

Wednesday Devotional

06/11/25

Scripture: Luke 9: 23 – 26

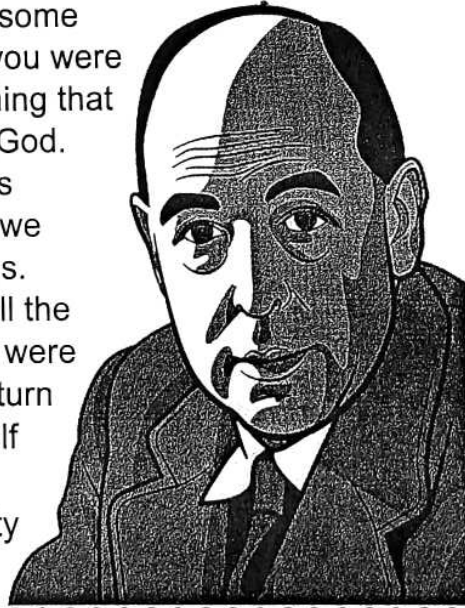
The True Self

When faced with a challenge, most of us have received advice to “just be yourself.” Those offering advice have good intentions. Yet, we might think, “I’m anxious, frightened, and insecure. I don’t want to be myself.”

C.S. Lewis would agree that the self-concept we have created is unreliable. Fortunately, the self we have created is a pitiful parody of our True Self.

“What I call my ‘self’ now is hardly a person at all. It’s mainly a meeting place for various natural forces, desires, and fears, etcetera, some of which come from my ancestors, and some from my education, some perhaps from devils. The self you were really intended to be is something that lives not from nature but from God.

“The more we let God take us over, the more truly ourselves we become—because He made us. He invented us. He invented all the different people that you and I were intended to be, ... It is when I turn to Christ, when I give up myself to His personality, that I first begin to have a real personality of my own.” C. S. Lewis



I pray because I can't help myself. I pray because I'm helpless. I pray because the need flows out of me all the time, waking and sleeping. It doesn't change God. It changes me.

C. S. Lewis

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