

## *Cs Lewis Readings For Meditation And Reflection*

*A Formatio book. Reading the Bible is one of the most important disciplines you can practice. And the way you approach the Bible affects your interaction with God. Why is Bible study so significant? How can your attitude and approach affect what you get out of your reading? What does it mean to "meditate" on Scripture? How can meditating on God's Word change you? In this study guide, Jan Johnson covers the disciplines of study and meditation. Going deeper into God's Word--learning to immerse yourself in God's thoughts--will lead you to live in a more Christlike way. With the removal of sexual orientation as a bar to ordination in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), pending approval of a majority of presbyteries, and the Episcopal Church's 2009 General Convention calling for the development of theological and liturgical resources for same-sex blessings, sexual orientation--especially with regard to marriage--is a central issue. Secularly, too, the topic is front-page news with the recent California same-gender marriage ruling and subsequent Proposition 8 vote and the update of the Massachusetts same-gender marriage law.*

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*This book sets forth the case for religious institutions' blessing of same-gender marriage, positing that same-gender marriage does not detract from the sacredness of heterosexual marriage, but rather enhances and nourishes the institution. Chapters include: "Claiming the Blessing" "Deeper Than Scripture" "Traditional Family Values" "The Sacred Source of Marriage" "Sex and the Body of Christ" "Marriage As a Spiritual Discipline"*

*"Is it working? Your belief system, that is. Is it really working? God's intention all along has been for the believer's life to work. From divine perspective toward terrestrial turf, God meant for his children to succeed. . . Are our Christian lives successful? Are they achieving and experiencing what Scripture said they would? In a recent sermon my son-in-law preached, Curt told us the only way we were going to impact the world and the next generation is to prove that our faith in Christ is real and that it works. For countless Christians I'm convinced it's real. My concern is whether or not we have the fruit to suggest it works."—Beth Moore; Believing God*

*Chronologically arranged entries on more than 30 writers from the Middle Ages to*

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**the present trace the pervasive influence of Arthurian legend on world literature. St. James Guide to Science Fiction Writers Finding God's Will**

**Teaching Faith with Harry Potter**

**The Blessing of Same-Gender Marriage**

**Arthurian Writers**

**Theories and Systems in Criminology**

**Opening the Sacred Conversation Within**

*Heaven has received a lot of attention in recent years as bestselling books and movies have told the stories of people who claim to have been there. But what does the Bible actually say about heaven? What difference does it make? What happens the moment after we die? What will our relationships be like in heaven? Chip Ingram sets aside the hype and myths and digs into the Scriptures to discover what God actually wants us to know about the hereafter. Most importantly, Ingram shows why our understanding of heaven matters now, in this life. Because what we believe about heaven actually affects us today in ways we may not have imagined.*

*Someone you know and love is dying. Your world is falling apart. You're convinced that no one can imagine what you are experiencing. You have so many questions. You scream, "Why is this happening?" "My Daughter is Dying" speaks to your pain, anger, doubt, and despair. And more importantly it leaves you with feelings of inspiration, assurance and peace. Internalizing the fact that someone you love is going to die is a hard truth for*

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*anyone to grasp, both intellectually and emotionally. It seems overwhelming, unbearable, and impossible. Yet, Lyra Pointer shows us just how God can lift you up and reveal Himself in the midst of your most trying times. With His Amazing Grace, He did just that when her daughter was diagnosed with terminal cancer. In "My Daughter is Dying," author Lyra Pointer will show you not only how God will help you through your painful situation, but also how He will help you to regain the happiness and love of life that you once had.*

*The C.S. Lewis Bible pairs thought-provoking meditations from C.S. Lewis's spiritual writings with corresponding passages from the authoritative NRSV Bible. This one-of-a-kind Bible for devotional reading, reflection, and inspiration is perfect for readers of Lewis's *Mere Christianity*, *The Screwtape Letters*, or his other works of seminal Christian writing. Fans of Lewis's widely-beloved allegorical fantasy series, the *Chronicles of Narnia*, will love this chance to engage with the author's more deeply spiritual side after reading favorites like *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* and *The Voyage of the Dawn Treader*.*

