

C S LEWIS QUOTES

- Don't shine so that others can see you. Shine so that through you, others can see HIM.
- The greatest evils in the world will not be carried out by men with guns, but by men in suits sitting behind desks
- I suggest to you that it is because God loves us that he gives us the gift of suffering. Pain is God's megaphone to rouse a deaf world. You see, we are like blocks of stone out of which the Sculptor carves the forms of men. The blows of his chisel, which hurt us so much are what make us perfect.
- God doesn't want something from us. He simply wants us.
- There are two kinds of love: we love wise and kind and beautiful people because we need them, but we love (or try to love) stupid and disagreeable people because they need us. This second kind is the more divine because that is how God loves us: not because we are lovable but because He is love, not because He needs to receive but He delights to give.
- Getting over a painful experience is much like crossing monkey bars. You have to let go at some point in order to move forward.
- Humility is not thinking less of yourself, it's thinking of yourself less.
- First, I do not sit down at my desk to put into verse something that is already clear in my mind. If it were clear in my mind, I should have no incentive or need to write about it. We do not write in order to be understood; we write in order to understand.
- Christianity seems at first to be all about morality, all about duties and rules and guilt and virtue, yet it leads you on, out of all that, into something beyond. One has a glimpse of a country where they do not talk of those things, except perhaps as a joke. Every one there is filled full with what we should call goodness as a mirror is filled with light. But they do not call it goodness. They do not call it anything. They are not thinking of it. They are too busy looking at the source from which it comes.
- If there ever was a time that nothing existed, then nothing would exist now

- The fact that our heart yearns for something Earth can't supply is proof that Heaven must be our home.
- We all want progress, but if you're on the wrong road, progress means doing an about-turn and walking back to the right road; in that case, the man who turns back soonest is the most progressive.
- Don't let your happiness depend on something you may lose.
- Atheists express their rage against God although in their view He does not exist.
- Do not waste time bothering whether you 'love' your neighbor; act as if you did. As soon as we do this we find one of the great secrets. When you are behaving as if you loved someone, you will presently come to love him.
- God became man to turn creatures into sons: not simply to produce better men of the old kind but to produce a new kind of man. It is not like teaching a horse to jump better and better but like turning a horse into a winged creature.
- If you live for the next world, you get this one in the deal; but if you live only for this world, you lose them both.
- God will look to every soul like its first love because He is its first love.
- We have to be continually reminded of what we believe. No belief will automatically remain alive in the mind. It must be fed.