He is a great thinker and teacher too. For instance, in the beginning of his piece called "Why I'm not a pacifist" he takes the time to educate his readers/listeners on the art of logical thinking. This is one example of how he teaches beyond the bounds of his topic. This book was a joy to read. That being said, I realized while reading the chapter "Is Theology

Poetry?" that he holds some beliefs with which I strongly disagree--namely that much of the OT is mythical and becomes more historical as it approaches the NT. I do wonder if he would hold this opinion today if he were still alive. Still, these minor discrepancies are not so unforgivable (or so prolonged) as to decrease my enjoyment of this book. And, heck, you shouldn't swallow everything you read whole anyway.

I really do get the impression that we could have enjoyed some wonderful discussions, if I could have had the opportunity. That's the way his writing makes me feel. Conversational, learned, and thought provoking.

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## **Jamie says**

(The Inklings Series is a monthly series featuring the works of my two favorites, J.R.R. Tolkien and C.S. Lewis, or books about them. But I don't want it to be just me chatting about these books, so that's where y'all come in! I'll announce the book at least four weeks in advance of when the discussion post will go live, so you have plenty of time to get the book and read it. Then, the following month, I'll post a discussion post and let the fun begin!!)

You know when you read a book and once you finish you think "huh, not at all what I was expecting." That's how I felt after finishing *The Weight of Glory*. By no means is this a bad thing, not one bit, but there was such a variety of topics, it made for some interesting reading. I also think the fact that I have been reading *Mere Christianity* (for my bible study) at the same time, played a role in those expectations.

But of course I'm glad I read it! One of the takeaways for me was the vast amount of topics Lewis not only preached on, but his knowledge on so many of them. I'm pretty sure I was looking up names, pieces of literature and philosophies every other page. Like Pelagian? Oh yes, my friends and I were chatting about that just the other night....oh wait.... (It's the belief that sin didn't taint humanity, so there's no need for Divine aid, in case you're in my boat).

I love that in each of his books, Lewis is honest about his struggles. His humility is evident through his passion and writings. It always makes for intense, yet awesome reading experiences.

One of my favorite chapters was the book's namesake "The Weight of Glory." He wasted no time at all. "We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased."

Loved this:

"For they are not the thing itself [speaking of the beauty we find in books and music]; they are only the scent of a flower we have not found, the echo of a tune we have not yet heard, news from a country we have never yet visited...And you and I have need of the strongest spell that can be found to wake us from the evil enchantment of worldliness which has been laid upon us for nearly a hundred years. Almost our whole education has been directed to silencing this shy, persistent, inner voice; almost all our modern philosophies have been devised to convince us that the good of man is to be found on this earth."

One more from this chapter:

"A scientist may reply that since most of the things we call beautiful are inanimate, it is not very surprising that they take no notice of us. That, of course, is true. It is not the physical objects that I am speaking of, but that indescribable something of which they become for a moment the messengers."

This was not as easy of a read for me as say, Mere Christianity. Was that the case for any of y'all? Some chapters (like Transposition) were very philosophical. I felt like a freshman all over again in my philosophy 101 class. Say what did I just read?? Let's go ahead and read that again...

I also really appreciated the introductions that described where all the chapters came from and who Lewis shared them with. Some chapters were also much more impactful for me than others, say The Weight of Glory vs. Pacifism. Although I would like to know how the Pacifist Society responded to his talk.

"Christian theology can fit in science, art, morality, and the sub-Christian religions. The scientific point of view cannot fit in any of these things, not even science itself. 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."

"To excuse what can really produce good excuses is not Christian charity; it is only fairness. To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable, because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you."

Then his last chapter has this. He knows how to make you think –

"If you have not chosen the Kingdom of God, it will make in the end of difference what you have chosen instead." Those are hard words to take. Will it really make no difference whether it was women or patriotism, cocaine or art, whisky or a seat in the Cabinet, money or science? Well, surely no difference matters. We shall have missed the end for which we are formed and rejected the other thing that satisfies. Does it matter to a man dying in a desert by which choice of route he missed the only well?

Discussion time! Here's a few questions I thought to get the party started :).

1. Which were your favorite chapters?

Mine were: Forgiveness, The Weight of Glory, A Slip of the Tongue and I also really enjoyed Is Theology Poetry. It's like the ultimate literary academic argument for Christianity..comparing it to so many other works.

2. What were some of your key takeaways (whether from the book as a whole or an individual essay)?

3. Any favorite quotes?

It's a miracle I only picked a handful of quotes for this post – ha! But the ones above were the ones that really stuck out.

4. How does this rank from the Lewis books you've read?

I feel I have so many more of Lewis' books to read. This was different than the others I've read and I enjoyed it, but Mere Christianity still ranks number one in his theology/faith books.

