

Attack of the Christian Martians

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Dan Parmenter — 04 Jun 1999, 08:31

Michael Straight:

C. God exists, but his relationship to this alien race is something

Me > To bring your thoughts in line with my earlier post, perhaps Me > hypothesis "C" is essentially Lewis's Space Trilogy.

Michael > I don't think that really fits. Lewis's aliens wouldn't have caused Michael > Blish's characters any problems because they were sinless and aware of and Michael > in communion with God, which is what Christians might expect of an Michael > unfallen race.

But remember, it took Ransom a while to figure this out. In OUT OF THE SILENT PLANET, he confesses that once he knew that the residents of Malacandra were rational one of his first thoughts was that he as a Christian ought to attempt to "enlighten" them. As I recall, he is rather embarrassed by his own naivete in this regard and realizes that he is the one who has a lot to learn. This is what I was getting at by my comparison: that Ransom's initial response was not that different from the Priest's in COC.

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