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Screwtape Letter 31

Fun Fact: C.S. Lewis stands for Clive Staples Lewis (1989-1963). He as one of the intellectual giants of the 20th century! He was a Fellow and a Tutor of English literature at OXFORD UNIVERSITY until 1954 and then the Chair of Medieval and Renaissance literature at CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY until his retirement. **He was kind of a big deal!!** He wrote more than 30 books. He said about *The Screwtape Letters*, that he never wrote anything as easily or with less enjoyment…..that it was easy to twist one’s mind into the diabolical attitude and that the strain of this produced a sort of spiritual cramp for him. “It almost smothered me before it was done. It would have smothered my readers if I had prolonged it.”

Discussion questions about this last letter in the book…

1. Wormwood’s patient completely escaped demonic harassment by dying. What is the first thing the patient sees on the other side of death?
2. How does Screwtape help us to grasp what death really means and why death is even beneficial?
3. According to Screwtape, what sort of insights do people have as they experience the process of dying?
4. What do you think Screwtape means when he laments that the patient will see “Them” and “Him”?
5. How does the sight of Christ on the other side of death affect Wormwood’s patient?