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10 C.S. LEWIS QUOTES THAT SHOW HE WAS AHEAD OF HIS TIME

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Fifty years ago on November 22, C.S. Lewis quietly passed away in his home. His death went widely unnoticed, as JFK was assassinated on the same day (*Brave New World*: author Aldous Huxley also died, making November 22, 1963 a truly lamentable day in recent human history), but it left a void that has never been rightly filled.

To whom is there to compare him? He was not a trained theologian (as many trained theologians will hasten to say) nor was he ever ordained. In his lifetime, he was a professor, literary critic and essayist. His dear friend J.R.R. Tolkien said he modeled Treebeard after Lewis. He is best remembered now as a children's author. But none of those come close to encompassing the unique place Lewis holds in modern Christianity. As an excellent profile in Christianity Today argues, he might be best described as a poet. Someone with a rare gift to channel his mighty intellect and generous spirit through an artful, unparalleled mix of wit, warmth and spectacular clarity.

Like many people, I owe a good deal in my own life to Lewis. *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* is the first book I remember reading. When I was little, I wanted to change my name to Peter. I have a lamppost tattooed on my arm. As I've grown up, my appreciation of his works has matured as well. *Till We Have Faces* remains, in my mind, one of the English language's finest novels. Most people reading this could tell their own stories. He has that effect on people.

There are more imaginative authors. There are better theologians. But "Jack," as he was known to friends, stands alone in his ability to convey theology through joyous, glorious art. It's argument, rhetoric and debate wrapped in delightful prose and storytelling. It's the sort of writing where the felicity of thought seems directly tied to the writer's skill. And so progressive was Lewis' thinking—so ahead of his time (although he'd most certainly argue that he was old-fashioned)—that his writing seems endlessly applicable for each generation since his passing. Every generation seems to revere him anew, because every generation has much to learn from him.

Here at RELEVANT, we'll have a few pieces on the life and work of Lewis over the next week to commemorate his continuing legacy. There is no substitute for reading everything Lewis ever wrote (he preferred his fiction to his apologetics, though both make for fine reading) but for those who aren't initiated and those who are, here are a few choice quotes:

MERE CHRISTIANITY

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.

GOD IN THE DOCK

One must keep on pointing out that Christianity is a statement which, if false, is of no importance, and, if true, of infinite importance. The one thing it cannot be is moderately important.

BLUSPELS AND FLANSFERES: A SEMANTIC NIGHTMARE

Reason is the natural organ of truth; but imagination is the organ of meaning.

THE FOUR LOVES

To love at all is to be vulnerable. Love anything and your heart will be wrung and possibly broken. If you want to make sure of keeping it intact you must give it to no one, not even 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. To love is to be vulnerable.

LETTERS TO MALCOLM

It's so much easier to pray for a bore than to go and see one.

COLLECTED LETTERS

There are far, far better things ahead than any we leave behind.

LETTERS TO AN AMERICAN LADY

We are not necessarily doubting that God will do the best for us; we are wondering how painful the best will turn out to be.

GOD IN THE DOCK

I didn't go to religion to make me happy. I always knew a bottle of Port would do that. If you want a religion to make you feel really comfortable, I certainly don't recommend Christianity.

MERE CHRISTIANITY

If anyone thinks that Christians regard unchastity as the supreme vice, he is quite wrong. The sins of the flesh are bad, but they are the least bad of all sins. All the worst pleasures are purely spiritual: the pleasure of putting other people in the wrong, of bossing and patronising and spoiling sport, and backbiting; the pleasures of power, of hatred. For there are two things inside me, competing with the human self which I must try to become. They are the Animal self, and the Diabolical self. The Diabolical self is the worse of the two. That is why a cold, self-righteous prig who goes regularly to church may be far nearer to hell than a prostitute. But, of course, it is better to be neither.

THE LAST BATTLE

All their life in this world and all their adventures in Narnia had only been the cover and the title page: now at last they were beginning Chapter One of the Great Story which no one on earth has read: which goes on for ever: in which every chapter is better than the one before.

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Trustees Report.

We have paid the bill from Belfor. Insurance does not cover mold remediation so we paid for that. Rocky Mountain Conference is in October. We report that attendance is between 19 and 23 people each week. We have resumed the Fellowship hour after church service.

Christian Education

Sunday school has started on September 14th. There will be two classes, kindergarten through 5th graders. Sue will teach these and Edith Ann will teach the younger class.

Music

Sue plans a music program on September 15th, Mondays after school. She has started preparations for the Christmas recital on December 7th.

Pastor report

Gary thanked the church for supporting him during his daughter Leticia's illness. Also his annual checkup. He would like to ask Acting Conference Minister, Sue Artt to come and give us input on our options about our church's future. All area churches are struggling with attendance and keeping things going. One suggestion was to have movies after a pot luck dinner during the fall and winter. He has been looking at databases to find retired military chaplains who might help at small churches. Edith Ann suggested we consider filling out our church profile so folks will know what we're looking for.

