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THE VOIR DIRE

**“...neither knoweth
any man the Father,
save the Son, and he
to whomsoever the
Son will reveal him.”**

(Matthew 11:27)

A preacher barks from the platform, “Some of you out there don’t bleeve God’s real. You say that if I can prove that God exists, you’ll bleeve in ‘im. Well, God’s like a tiger. You may not bleeve that tiger in the cage is real.... well, (he leans into the microphone for thunderous effect) if you git in that cage with him, you won’t have to bleeve that tiger exists – he’ll prove himself to ya!”

Then the hefty holy man, smiling like a Cheshire cat, waddles around behind the pulpit, snickering and snorting. He is smug because (in his mind anyway) he just, “...shut up all them stupid atheists.”

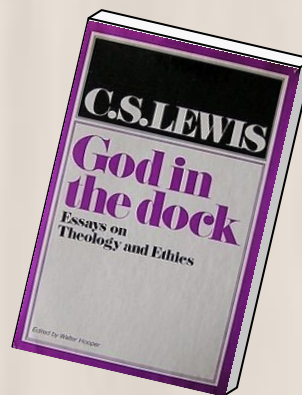
In the world in which we live, there is much talk of atheism, agnosticism, and indifference toward Christianity. (Gee... I wonder why?) The apathy and coldness toward the Creator must be squarely addressed and answered. Contrary to what “Pastor Pomposity” says, it will

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not be answered by God Himself. Jehovah has ended His time of answering foolish questions. He has said all He intends to say to us. How? He has answered, finally, through the life and words of Jesus Christ!

There remains, however, a remnant desire in man to question God. If God Himself were to take the witness stand and there be forced to answer our questions, what would we ask Him? We would want to know...

Why _____ ?
How _____ ?
When _____ ?

Any of us can fill in those blanks with questions that have plagued us over the course of our lives; but have we the courage to **voir dire** the Witness? When God answers, will His testimony suffice? Will His answers satisfy? Is He a *worthy* Witness?

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Job attempted to ask certain questions of his God. As a matter of fact, the encounters recorded in the Scriptures between Jehovah and Job could be stratified into near-perfect examples of jurisprudence. Job cried out for the scales of justice, "*Let me be weighed in an even balance, that God may know mine integrity.*" (31:6)

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When we place God *in the dock*, we have a daunting task facing us. It falls to *us* to **voir dire** the Witness. *We* will determine the Witness to be valid. *We* will demand answers. In order to question Him and accept His answers, we must be content with Him as a Witness.

(This **voir dire** could be rough! The prospect of

questioning the Almighty is making Pastor Pomposity look more and more like a genius. I don't know that I wish to **voir dire** the tiger!)

With his seemingly innocent questions, Job inadvertently awakens God's rage by saying, "... *let me speak, and answer thou me.*" (13:22)

With all of Job's "Why questions" and subsequent presupposing of God's answers, Jehovah's ire was raised and the **voir dire** reversed. Now, Jehovah begins to ask questions of Job, "*Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said, Who is this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge? I will demand of thee, and answer thou me.*" (Job 38:1-3)

It is a genuine likelihood that what I have described here as happening to Job could happen to **us**. This tiger could turn! So it is with intrepid caution that we should approach this Witness. I will (as you should) depend upon His love for me and His knowledge of my intent, to protect me as I pursue this borderline blasphemous **voir dire**. Except for this theological exercise in which we now engage, I don't recommend this!

GOD IN THE DOCK - JEHOVAH TAKES THE STAND

"So," our atheist prosecutor may ask, "Mr. Jehovah, ya mind if I call you Joe?" (The witness shakes His head). "So, Joe, you created the world?"

"Yes." He answers.

"And you are all-mighty?"

"Yes."

"So, that makes you omnipotent?"

"Yes."

"You can do anything?"


"I didn't say that."

"Can you make a rock so big and heavy, that you can't move it?"

"I didn't say that!"