*Imagine yourself in a pool of strong swimmers, all swimming clockwise. You, a Christian woman, are swimming counter-clockwise...counter-cultural, if you will. This book is for the woman who longs to rise up out of the stereotypical behavior of gossip, insecurity, pettiness, and small dreams. She has an unfulfilled desire to be someone who goes against the grain of the common*

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*for the sole purpose of living a life with conviction. The woman who reads this book is ready to believe in her deep value, ready to accept her high calling, and ready to make a difference in a world in need of her influence. Go ahead, swim against the stream to become The Uncommon Woman.*

*Facing Cancer Together*

*Seventy Times Seven*

*How to Help Your Friend Or Loved One*

*Writing to Wake the Soul*

*Spirituality for Mere Christians*

*Recollections of Those who Knew Him*

*The Living Church*

Sharing your faith doesn't have to be complicated. Christians are called to be a witness for Christ in daily life, to surprise people around us with the good news of the gospel. Yet putting that mission into regular practice can seem overwhelming. Author Michael Frost, a renowned expert on evangelism, offers refreshingly simple tactics to make evangelism fulfilling, exciting, and effective. *Surprise the World* teaches clear and practical tools for making evangelism part of your daily life. This short and easy read covers the BELLS method, along with thought-provoking questions and prompts for

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applying each habit. You'll learn about each of the five habits: Bless others Eat together Listen to the Spirit Learn Christ Understand yourself as Sent by God into others lives Ideal for personal use or training groups on evangelism, the inspiring lessons in this book will transform your view of evangelism in daily life. A timely wake-up call for believers. A concise and helpful encouragement to those seeking to live on-mission in their communities. Ed Stetzer, author and pastor Eminently doable, entirely practical, and exceptionally effective! Felicity Dale, author of An Army of Ordinary People If every believer developed a lifestyle that included these 5 habits, I'm convinced a great spiritual awakening would take place. Al Engler, mission director of Nav Neighbor

You hear that a friend has cancer. You want to help, but you're not entirely sure how. Pamela Brown, a cancer survivor, suggests the many ways you can help by your words and actions. In addition to a wealth of practical suggestions, Facing Cancer Together

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includes entries from the author's journals, as well as Bible readings and prayers to share for support and comfort. J. K. Rowling was less obvious than C. S. Lewis or J. R. R. Tolkien in her grounding of the Harry Potter series in deeply held Christian convictions, leaving many with a strong sense that these stories are spiritual lessons but not sure how to flesh out these theological ideas for teaching, parenting, mentoring, and forming faith. The Harry Potter series stands as one compelling narrative, rooted in Rowling's Anglican convictions of the communion of saints, the power of sacraments, the redemption of sacrificial love, and the defeat of death in the resurrection through grace. Tricia Lyons identifies, clarifies, and systematizes the Christian themes J.K. Rowling uses throughout the series, so anyone can apply the Harry Potter universe in lifelong and life-wide formation. Readers will be able to use the book as a reference manual for using Harry Potter in preaching and formation, to integrate into the current theological

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season, or for book studies, sermons, bible studies, VBS content, youth groups, parish retreats, parenting classes, baptismal preparation, marriage, and confirmation.

David Kimbrough explains the history and practice of serpent-handling believers from the perspective of a respectful and scholarly participant-observer.

The C. S. Lewis Bible

What the Bible Actually Says

Sleuthing C.S. Lewis

Understanding the Faith

My Daughter Is Dying

The Succession Principle

Seek Him, Know Him, Take the Next Step

Concise discussions of the lives and principal works of prominent science-fiction authors, written by subject experts.

Sometimes You Have to Slow Down to Hear God's Plan Do you spend your days rushing from one task to the next, frantically checking things off your list? It's easy to become so consumed with keeping it all together that you forget to seek God's plan for your life. He has a much better vision for you—fulfillment and peace that only His grace can provide. Author, speaker, and radio host Susie Larson helps you find balance within your hectic life. You will learn that

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being at your best doesn't mean taking on every task, and meaningful satisfaction can't be bought with a completed to-do list. Be inspired to move past halfhearted living and second bests into a kingdom of rejuvenation, health, and eternal nourishment. Let this book encourage you to cultivate balance and savor moments of work and rest—both of which He has lovingly created.

