

Chasing the CSL rabbit

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James Wynn — 17 Jan 2003, 23:42

I'm trying and failing to remember the essay or work in which CSL argues that the uplifting of the Virgin Mary was God's answer to a Roman Empire crazy for Aphrodite and other orgiastic worship.

Also, his mentorship under George MacDonald, it seems, left him kindly disposed to the idea that the "heathen" who did not have a chance to reject or accept the Gospel, are offered the chance after death (some of this in "The Great Divorce")

I don't think any of this is really ****Roman Catholic**** but it's not Puritanical COE either.

On the other hand, I recall Tolkien complaining that Lewis' was biased against persecuted Catholic priests ("The Letters of J.R.R. Tolkien").

My point is that while I doubt his theological peg could have been comfortably hammered into any RC hole, he wasn't one to get in line behind anybody's "teaching" without putting his own spin on it.

Incidentally, I'm always surprised at how often people claim to have been convinced of the Gospel by CSL's non-fiction. I've found his fiction (for example, "Til We Have Faces") to be so much more compelling.

-- Crush

-----Original Message-----

From: Dan'I Danehy-Oakes [mailto:ddanehy at siebel.com]
Sent: Friday, January 17, 2003 10:52 AM
To: urth at urth.net
Subject: RE: (urth) DOORS: The Hero, The Otherworld, The Ending
Lewis was an Anglican, and not just because of the accident
of his having been born in England.

Northern Ireland, actually...

There's no indication in any of his devotional or
didactic writings that he disagreed with any of the teachings
of the C. of E.

Well, there's a quibble, and one that shows him to be very High Church indeed: in "Letters to Malcolm" he indicates, if not a belief, at least a _desire_ to believe, in Purgatory.

(who is beginning to think he knows far more about CSL than he should)

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