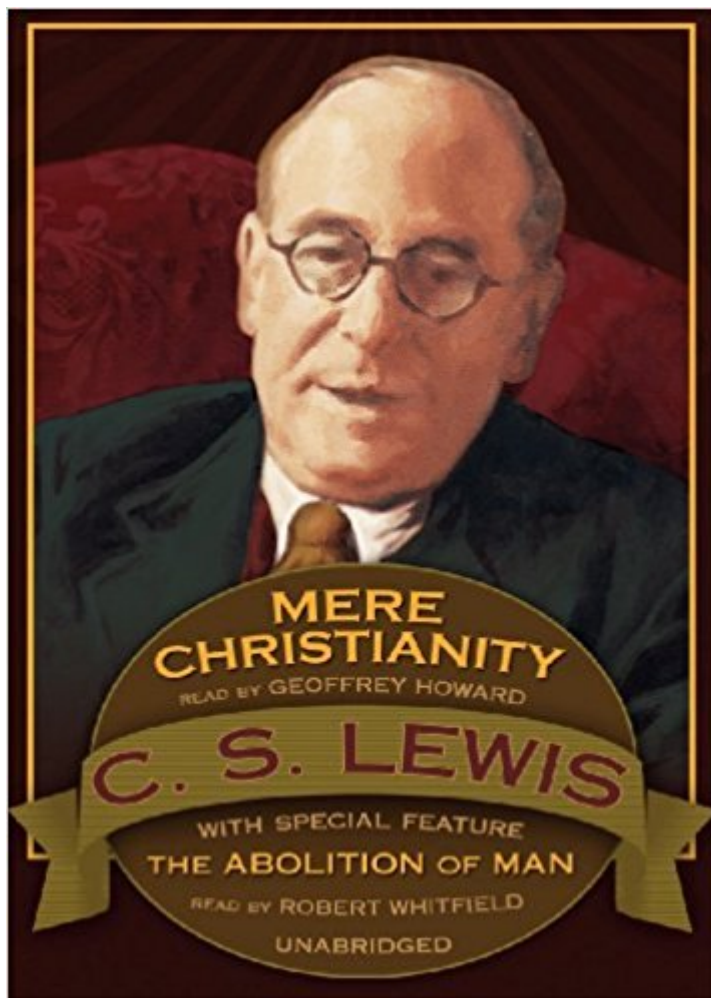


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# Mere Christianity (Boxed Set)



## Synopsis

[This is a Boxed Set Edition.] [Read by Geoffrey Howard - aka - Ralph Cosham] \*With Special Bonus Feature: "The Abolition of Man", read by Simon Vance Mere Christianity is C. S. Lewis' forceful and accessible doctrine on Christian belief. First heard as informal radio broadcasts and then published as three separate books ('The Case for Christianity' -- 'Christian Behavior' -- and -- 'Beyond Personality') Mere Christianity brings together what Lewis sees as the fundamental truths of his religion. Rejecting the boundaries that divide Christianity's many denominations, C. S. Lewis finds a common ground on which all those who have Christian faith can stand together, proving that "at the center of each there is something, or a Someone, who against all divergences of belief, all differences of temperament, all memories of mutual persecution, speaks with the same voice." \*This recording also includes Lewis' erudite essay "The Abolition of Man", in which he eloquently argues for a better standard of public education that would include reading and writing lessons grounded in moral reasoning.

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## Customer Reviews

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death . . . [Mere Christianity] continues to resonate.” --Publishers Weekly”Mere Christianity is well-suited to being read . . . [it is] written in an informal, conversational style . . . (Narrator) Howard (aka-Cosham) sounds like a friendly academic and reads with appropriate pauses and emphasis. His subdued Oxbridge accent is inviting and pleasant, showing none of the pretension one might expect from an Oxford don.” --AudioFile ”[In 'The Abolition of Man'], (Narrator) Robert Whitfield's (aka- Simon Vance) disciplined and well-modulated voice has an appealingly confident quality.” --AudioFile(Narrator) Geoffrey Howard's (aka - Ralph Cosham) performance is superb; he is clear and unhurried, giving just the right emphasis and/or inflection . . . Whether or not one agrees with Lewis' arguments, it is a pleasure to hear such a skillful reading of an eloquent work.” --Library Journal ”Few authors can command a spot on the bestseller charts for close to ten years. There are even fewer authors, perhaps just one, who can do that long after their death . . . [Mere Christianity] continues to resonate.” --Publishers Weekly”Mere Christianity is well-suited to being read . . . [it is] written in an informal, conversational style . . . (Narrator) Howard (aka-Cosham) sounds like a friendly academic and reads with appropriate pauses and emphasis. His subdued Oxbridge accent is inviting and pleasant, showing none of the pretension one might expect from an Oxford don.” --AudioFile ”[In 'The Abolition of Man'], (Narrator) Robert Whitfield's (aka- Simon Vance) disciplined and well-modulated voice has an appealingly confident quality.” --AudioFile

C. S. LEWIS (1898-1963), born in Belfast, Northern Ireland, was one of the intellectual giants of the twentieth century and arguably the most influential Christian writer of his day. His major contributions in literary criticism, children's literature, fantasy literature, and popular theology brought him international renown and acclaim and continue to attract thousands of new readers every year.