### FORTY YEARS OF FAVORITE DEVOTIONS

When a wife discovers her husband is entangled in sexual sin, she's devastated. This book offers proactive steps to help her heal.

A Year with C.S. Lewis

Beten mit den Psalmen

Creating Balance and Finding Peace in the Busy  
Every Day with Jesus

Living with Your Husband's Secret Wars

Father, Son, and the Other One

How Leaders Make Leaders

"Through the power of everyday words, find and deepen your connection with faith and self in the spiritual practice of writing. Have you ever sought to wake that still, small voice within--the voice that gives expression to your greatest hopes, fears, dreams, and sorrows? Through the intersection of poetry and story, metaphor and mediation, history and culture, you have the power to. Perfect for today's spiritual seeker, *Writing to Wake the Soul* provides inspiration, practical guidance, and content-

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rich prompts to help you articulate and explore the difficult questions of our time. Its elegant narrative invites you to use words as a way to journey into a greater intimacy with your faith, your soul, and your relationship to the world. Whether you're a theist or atheist, agnostic or church-goer, accomplished writer or even a non-writer, this guide offers a thoughtful reflection on the enormous transformative power of words in our everyday lives. Featuring exercises for meditation, contemplation, and gentle self-examination, along with writing prompts on a wide spectrum of theological themes and spiritual practices, *Writing to Wake the Soul* will help you develop a greater connection to that voice, to the inner self, and to the timeless wisdom deep within you"--

Known throughout the world as the intellect behind *The Chronicles of Narnia* and as the twentieth century's most influential Christian writer, C. S. Lewis has stirred millions of readers through his probing insights, passionate arguments, and provocative questions about God, love, life, and death. Gathered from the mass of his published works -- including *The Screwtape Letters*, *Mere Christianity*, *The Four Loves*, and *God in the Dock* -- as well as from letters, essays, and less familiar writings, this compendium contains a cross section of Lewis's finest work.

In this intimate, candid, and sometimes surprising

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community biography of the celebrated author and Christian apologist, twenty-four men and women who knew C.S. Lewis as teacher, colleague, friend offer their reminiscences and impressions of the complex man behind the critical and academic acclaim. Through their recollections, we see Jack Lewis dazzling Oxford as he takes on atheists, materialists, and a host of other challengers. Most poignantly, we see him in everyday settings: striding up and down the platform at a railroad station, presiding over leisurely dinners with students, expounding on the virtues of the pub. The net effect of this collection, said the Catholic Review, is to make us feel that we know Lewis as well as [his] friends. And to quote the New Yorker, The heterogeneity of the contributors assures a variety of Lewises, but certain traits appear in all these accounts: intelligence, imagination, gusto, a sense of fun, and, most frequently, magnanimity. True Myth examines the meaning and significance of myth as understood by C.S. Lewis and Joseph Campbell and its place in the Christian faith in a technological society. C.S. Lewis defined Christianity, and being truly human, as a relationship between the personal Creator and his creation mediated through faith in his son, Jesus. The influential writer and mythologist Joseph Campbell had a different perspective, understanding Christianity as composed of mythical themes similar

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to those in other religious and secular myths. While accepting certain portions of the biblical record as historical, Campbell taught the theological and miraculous aspects as symbolic - as stories in which the reader discovers what it means to be human today. In contrast, Lewis presented the theological and the miraculous in a literal way. Although Lewis understood how one could see symbolism and lessons for life in miraculous events, he believed they were more than symbolic and indeed took place in human history. In *True Myth*, James W. Menzies skilfully balances the two writers' differing approaches to guide the reader through a complex interaction of myth with philosophy, media, ethics, history, literature, art, music and religion in a contemporary world.