5. What are thoughts would you like to add about the book?

Looking forward to reading your thoughts!

Originally posted at: <http://booksandbeverages.org/2015/08/...>

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**Douglas Wilson says**

Just great. Also read in November of 1995. Great. Also read in February of 1994. Also read in June of 1981.

Listened to the Audible version in February of 2016. Finished listening to it again on Audible in January 2018.

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### **Alana says**

In the introduction, the editor of this collection of sermons and speeches tells an anecdote of a time when he and Lewis played a prank on his medical aide at his home when he was in the latter months of his illness and life; they piled stacks and stacks of Lewis' books around the aide while he was asleep, forming a wall, in which he woke up and truly did not know where he was because of the complete decor change and had to fight his way out of a wall of books. Considering Lewis' brilliance, I love the idea that he collected enough books to make an actual enclosure of a room out of them, and it makes me feel like not such a pack-rat with my own books, if they convey to me only a fraction of his own knowledge!

While there are a few statements he makes in these speeches with which I either don't agree entirely, or have to continue to ponder until I see them from his point of view, in general, he makes some (not surprisingly) amazing statements that starkly show the human condition and how much we like to delude ourselves and not see things in their proper light. There are way too many such comments in his musings for me to copy all the quotes here, but so many that you honestly need to read it all yourself so you can mark up, highlight and write in your own copy to get a sense of your own thoughts.

Every time I read Lewis, I leave the book pleasantly exhausted, because especially in his non-fiction writings he is so incredibly dense (indeed, I marked this book as read twice this year, because I listened to a section, then went back and read over it again on paper, just because it was too much to digest the first time around), but he says so many honest things, that I feel the better, wiser, and more connected to humanity for having read it. It really does feel like an accomplishment, not because I've slogged through it, but because I feel re-focused afterwards.

Looking forward to re-reading this in a couple of years, after I've had a little time the first time to digest it from the first time around. I'm sure it will reveal more insights with repeated readings.

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### **Donna says**

This book made my reread list. I love his eloquence. He often presents powerful messages in a gentle way. That is a gift.

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I've read different C.S. Lewis books over the years. He is the most often quoted author in Christian religion. This book, however, is my favorite so far. I LOVED this book. It makes me want to be better and to do better. It was eloquently written without the fire and brimstone speech.

Sometimes books like this, tend to make the reader point the finger at those around them who aren't living up to their professed standards without looking into their own hearts. With this book, I don't know how one could possibly do that. It was gently stated.



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## Sally Linford says

One of Lewis's most brilliant, the title essay in this collection will blow you away with its rationale for pre-earth life, our longing to be recognized by God, and the remarkable practicality of the ending: it has the biggest 'so what?' I've ever read, and all the groundwork he lays throughout the essay makes the crescendo and climax, solid and unarguable.

"It may be possible for each to think too much of his own potential glory hereafter; it is hardly possible for him to think too often or too deeply about that of his neighbour. The load, or weight, or burden of my neighbor's glory should be laid on my back, a load so heavy that only humility can carry it, and the backs of the proud will be broken. It is a serious thing to live in a society of possible gods and goddesses, to remember that the dullest and most uninteresting person you can talk to may one day be a creature which, if you say it now, you would be strongly tempted to worship, or else a horror and a corruption such as you now meet, if at all, only in a nightmare. All day long we are, in some degree, helping each other to one or the other of these destinations . . . There are no ordinary people. you have never talked to a mere mortal. Nations, cultures, arts, civilizations--these are mortal, and their life is to ours as the life of a gnat. But it is immortals whom we joke with, work with, marry, snub, and exploit--immortal horrors or everlasting splendours. This does not mean that we are to be perpetually solemn. We must play. But our merriment must be of that kind (and it is, in fact, the merriest kind) which exists between people who have, from the outset, taken each other seriously--no flippancy, no superiority, no presumption. and our charity must be a real and costly love, with deep feeling for the sins in spite of which we love the sinner--no mere tolerance, or indulgence which parodies love as flippancy parodies merriment. Next to the Blessed Sacrament itself, your neighbour is the holiest object presented to your senses. If he is your Christian neighbor, he is holy in almost the same way, for in him also Christ vere latitat--the glorifier and the glorified, Glory Himself, is truly hidden.

I was just going to quote a couple of lines there, but you see how remarkable it is!

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## Jonathan Terrington says

*"To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable, because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you."*

C.S. Lewis' popularity has died in more recent history. Academics accuse him of being too simplistic in his expression (a few that I have read even go so far as to say that he adds nothing to Christian theology), other readers find his style too wordy, preachy or patronising to fully enjoy. I myself, however, love C.S. Lewis' work much like I love G.K. Chesterton and J.R.R Tolkien. He is enthusiastic, flawed and all so human - bridging a divide between the more intellectual academics and the everyman. Or so I believe anyway.