Mere Christianity is a GREAT book, but DO NOT BUY THIS VERSION.- It has NO text justification so that each line is a random length and many lines are a single word (see picture)- It has NO paragraph spaces, chapter headings, or page numbers- It has weird text at the start for what appears to be a digital version of the book (see photos)It looks like someone copied all the text from a webpage, put in a document and just hit "print" without any editing or formatting or anything. DO NOT BUY this version.

It is difficult to limit my excitement about this classic work by C.S. Lewis. I first read the book while in college and now I am taking several fellows through the book in a small group setting. It is a

timeless classic that is as true today as when it was originally penned by Lewis as a series of talks given in London over the BBC during the challenging days of WW2. One must remember the historical setting when they read through the work. Because this is a compilation of a series of talks, Lewis did not assume that the people who heard his first series of lectures necessarily heard the lectures in the second series. As a result, one might think he is mildly repetitive. As you work through this great book take some time to digest the material in each chapter and reflect upon the material that Lewis covers and the thoroughness of his argument and perspectives. The book is a chronology of the thinking processes Lewis went through as his spiritual journey traveled from atheism and reluctantly to Theism and ultimately to Christianity. It is amazingly refreshing and valid for any reader. One thing I have discovered about Lewis is that he typically packs more into one sentence than most authors do in a paragraph. I cannot recommend this work high enough.

C.S. Lewis builds Christian doctrine from the ground up, for both believers and non-believers alike. He does not assume that a reader already knows x or believes y. He expertly (and extensively) uses metaphor to help mere humans understand the incomprehensible facts about God. For the non-believer, it is a great opportunity to get a bare-bones explanation of everything Christians believe. For the believer, it is a great help in understanding why you believe what you believe. Many Christians, without really realizing it, believe things without knowing why. Lewis's explanation of Christian doctrine from the ground up helps the Christian fill in the blank parts of their theological understanding. There is not one single day in which an idea from this book doesn't pass through my mind, and I use logic from the book on a regular basis to explain what I believe and why. I would highly recommend this book.

A must read. He presents things as unbiased and matter of fact while sharing his inner musings and rationale. With no religious background at all there is material that still resonates on a personal level and touches on ideas or beliefs that may have been previously considered with or without knowing that's what you were contemplating. With a religious background, much of the content mirrors familiar passages and concepts clearly portrayed in Scripture. The concept of "natural law" or a basic understanding of what drives and convicts humanity to act in ways they feel that they "should" or "ought to" touch on the very foundation of defining goodness, and thereby the lack of goodness as well. If you're unsure what you believe then you have the world to gain and nothing to lose by reading this. If you know what you believe or are skeptical of certain things at first, then at least you leave with a possibly different perspective not priorly considered.

This is in my top 3 favorite Lewis books. I have almost all of them in print. Hubby does not like to read so he listens to books as he commutes to and from work. This is becoming one of his favorites as well. If you love Christian apologetics, this is for you. It is a fantastic faith 'solidifier'. It also makes a great gift for those who are skeptics of the Christian faith. It seems as though Lewis has the skeptic in mind when he writes. He's remarkable! As a former, professed atheist, C.S. Lewis has a profound way of communicating his experience and journey towards faith and ultimately the Christian faith. Though his writings can be somewhat complicated, he has a way of making sure his readers eventually understand his point(s). He has an amazing gift in doing so. The narrator of this book has a very pleasant voice. He has a slight accent which gives the listener a sort of 'confidence', if you will, in the authenticity of the words which helps convey the honesty of the thoughts behind those words. I absolutely recommend this book.

AWESOME, absolutely AWESOME BOOK!! Where is the "6 stars" rating??!!?BUY THIS! SERIOUSLY! STOP READING THIS REVIEW AND BUY THIS!!!(Ok, i'll stop yelling) - Has there been another modern thinker like C.S. Lewis? Probably not. He lays out such a clear, thoughtful approach to Christianity that inspires the mind and encourages the soul. Read this. Read it again. Then lend it to a friend. Here is how I use the Star-Rating system; 1 star = Hate the product- Don't waste your money. Trying to get a refund. 2 star = Dislike the product- would not buy it again. 3 star = Indifferent- Neither like or dislike the product. Probably not going to recommend to a friend. 4 star = Like product. Would recommend. 5 star = LOVE the product. If you want a product, buy this one!

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