Congratulations to Mariah Klingler! After months of practice, she won the Grand Champion Prize at the State Fair. Her dad was so proud he told everyone in town! Great job, Gal!

Western Association meeting is October 3rd and 4th

Gymnastics has started in the church gym

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BIBLE TRIVIA

7. What wicked woman, the wife of a wicked king, brought about the death of John the Baptist?
8. How much time did cousins Mary and Elisabeth spend together during their pregnancies?
9. Who offered to bear the guilt if her scheme to deceive her aged husband was found out?
10. Who said to her husband, "Give me children, or else I die"?
11. Which of Jacob's wives was the first to bear children?
12. What woman was called a prophetess by Luke?
13. Who died in giving birth to Benjamin?
14. What clever woman hoodwinked her father-in-law out of a signet ring and bracelets?
15. Who falsely accused her Hebrew servant of trying to seduce her?
16. What woman was the mother of two of Jesus' disciples?
17. Who asked Jesus for the special water that would quench her thirst forever?
18. Who called Jesus "Rabboni"?
19. To what earthy woman did Jesus say, "God is a spirit"?
20. Which of David's wives was described as "very beautiful to look upon"?
21. What wife, seeing her husband on the verge of death, circumcised their son?
22. Who criticized her famous brother for being married to an Ethiopian woman?
23. What Old Testament woman is mentioned in the roll of the faithful in Hebrews 11?
24. What woman gave needed courage to the fainthearted military man Barak?
25. Who pouted when her strongman lover kept fooling her about the source of his strength?
26. Who lay down at her future husband's feet and was accepted by him?
27. Which of David's wives "despised him in her heart"?
28. What wife of a shepherd admitted that her husband was a complete fool?

9/11/2001 Never Forget

A speech by Gary Winkleblack

Paying Tribute

It was six years ago that I stood before 300 of my fellow Soldiers and United States Army Corps of Engineer civilians in a U.S. Army compound in Kabul, Afghanistan. My purpose then, as it is now was to pay tribute to the over 3000 police, firemen, EMTs, military and civilian personnel that were killed in a ruthless, senseless, cowardly, and barbaric attacks 13 years ago. Each of the casualties of the 9/11 attack was robbed of another day, another week, or perhaps years of all the possibilities that life has to offer.

Today, as we pay tribute to the memories of the victims of 9/11, we should also open our hearts to their friends and families who have been left to pick up the pieces of this tragic event and try to make sense of it all, in their sorrow and grief. On 9/11, 3051 children lost one or both of their parents.

As I sat in Afghanistan six years ago, the recognition of the horrible events that took place on that memorable day, took on a more personal and relative meaning, a meaning that will remain with me the rest of my life.

We Americans, who live in a free society, must not take our freedoms and liberties for granted. We must not forget that "freedom is not free" and each of us has a responsibility to our society and to world peace to combat and prevent terrorism in any way we can.

Afghanistan and Terrorism

In Afghanistan women and young girls are brutally beaten or executed because they choose to attend school, or go out in public unattended by their fathers, husbands, or a male relative, or show their face in public, or because they fail to be totally subservient to their fathers, husbands, and men in general.

Terrorists will strap bombs on the bodies of impressionable, confused and heavily drugged young people and then send them into a crowd of Soldiers or villagers so that they may detonate the bombs, killing or injuring everyone nearby.

Terrorists coerce Afghans working for the Coalition Forces into activities such as planting bombs within the military and civilian compounds or spying on the Coalition Forces to gain intelligence for future attacks. If the Afghan workers fail to cooperate, the terrorists will kill the worker's family members until the workers cooperate.

Afghan terrorists have attacked Coalition Forces from inside mosques, orphanages, and hospitals knowing that Coalition Forces that are ordered to not engage the enemy in these locations would rarely return fire.

Why do I tell you such horror stories? I tell you because you must not forget that terrorists seek to destroy the American way of life by any means possible. If they wreak such havoc and destruction upon their own people, their own women, their own children, they would not hesitate to do the same or worse to others. Terrorists want their people to remain ignorant and uneducated. They want the people to fear them and to follow and execute their horrific plans of death and destruction.

Terrorists do not want to work within the structure of law and order. They do not want to resolve their differences by discussions and negotiations. They do not want their countrymen or tribesmen to seek equality and a better standard of living. Terrorists believe the way to deal with their adversaries is by committing heinous crimes against mankind and forcing their will upon others through extortion, intimidation, subversion and destruction of the heart, the mind, and the will to be free to make personal choices. Terrorists are hoping that because 9/11 took place 13 years ago that the American people will be lulled into thinking acts of terrorism have diminished, but I must remind you all they have not! I can name you numerous international acts of terrorism that have been carried out since 9/11; most recently the execution of two innocent, non-combatant journalists carried out by the terrorists group ISIS!

What Can Americans Do?