The one great thing about Lewis' work, is that like Chesterton, he is so quotable. But where Chesterton is a far better wit and academic, Lewis is more laid back and grounded - like a humorous and approachable, if sometimes gruff, Grandad. The reason, therefore, that I believe many intellectuals (particularly atheistic individuals) dismiss Lewis' contribution to Christian apologetics is because he speaks with honesty and straightforwardly. This may sound contradictory, considering the way Lewis conducts his phrases - however

it seems clear to me that the way he states his intentions is direct. He's not tactless, yet he does not hide his sentences in tact (if that makes any particular sense). To the intellectual who prefers greater nuance and ideas that they can make their own, there is little for them in Lewis' work.

*"Do you think I am trying to weave a spell? Perhaps I am; but remember your fairytales. Spells are used for breaking enchantments as well as for inducing them. And you and I have need of the strongest spell that can be found to wake us from the evil enchantment of worldliness which has been laid upon us for nearly a hundred years."*

I would define Lewis as a Christian philosopher in his own way. After all, philosophy is all about critical thought, and Lewis is nothing if not critical - again perhaps a reason for his loss of popularity is that he attacks established intellectual institutions within his thoughts. Yet he is more a philosopher of apologetics - if such a role ever has existed.

*"...it would seem that Our Lord finds our desires not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are too easily pleased."*

Yet, for most of this review I have merely been defending C.S. Lewis, not addressing this actual work of his. I will say that if you like Lewis, this is one of the better works of his that I have read. His address on *The Weight of Glory* is one of the finer pieces that he ever composed, I would argue, and many of the other pieces address similarly interesting and complex issues from the idea of unity, peace and scientific logic v. God. I will have to see how *Mere Christianity* stands up next to this.

For now I will state this in closing. I believe that C.S. Lewis is someone who should be read by anyone who reads philosophy or books of faith - works that address the idea of Human Nature and the mind or soul. Lewis is by far one of the most down-to-earth and confrontationally direct of all the writers I have tried (in many ways he is the direct opposite of Nietzsche) but he is still one of the more appealing to me. I will never cease to find it of more interest that he came from critical and intellectual atheism to critical and intellectual faith - proving that Christianity need not be faith without thought.

*"Christian theology can fit in science, art, morality, and the sub-Christian religions. The scientific point of view cannot fit in any of these things, not even science itself. I believe in Christianity as I believe the Sun has risen, not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else."*

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## **Ryan Hawkins says**

Each piece in this collection of nine essays is worth reading. Some of better than others for sure, but each one creatively introduces a new idea or thought. And as typical of Lewis, he explains and elaborates so well. His thoughts are quite profound.

My favorites were (in order): “The Weight of Glory”, “On Forgiveness”, “The Inner Ring”, and “Learning in War Time”. I also really enjoyed “Transposition” and “A Slip of the Tongue”. As for the other three (“Why I Am Not a Pacifist”, “Is Theology Poetry?”, and “Membership”), I still thought they introduced a new idea to me, and that he argued his point really well, I just didn’t think they were as enjoyable to read.

Below here is an inadequate summary of each essay. Forgive me for the brevity, and please do not judge Lewis’ high thoughts as not worth your time because of my low ones!

In “The Weight of Glory,” Lewis starts with his infamous lines about us being created for so much more than our temporary enjoyments. We substitute true virtue for negative ones (Love for Unselfishness) and we fool around with mud pies when God incentivizes us with holidays at the sea. And it is this idea of proper rewards that he focuses on. He shows that God unblemished offers us the proper reward of joy in himself in Christianity.

But this isn’t the majority of the essay. The majority of the essay is him talking about what it will be for us to attain glory as our reward. He shows that ‘glory’ is ‘the divine accolade.’ It is God actually being pleased with us. And although Lewis does make it clear that this only happens for those in Christ, he doesn’t mean that God will be pleased just in what Christ has done, without regard to our actions. Rather, we will please God as a father delights in his son, or an artist in his work. This divine accolade—which will have no pride or selfishness in it—is the weight of glory coming for us. He shows that another way of saying this is that we are and will be ‘known’ by God.

He then ends the essay with a brilliant perspective on human life. He talks about how “the load, or wright, or burden of my neighbor’s glory should be laid on my back” (45). He explains that every single person is either to become so glorious that you’d be tempted to worship them as a god, or so corrupt that they’d be like a nightmare. And all we do in this life helps others to one of these two options. Notice the weight of glory! There are therefore no ordinary people. From his weighty truth, we must truly live and love.

For the other essays, I will not write as long of a summary.

