CLIVE STAPLES LEWIS

More commonly known as:

C.S. LEWIS

B. 1898 - D. 1963
Interesting Facts about C.S. Lewis

1. Lewis grew up Christian (Anglican) but became an atheist when he was 15.

2. Lewis became good friends with J.R.R. Tolkien (author of The Hobbit and The Lord of the Rings) and was strongly influenced by his Catholic faith.
3. Lewis was also strongly influenced by Catholic authors George MacDonald and G.K. Chesterton.

4. After running away from God for over 15 years, Lewis reluctantly admitted belief in God and eventually became a Christian.
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“You must picture me alone in that room in Magdalen, night after night, feeling, whenever my mind lifted even for a second from my work, the steady, unrelenting approach of Him whom I so earnestly desired not to meet. That which I greatly feared had at last come upon me. In 1929 I gave in, and admitted that God was God, and knelt and prayed: perhaps, that night, the most dejected and reluctant convert in all England.”

Lewis described himself as “kicking, struggling, resentful, and darting [my] eyes in every direction for a chance to escape” from God. But in the end Lewis had to be honest and chose not to continue to deny the fact of God’s existence anymore.
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5. Lewis never became Catholic (he remained Anglican), but was about as close to being a Catholic as you can get (he believed almost everything the Catholic Church taught).

*Many people believe Lewis didn't become Catholic because he grew up in a very Protestant England which had a great distrust of and contempt for the Catholic Church.

6. Lewis is a very popular theologian among both Catholics and Protestants. He wrote over 60 books that are still read and commented on frequently by Christians today.
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7. Lewis died on the same day (November 22, 1963) as John F. Kennedy (U.S. President) and Aldous Huxley (author of the famous book, Brave New World).
A few famous C.S. Lewis books:

The Screwtape Letters
C. S. Lewis

The Chronicles of Narnia
C. S. Lewis

Mere Christianity
C. S. Lewis

In this book C.S. Lewis explains his famous “Lord, Liar, or Lunatic?” trilemma.
“Christianity, if false, is of no importance, and if true, of infinite importance. The only thing it cannot be is moderately important.”

- C.S. Lewis
Hi, I'm God!

If True...

Jesus was a nice guy and good teacher, but not God

(This is the most _POPULAR_ belief today because it is the “_SAFE_” option: You don’t have to _CHANGE YOUR LIFE_ if you believe it)

If False...

Jesus knew he wasn’t God

Jesus thought he was God

Follow Jesus

Reject Jesus

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Reject Jesus
“Jesus was a great moral teacher. Somebody as intelligent as Jesus would have been an atheist if he had known what we know today.”

Interview with The Guardian, October 24, 2011
“A nice guy, a good role model, and leader we should follow...”
Jesus is different than every other religious founder in the history of the world because he claimed to be **God** and **rose** from the **dead**.

**Hi, I’m God.**
I am the way, the truth, and the life.

**Hi, I’m a teacher.**
I have found the way, the truth, and the life.

- Abraham (Judaism)
- Confucius (Confucianism)
- Zoroaster (Zoroastrianism)
- Muhammad (Islam)
- L. Ron Hubbard (Scientology)
- Lao Tzu (Taoism)
- Joseph Smith (Mormonism)
- Buddha (Buddhism)