You are not powerless in the war to fight terrorism. You can empower yourself to combat terrorism – continue to be educated, no matter your age; learn to resolve conflict through peaceful resolutions; work and live within the framework of public law and order; and always strive for equality and always support the Constitution of the United States. Remember, every chain is only as strong as its weakest link. If we fail to support and strengthen our American way of life, then we're making ourselves more vulnerable to acts of terrorism.

In conclusion, September 11, 2001 is a day we should honor those who lost their lives in the cowardly attacks and to keep in our hearts and minds those friends and family members who have been left behind, remembering the tragic circumstances in which they lost their loved ones. But also, let this day be an eternal reminder to be ever vigilant to combat terrorism and those that would seek to destroy our American culture and way of life. Thank you.

When life gets too hard to stand – Kneel.

The measure of an education is that you acquire some idea of the extent of your own ignorance.
Christopher Hitchens

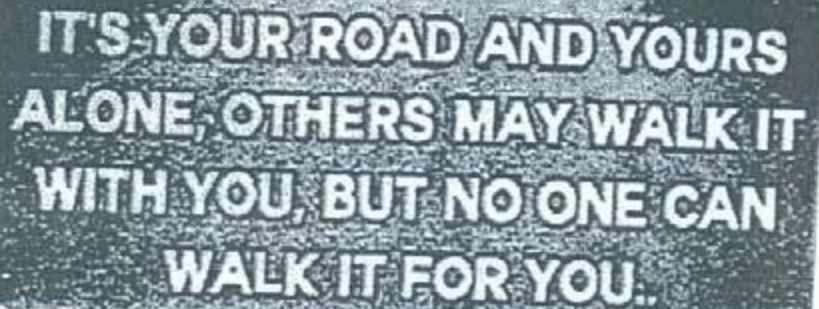
Life is too short to carry long grudges. Eton Musk

A bore is a person who opens his mouth and puts his 'feats' in it. Henry Ford

If you don't change your mind, then you're not using it. Bashar

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occasions, meetings or celebrations

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Let us not forget how incredibly blessed
we are. We have so very much to be
thankful for...

Hi! It's officially Fall! My favorite season. The gardening is almost done, the sports teams are raring to go, Warm days and cool nights and the best in flowering plants show up now. It's hunting season, which I miss, the leaves are beautiful, the calendar is full, school is in high gear and don't forget the holidays that are soon to be here. Maybe, I wax poetically about fall, but it is magical to me. Growing up on the Iowa farm also meant the harvest time and completion of a years labor. I do love the fall!

Birthdays for October

Max Rollins

Anniversaries for October

Jay and Peggy Shiflet

Rick and Nancy Lucas

Noisy Offering October

Lion's Club

Spend your life lifting people up,
not putting people down.

Don't judge people by their relatives.

Pray! There is immeasurable power
in it.

Plant zucchini only if you have lots
of friends!

Don't confuse comfort with happiness
or wealth with success.

Never swap your integrity for money,
power, or fame.



Remember we are back to normal times for Sunday School and Church.
9:45 am for Sunday School and 11:00 for Church Service

The stewards have a clip board for you to sign up for the Fellowship hour after church. We could use coffee, spoons and forks, napkins, paper cups as well.

Life is tough...Even tougher when you're stupid - John Wayne
Love simply, love generously, care deeply, speak kindly, leave the rest to
GOD.

Watch "The Andy Griffith Show" or "The Cosby Show" to help put
Things in perspective.

Women's Fellowship

Our October meeting will be fall planning and cleaning day. Everybody
is welcome - 10 am, October 14th. We will prepare for our annual turkey
Dinner on November 15th. Again, Thank You to each one who contributes
to the food pantry. Nancy Karlson, president

BIBLICAL TRIVIA ANSWERS

7. Herodias, wife of Herod (Luke 3:19)
8. Three months (Luke 1:56)
9. Rebekah (Genesis 27:13)
10. Rachel (Genesis 30:1)
11. Leah (Genesis 29:31)
12. Anna (Luke 2:36)
13. Rachel (Genesis 35:18)
14. Tamar (Genesis 38:17)
15. Potiphar's wife (Genesis 39:14)
16. Salome (Mark 15:40); while this verse does not specifically say that Salome is the mother of James and John, Matthew 27:56 mentions that two Marys and the mother of James and John were watching the crucifixion, so we may assume from Matthew and Mark that the third woman, Salome, was the mother of James and John.
17. The Samaritan woman (John 4:15)
18. Mary Magdalene (John 20:16)
19. The Samaritan woman (John 4:24)
20. Bathsheba, or Bath-shua (2 Samuel 11:2)
21. Zipporah (Exodus 4:25)
22. Miriam (Numbers 12:1)
23. Rahab (Hebrews 11:31)
24. Deborah (Judges 4:8)
25. Delilah (Judges 16)
26. Ruth (3:4-9)
27. Michal (2 Samuel 6:16)
28. Ahioail (1 Samuel 25:25)

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