In “Learning in War Time”, he addresses the question if learning and studying is worthwhile during wartime. And his big point is that since we believe in eternal heaven and hell, this is the real issue: can we do anything else but care immediately about the salvation of people with these weighty realities hanging over us? Compared to these, war is so small. He argues that yes, learning is still worth while. This essay is worth reading for its stirring toward work and productivity.

In “Why I Am Not a Pacifist”, Lewis, I think, compelling argues against Pacifism. He takes the most typical arguments and really shows how they don’t work.

“Transposition” is the most philosophical essay out of all these, and it reads similar to his work *Miracles*. It is hard to sum up, but in short he argues that much of the joy we’ll experience hereafter in heaven is hard for us to really imagine. His analogy is of an artist mother who was thrown into a dungeon, then raised her son in there. He never knew anything of the outside world, but she does. So, she draws it for him. All the while, she draws things and explains that this is the sun, these are mountains, etc. And then after years, the boy says something in which she realizes that he thinks that out there everything is 2D and made out of pencil marks! He almost can’t fathom what it is actually like. In this way (Lewis explains it better, so read him!), our joys here will be transposed (hence the title) in heaven. It makes you think...

In “Is Theology Poetry?”, Lewis argues that in one sense, yes, as any worldview is beautiful to the one who

believes it, but that by saying it is poetry, we can't start to think that it isn't true, objective reality. Rather, he shows that compared to the Scientific Outlook (aka. Naturalism), Christian theology is much more likely to be true.

In "The Inner Ring", Lewis cleverly shows how much of life can be dominated by this desire to be on the inside, to be part of that group, the inner ring, the select, the important, the ones who know, etc. This was a total new idea to me—not the idea of wanting to be on the inside, but the insight that this dominates so much of life! It was convicting, but also encouraging. Lewis ends by saying that if we don't kill this, we will never be satisfied. For even those who get on that inside then are never satisfied, because so much of it comes from the desire to be inside. Once you're inside, it goes, and you just want to get in another place. But he is encouraging because he ends by saying that if you work for your work's sake, then you'll find satisfaction. And he shows how God can help you here.

In "Membership", Lewis shows how Christian membership in the Body of Christ brilliantly avoids the mistakes of individualism while also avoiding the mistakes of collectivism. This was a great piece on the church.

In "On Forgiveness", Lewis really helpfully discusses true repentance and forgiveness compared with making excuses. This idea of contrasting forgiveness and excuses—whether you're the one needing forgiveness from God or others, or whether you're the one granting forgiveness—was very insightful. I will from here on out talk about watching out for excuses when I discuss forgiveness in the future.

Finally, in "A Slip of the Tongue", he talks about how we often want to reserve certain parts of us just for us, not truly wanting God to do something there. It was convicting, but Lewis shows that it is better to truly give him our all.

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Would I recommend the book! 100% yes! Some essays are harder to read, but wow, is Lewis profound! When he brings up something, it isn't just that his answer includes thoughts I've never considered before, but even his question he is answering is new! So enjoyable to read and think along with him.

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## **Maureen says**

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This was pretty fantastic! I didn't enjoy it as much as other Lewis books, but you gotta admit that he is super eloquent. He has a way of getting to the heart of things that is unlike any other. The last few essays really hit me hard, and I love him for that.

Will always love CS Lewis

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## **Sydney (?????) says**

Another wonderful piece from C.S. Lewis...what else can you say?

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## Michelle Griep says

I know. A lowly thinker such as myself has no business giving the great C.S. Lewis anything lower than a 5 star, yet here I am, awarding it a 4. Why? Well, honestly, in some parts I felt he belabored a point or two. Great points, obviously, but just a few a little overdone. Other than that, if you're looking for some food for thought, this is the meal for you. A few favorite quotes:

"...we remain conscious of a desire which no natural happiness will satisfy. But is there any reason to suppose that reality offers any satisfaction to it?"

"How God thinks of us is not only more important, but infinitely more important. Indeed, how we think of Him is of no importance except insofar as it is related to how He thinks of us."

"It is a serious thing to live in a society of possible gods and goddesses, to remember that the dullest and most uninteresting person you can talk to may one day be a creature which, if you saw it now, you would be strongly tempted to worship, or else a horror and a corruption such as you now meet, if at all, only in a nightmare."

"There are no ordinary people. You have never talked to a mere mortal."

"A man may have to die for our country, but no man must, in any exclusive sense, live for his country. He who surrenders himself without reservation to the temporal claims of a nation, or a party, or a class is rendering to Caesar that which, of all things, most emphatically belongs to God: himself."

"The work of a Beethoven and the work of a charwoman become spiritual on precisely the same condition, that of being offered to God, of being done humbly as to the Lord."

"Try to tell the truth as you see it, try to do any bit of work as well as it can be done for the work's sake, and what men call originality will come unsought."

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