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Notes to
Don & Pam

Thanks for majoring on Yeshua and teaching about who we should be according to Torah. That has helped me so much. I always thought I was supposed to do the commandments instead of learning from them how I should be. What I do is according to His voice and not the letter of the Torah. WOW! Amazing thank you and hope to meet you at Tabernacles this year. Shalom (NEW – NM)

Dear Don and Pam,... I am a co-worker of your daughter. [She] is such an amazing and wonderful person, and through our random chats at work [she] could sense that I was looking for something. I did not even know what I was searching for, until she gave me the link to your website. Think Red Ink has opened my eyes, and answered, or began to answer rather, questions that I didn't even know how to ask. I am currently reading "The Red Letter Questions" for the first time, which [your daughter] was kind enough to lend to me, and I know your ministry is the thing that I have been looking for. I am excited about my faith for the first time in years. I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart. I am an avid reader, and would be very interested in any books or pamphlets that you would be willing to send me. I am looking forward to learning more, about myself, and my relationship God. Thank you. (NEW – FL)

A million "thanks" for putting out truth and challenging me (us) to think! (TX)

Hi, My husband is having RLE withdrawals, lol. He listens every morning to the shows at work (He works in aviation and is at work about 2:30 a.m. each morning and dedicates his first hour to RLE while he works) and has to listen to the archives as the bandwidth is too big to listen live on his computer at work. He noticed that many of the shows of the last couple weeks are missing. He wanted me to ask if they were going to be posted soon. He keeps having me try to recap them but my memory isn't that good and I am just not great at being Don, lol. We appreciate your ministry! Thanks so much. (GA)

You wrote in your latest Ezine publication :

"Similarly, I have never met anyone who believes in salvation by faith alone. Oh yes, it is preached and taught, but no one has ever had the courage to actually say that we are saved by faith or that there is no need to live for God, no reason to be baptized or even go to church, not even that it is unnecessary to provide for your family". No one ever actually says, "It isn't necessary to keep the Commandments because we need only to believe."

This is exactly what my family believes...they simply define for themselves what "live for God means" - but I see no evidence of how their lives differ from any of their neighbors...they really don't believe in the necessity of water baptism or that they are required to go to church, they ACTUALLY COME OUT AND SAY, "It isn't necessary to keep the Commandments anymore...well, only the two." (You know which two) which they believe they automatically qualify for by breathing and confessing Jesus as Lord...I'm here to tell you...These people actually exist! ... I am sad for them because they are missing out on the richness and fullness that loving TRUTH would bring. I watch them going to and fro...and I have to remove myself from them and privately mourn. I have my hands full with my own salvation, so I am quiet, and ask for Father to open their ears to hear....and ask for the refining of my own wicked heart before I cast judgment ...too severely. I recall all too keenly the pit from whence I was dug. Thank you for your tireless faithfulness to make a path for those of us getting our footing...and learning daily how to walk upright and follow HIM. I find that the Sabbath and Commandments are what I can "do", and the stillness and meditation is where I become what I am to "be" I am also finding great wisdom in what you have said before...that you will never move past your last opportunity to change. WOW...have I seen that come to light! (NC)

I listen daily... Learning the truth. The best compliment I can give you is that you have really opened up the scriptures/truth for me. I hope to someday not need you anymore as I find my own path. Until then, I keep on listening and learning...Thank you for having the courage...(WA)

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I have the written version of The Questions of Jesus and I am trying to read it when I have time. I have small children and am finding it difficult to have time to myself so I am wondering if I would have the audio version of the book? I think I could probably be able to listen and work at the same time. (GA)

Hi, Don and Pam, This is just a little reality, a little exaggeration and slightly edited, "Stream of Consciousness". In short, I'M BORED TO DEATH! Everything is so darn serious to me these days! Maybe it always has been. But I don't remember the last time I just laughed out loud, without thinking I was being frivolous or thoughtless. I have appointed myself the Worry Czar. There is my [Elderly Family Member]. Will I be able to care for her properly? Should I even think it is my JOB to do so? Is that best for her? And my dog? What business do I have thinking I can care for another totally dependent being?? And my health!! Far as I know or intend to know, I'm OK, but there seems to be so much that I "should be doing" to take care of me???" Voices, voices, "Organic only, at least locally grown." "No GMO's." "Cook it/don't cook it." Shall we not forget the US infrastructure falling apart? Dare I drive over that bridge? Oh, of course, and the END TIME PREPAREDNESS! How can I possibly be so insensitive as to get up in the morning and simply enjoy a beautiful day when existence lies in the balance? Can I be sure that the earth will not open up and swallow my perfectly prepared wilderness campsite into a sink hole? Oh my! I am simply overwhelmed with the "shoulds" and "what ifs." So, I'm getting stuff, you know, to do the right thing. As long as there is water, I will be able to drink it. I have a filter that will take care of 99.99999 % of anything evil that exists. I have MRE's and first aid kits; and, oh yes, I have this mini trampoline. It sits in my living room. It's been there for a while now and promises to make me fit for the fight. I have even watched the DVD!! What does it expect of me? I m busy! I have DVDs on my shelf from the brightest Christian teachers, I know, Amen, I hear ya..but I don't seem to see how my life has changed. Maybe I just need to go back to the TV and send for another CD. There must be something else I need. If you looked over my shoulder while I am on the Internet, shopping for a new ORGANIC, VEGAN, non GMO food supplement, to insure that when "The Big One" drops, I will still be able to out run it, and look good while I'm doin' it. You would be so impressed by the bookmarks on my homepage for all the top Messianic teachers. I get updates for them all! Why am I so confused? I just don't know why, I am so confused. I've never been so well informed in my life! And still there are only a very few things that I really know. It's like chewing on a grain of wheat. A lot gets stuck in your teeth, but there's only a little bit that you can swallow. Maybe that's why they call that little book that comes in the mail *The Daily Bread*. I'm so busy getting and not doing, learning and not knowing, preparing but not being ready...wait a minute! That's enough! I need to shut off the voices, and trust the one voice I know I can trust. It's time to stick to the holy trinity, that is: Obey Yehovah's Commandments, take time every day to listen to His voice and never, never go against my conscience! Now wasn't that easy? I feel better now, thanks for letting me talk. (ID)