Praying with C. S. Lewis

Finding Spiritual Freedom in an Imperfect World

For Reflection and Meditation

Blessed Are the Unsatisfied

In Over Your Head

Das Gespr ä ch mit Gott

Taking Up Serpents

Reading the Bible is one of the most important spiritual disciplines we can engage in. Why is Bible study so significant? How can our attitude and approach affect what we get out of our reading? Learning to immerse ourselves in God's thoughts through study and meditation allows us to go deeper into God's Word and

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live in a more Christlike way. This six-session LifeBuilder Bible Study from Jan Johnson helps us do just that. Previously published as part of the Spiritual Disciplines Study Series

A truly livable and decidedly witty lay spirituality from the most amusing Christian intellectual of our time. From his autobiography, *Surprised by Joy*, and children's classics, *The Chronicles of Narnia*; from his poems and novels; from his literary criticism and theological explorations C. S. Lewis has laid down, albeit unwittingly, a spirituality that the "mere Christian"--something of an invention of Lewis's--can live with from Monday through Saturday. On Sunday Lewis would expect the mere Christian to be in his or her own church. In this book, Bill Griffin, renowned Lewis scholar and biographer, captures the spirituality from Lewis's own writings and presents it in a manner reminiscent of Lewis's own.

„ Mit das Wichtigste, was im 20. Jahrhundert ü ber das Lob Gottes geschrieben worden ist, ist das Kapitel ü ber das Loben in C. S. Lewis' Buch *Das Gespr ä ch mit Gott*." (Timothy Keller) C. S. Lewis traut sich, Fragen zu stellen, an die sich viele Christen nicht heranwagen: Wie sollen wir mit Psalmtexten umgehen, in denen das Gericht Gottes ü ber Feinde erbeten und in drastischen Details ausgemalt wird? In welchem Sinn sind die Psalmen Gottes Wort? Ist Gott ein eitler Herrscher, der st ä ndiges Lob von allen fordert? Erfrischend, klar und manchmal querdenkerisch geht Lewis diesen und anderen Fragen auf den Grund. Er will damit aber nicht belehren, sondern in seinen Lesern vor allem die Freude wecken, die er selbst als gr ö ß ten Schatz der Psalmen entdeckt

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hat. Das Kostbarste, das mir die Psalmen geben, ist, dass sie jene Freude an Gott ausdrücken, die David zum Tanzen brachte. C.S. Lewis

A collection of essays, letters, and writings offers insights and raises questions on love, God, life, and death

C. S. Lewis Readings for Reflection and Meditation

Das Gewicht der Herrlichkeit und andere Essays

Forty Years of Favorite Devotions

365 Daily Readings from His Classic Works

Study & Meditation

C.S. Lewis

C. S. Lewis Readings

**Succession is the hot topic in leadership development, but the subject has rarely been addressed in Christian literature. As a college, university, and seminary president who experienced three successions in leadership, David McKenna is eminently qualified to speak on the subject. He begins by**

**introducing us to the Succession**

**Principle: What we bring to leadership is important. What we do in leadership is more important. What we leave from**

**our leadership is most important of all. Once our priority shifts from**

**success to succession, the door is open**

**to read John 17 as the Prayer of**

**Succession for Jesus. In this final**

**report, Jesus transfers to his**

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disciples and to us the same enduring trust, transforming truth, and unifying love that he has received for leadership from his Father. With these legacies come specific gifts of succession to complete our task, develop disciples, advance the kingdom, and see the fulfillment of Christ's promise, "Greater things than these shall you do." Succession in the spirit of Christ, then, is written not in terms of success, but in the seamless transition of sustainable gifts culminating in the gift of greater things.

This volume is designed for those interested in, and intrigued by, daily meditation. It collects material from across the breadth of C.S. Lewis's writing talent, taking brief selections from many of his non-fiction works. Christians often hear that following Jesus means our lives should be full of satisfaction. But how many of us actually experience that kind of life? Amy Simpson wants to debunk this satisfaction myth in the church. In this freeing confession, Simpson explains that our very unsatisfaction

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indicates a longing for God, and understanding those longings can bring us closer to him. Discover anew what it truly means to be satisfied in Christ. A fascinating collection of short extracts from CS Lewis's best-selling books. This is a delightful potpourri of CS Lewis extracts compiled by Walter Hooper, expert on CS Lewis's works. The collection of short pieces are taken from classic books -- including the Chronicles of Narnia, Mere Christianity and The Screwtape Letters. The 'bite-size' pieces show Lewis's ability to approach big issues with simplicity and warmth -- which made him one of the most popular and inspiring Christian writers of the 20th century. Topics include: \* To love is to be vulnerable \* The Lord of terrible aspect \* The Lion and the stream \* Half-hearted creatures (Previously published as CS Lewis: Readings for Reflection and Meditation)

