

" Mixing truth with a lie makes the lie much stronger." -C.S. Lewis

"Love is something more stern and splendid than mere kindness." –C.S. Lewis

"I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: 'I'm ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don't accept His claim to be God.' That is the one thing we must not say. 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 the 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. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God: or else a madman or something worse. 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. He did not intend to." – C.S. Lewis , *Mere Christianity*, pages 40-41.

“The most dangerous thing you can do is to take any one impulse of your own nature and set it up as the thing you ought to follow at all costs. There’s not one of them which won’t make us into devils if we set it up as an absolute guide. You might think love of humanity in general was safe, but it isn’t. If you leave out justice you’ll find yourself breaking agreements and faking evidence in trials ‘for the sake of humanity’ and become in the end a cruel and treacherous man.” ~ C.S. Lewis, “Mere Christianity”

"To make Christianity a private affair while banishing all privacy is to relegate it to the rainbow's end or the Greek Calends." –C.S. Lewis

“We learn, on the one hand, that we cannot trust ourselves even in our best moments, and, on the other, that we need not despair even in our worst, for our failures are forgiven. The only fatal thing is to sit down content with anything less than perfection.” –C.S. Lewis

“Every poet and musician and artist, but for Grace, is drawn away from love of the thing he tells to love; of the telling till, down in Deep Hell, they cannot be interested in God at all but only in what they say about Him.” -C.S. Lewis

"Milton was right..." The choice of every lost soul can be expressed in the words "Better to reign in Hell than to serve in Heaven." There is always something they insist on keeping even at the price of misery” –C.S. Lewis

“In the long run the answer to all those who object to the doctrine of hell, is itself a question: What are you asking God to do? To wipe out their past sins and, at all costs, to give them a fresh start, smoothing every difficulty and offering every miraculous help? But

He has done so, on Calvary. To forgive them? They will not be forgiven. To leave them alone? Alas, I am afraid that is what He does.” –C.S. Lewis

“But what of the poor Ghosts who never get into the omnibus at all?’

'Everyone who wishes it does. Never fear. There are only two kinds of people in the end: those who say to God, "Thy will be done," and those to whom God says, in the end, "Thy will be done." All that are in Hell, choose it. Without that self-choice there could be no Hell. No soul that seriously and constantly desires joy will ever miss it. Those who seek find. To those who knock it is opened.'

○ **p. 72; part of this has also been rendered in a variant form, and quoted as: There are two kinds of people: those who say to God, "Thy will be done," and those to whom God says, "All right, then, have it your way." – C.S. Lewis**

“To love at all is to be vulnerable. Love anything, and your heart will certainly be wrung and possibly be broken. If you want to make sure of keeping it intact, you must give your heart to no one, not even to an animal. Wrap it carefully round with hobbies and little luxuries; avoid all entanglements; lock it up safe in the casket or coffin of your selfishness. But in that casket — safe, dark, motionless, airless — it will change. It will not be broken; it will become unbreakable, impenetrable, irredeemable. The alternative to tragedy, or at least to the risk of tragedy, is damnation. The only place outside of Heaven where you can be perfectly safe from all the dangers and perturbations of love is Hell.” –C.S. Lewis
C.S. Lewis – Life

“You will never know how much you believe something until it is a matter of life and death.” “If you think of this world as a place intended simply for our happiness, you find it quite intolerable: think of it as a place of training and correction and it’s not so bad.” – C.S. Lewis, *God in the Dock*, page 52.

"Try to exclude the possibility of suffering which the order of nature and the existence of free-wills involve, and you find that you have excluded life itself." – C.S. Lewis, *The Problem of Pain*

C.S. Lewis – Atheism

"Atheism turns out to be too simple. If the whole universe has no meaning, we should never have found out that it has no meaning." – C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

C.S. Lewis – God

"My argument against God was that the universe seemed so cruel and unjust. But how had I got this idea of just and unjust? A man does not call a line crooked unless he has some idea of a straight line. What was I comparing this universe with when I called it unjust?" -

C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

"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." – C.S. Lewis, *Is Theology Poetry?*

"You don't have a soul. You are a Soul. You have a body." - [C. S. Lewis](#)