(And a special thanks to this Idaho ThINKer who gave permission to share this letter with others thINKing about these things. We are not alone! ~ D & P)

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God in the dock

By C. S. Lewis

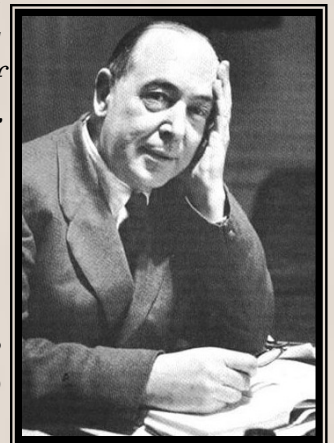
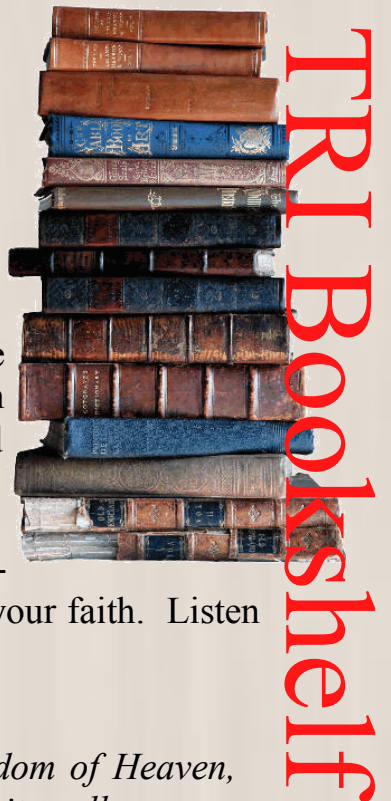
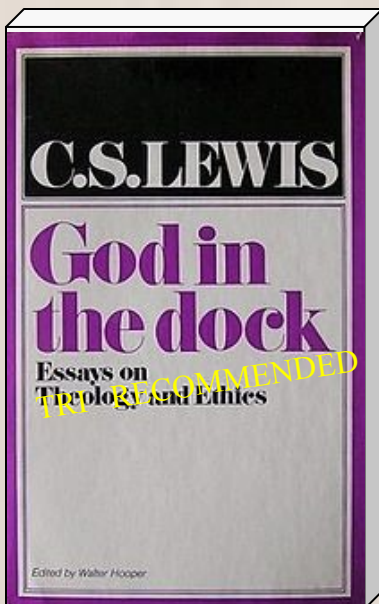
God in the Dock is a compilation of essays and letters that were written over a period of twenty-four years. These essays contain both theological and ethical dilemmas that Christians have pondered for centuries. Whether you are interested in religion vs. science, miracles in Christianity, pain in animals, modern translations of the Bible, or even capital punishment and its implications, Lewis' insights on these topics will challenge your beliefs in every area of your faith. Listen to how he answered a question on the Christian view of suffering:

"Christ said it was difficult for 'the rich' to enter the Kingdom of Heaven, referring, no doubt, to 'riches' in the ordinary sense. But I think it really covers riches in every sense – good fortune, health, popularity, and all the things one wants to have. All these things tend – just as money tends- to make you feel independent of God, because if you have them you are happy already and contented in this life. You don't want to turn away to anything more, and so you try to rest in a shadowy happiness as if it could last for ever. But God wants to give you a real and eternal happiness. Consequently He may have to take all these 'riches' away from

you: if He doesn't, you will go on relying on them. It sounds cruel, doesn't it? But I am beginning to find out that what people call the cruel doctrines are really the kindest ones in the long run...If you think of this world as a place intended for our happiness, you find it quite intolerable: think of it as a place of training and correction and it's not so bad." (pg. 51-52)

As we ask Jehovah questions and answer His questions of us, we will be on our way to knowing Him more intimately.