True Myth

The Five Habits of Highly Missional People

Experiencing the Holy Spirit as a Transforming, Empowering Reality in

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## **Your Life**

### **C.S. Lewis and Joseph Campbell on the Veracity of Christianity**

### **A Biographical Encyclopedia**

### **The Power of Forgiveness**

### **Readings for Reflection**

How do we understand the nature and origin of crime in society today? Criminology is the special field of study that addresses this question, and criminologists have offered hundreds of explanations for crime. In his book, *Explaining Criminal Conduct*, Knepper argues that these many different explanations derive from seven basic, organizing areas relative to our ideas about human nature, the human body, the mind, society, language, [race relations, and spirituality]. He assesses how adequately each area helps us understand crime and the criminal, and the theoretical positions that shape ongoing social policy. The first chapter introduces the process of intellectual inquiry that is followed in criminology. Chapters Two through Eight each consider one of the basic theoretical areas of criminological explanation, beginning with the thought of a key founder and tracing its elaboration through contemporary practice. In addition, each chapter assesses the coherence of that particular approach and its value in the formation of public policy. The final chapter sketches a moral basis for government intervention. The criminologist's task is not just to uncover some unknown source of criminal behavior by means of social-scientific technique. Criminology's greatest promise lies in its articulation of those enduring elements of moral tradition that provide an appropriate basis for ethical public

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policy concerning crime. Explaining Criminal Conduct expresses the hope for an understanding of criminal conduct grounded in respect for the dignity of each human being. Pastor Gregg Matte writes, "God's will is not the needle in the haystack discovered only by 'Navy SEALs for Jesus'; it is actually the hay in the haystack to be found by every believer." This is great news for any Christian who has ever wondered about finding and living in the will of God. Through an extensive, intimate examination of God's encounter with Moses in the burning bush, *Finding God's Will* invites readers to shift their understanding of God's will from an event to be experienced to a process to live; God's will is what happens when we seek him. Readers will discover how to be on the lookout for their own burning bushes, how to focus on pleasing "Thee not they," and how to expect God's power as they seek his will. They may also be surprised to find that, as they seek a deeper relationship with God, his direction and guidance become clear. A life centered in God's will is a promise offered to every believer and every Christian can learn how to receive that gift. Praying with C.S. Lewis introduces the reader to the great English Christian scholar, novelist, children's and science fiction story writer, and one of the twentieth century's most eloquent defenders of Christian spirituality.

Does the Bible have authority in a world committed to relative truth? The understanding of absolute, objective truth has been largely lost. Spend just a few minutes discussing politics or religion and you'll hear responses like, "There is no truth!" or "That may be true for you, but not for me." *Understanding the Faith* dares to wade into the middle of this controversy with chapters such as: Is God Christian? Isn't

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Claiming Truth Intolerant? Is the Bible Anti-Science? Summit Ministries' half century of teaching, this first volume of the Understanding the Times Series is your definitive resource for deepening and defending your faith. It's a required resource for every Christian's bookshelf.

C. S. Lewis

As My Own Soul

Snake Handlers of Eastern Kentucky

A Survey of Christian Apologetics

A Mother's Record of the Journey

The Real Heaven

Readings for Meditation and Reflection

Tells stories of real people scarred by crime, betrayal, abuse, and war, and how they used forgiveness to heal themselves and achieve peace of mind

Reveals how to access the power of the Holy Spirit and embrace the mystery of God's presence in order to live out an authentic Christian faith, and discusses why the Spirit has been marginalized in American Christianity.

Finally, the scandal of the Chronicles of Narnia may be the biggest and most misleading of all. Rearranging the order of the books against Lewis's wishes is just a minor part of the problem."

The Christian Way

Making an Ordinary Life Extraordinary

Explaining Criminal Conduct

Surprise the World

A Guidebook for Parents and Educators for Multigenerational Faith Formation

More Light in the Shadowlands

The Uncommon Woman