"A man can no more diminish God's glory by refusing to worship Him than a lunatic can put out the sun by scribbling the word, 'darkness' on the walls of his cell." - [C. S. Lewis](#)

"It may be hard for an egg to turn into a bird: it would be a jolly sight harder for it to learn to fly while remaining an egg. We are like eggs at present. And you cannot go on indefinitely being just an ordinary, decent egg. We must be hatched or go bad." - C.S. Lewis

"Let's pray that the human race never escapes from Earth to spread its iniquity elsewhere." -C. S. Lewis

"Of all tyrannies a tyranny sincerely exercised for the good of its victims may be the most oppressive." - C. S. Lewis

"Can a mortal ask questions which God finds unanswerable? Quite easily, I should think. All nonsense questions are unanswerable." - C. S. Lewis

"Joy concluded that inasmuch as God apparently exists, then there is nothing more important than learning who He is and what He requires of us." - Helen Joy Davidman Lewis (C.S. Lewis's wife)

"Christianity, if false, is of no importance, and if true, of infinite importance. The only thing it cannot be is moderately important." - C. S. Lewis

"Courage is not simply one of the virtues, but the form of every virtue at the testing point." - C. S. Lewis

"Education without values, as useful as it is, seems rather to make man a more clever devil." - C.S. Lewis

"God cannot give us a happiness and peace apart from Himself, because it is not there. There is no such thing." - C. S. Lewis

"Has this world been so kind to you that you should leave with regret? There are better things ahead than any we leave behind." - C. S. Lewis

"Miracles do not, in fact, break the laws of nature." - C. S. Lewis

"Telling us to obey instinct is like telling us to obey 'people.' People say different things: so do instincts. Our instincts are at war... Each instinct, if you listen to it, will claim to be gratified at the expense of the rest." - C. S. Lewis

"The safest road to hell is the gradual one - the gentle slope, soft underfoot, without sudden turnings, without milestones, without signposts." - C. S. Lewis

"There are two kinds of people: those who say to God, "Thy will be done," and those to whom God says, "All right, then, have it your way." - C. S. Lewis

"What saves a man is to take a step. Then another step." - C. S. Lewis

"What we call Man's power over Nature turns out to be a power exercised by some men over other men with Nature as its instrument." - C. S. Lewis

"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream." - C. S. Lewis

"The Devil was an archangel once; his natural gifts were as far above yours as yours are above those of a chimpanzee." - C.S. Lewis

"If something is moral or not, can be determined logically. It doesn't matter if a "man" or "men" are the one doing the determining." -C.S Lewis

"Until Bulverism is crushed, reason can play no effective part in human affairs." - C.S. Lewis

"Bulverism fallacy"

Bulverism is a logical [fallacy](#) in which, rather than proving that an argument in favor of an opinion is wrong, a person instead assumes that the opinion is wrong, and then goes on to explain why the other person held it. It is essentially a [circumstantial ad hominem](#) argument.

" You must show *that* a man is wrong before you start explaining *why* he is wrong. The modern method is to assume without discussion *that* he is wrong and then distract his attention from this (the only real issue) by busily explaining how he became so silly. In the course of the last fifteen years I have found this vice so common that I have had to invent a

name for it. I call it "Bulverism". Some day I am going to write the biography of its imaginary inventor, Ezekiel Bulver, whose destiny was determined at the age of five when he heard his mother say to his father — who had been maintaining that two sides of a triangle were together greater than a third — "Oh you say that *because you are a man.*" "At that moment", E. Bulver assures us, "there flashed across my opening mind the great truth that refutation is no necessary part of argument. Assume that your opponent is wrong, and explain his error, and the world will be at your feet. Attempt to prove that he is wrong or (worse still) try to find out whether he is wrong or right, and the national dynamism of our age will thrust you to the wall." That is how Bulver became one of the makers of the Twentieth Century." -C.S. Lewis Lewis wrote about this in a 1941 essay^[2] which was later expanded and published in *The Socratic Digest* under the title "Bulverism".^[3] This was reprinted both in *Undeceptions* and the more recent anthology [*God in the Dock*](#). He explains the origin of this term