~ A Fellow Th**INK**er



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“All the men who speak of you every Sunday say that about you!”

“I can’t help that!”

“YOU CAN’T HELP THAT???? I thought you were omnipotent!”

“Omnipotent just means I don’t need *you* to help me do anything.”

“OK, OK I get it.” Our sweating prosecutor continues another line of questioning, “What about Omniscient? Do you know everything? For example can you tell what I am thinking?”

“I am the reason you are thinking. Of course I know what is in your mind. Does that make me omniscient?”

“I’ll ask the questions. Do you know the future?”

“Nothing takes me by surprise. Does that make me omniscient?”

“Again, I’ll ask the questions. Do you know everything that every animal on earth is doing right now?”

“They are doing just what I created them to do –

except the human animals. The humans are involved in evil. I know very little about wickedness. It makes it very difficult to predict the future...am I omniscient yet?”

“How about Omnipresent...are you everywhere at once?”

Jehovah leans forward, smiles and asks eagerly, “Is that what that means? I’ve always wondered. There are so many definitions I always thought that if I could be everywhere at once it would make life miserable for you. I withdraw to my throne so you can continue to breathe. Everywhere at once... it’s an unnecessary, impossible and unmanageable concept. I always thought omnipresence was just a wicked human’s way to say that they can’t hide from me. Does that make me omnipresent?”

The Prosecutor turns to the judge, “Your Honor, instruct the witness to stop asking me questions!”

“Look,” Jehovah interrupts, “you are holding me liable and responsible for what men have said *about* me. Question me about what I have said *about myself*!”

“But... I don’t know ... what you have said ... about yourself.” (His voice trails off) “No more questions at this time your Honor.”



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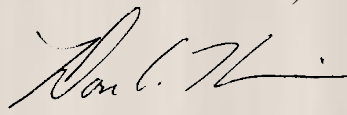

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Kinda Fun So Far

Until now we've dealt only with theology. What about the tough, personal questions? Who will ask them? How will He answer? God is in the dock. He's on the witness stand. What will the next barrage of questions be? About life? Death and those who have gone on before us? Why am I here? Where did I come from? Where am I going?

Is Jehovah credible? Will His answers satisfy *you*? Or, shall we begin the next session with the *voir dire*?

(To be continued at the next new moon...)


The Eraser 

“...neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him.” (Matthew 11:27)



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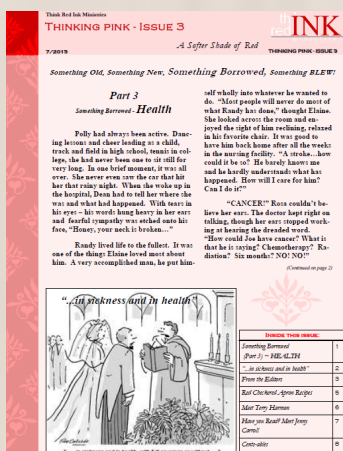
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What was the Apostle Paul describing when he mentioned “the third heaven?”

The expanse beyond the first two heavens (where the birds fly and the location of the moon, sun and stars.)

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If the dead do not go to Heaven when they die, where are they now?

They are in “Hades” meaning “the grave.” The Scriptures say they will be there until Christ “wakes them up” at the last day.

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Your rapture study presents the idea that believers will have 30 days to get to safety. What does this mean and where is it?

I don’t know the answers to these questions, but I’m convinced of the importance of understanding the Creator’s calendar (the one sitting on His desk) to be able to see the clues Messiah taught that we should recognize. I know that we need 1) Take time daily in order to be able to 2) keep our consciences clear so that we can 3) HEAR His voice.

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What will happen to the pastors and others who believe the rapture theory?

I don’t know what will happen to them, but if they believe a gospel that came from sources other than YHVH, how much hope is there for them?

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Do you believe there are two great deceptions of Satan, the idea that we are “saved, safe and going to heaven” and that there is escape from the tribulation through the “rapture of the church”?

YES! Both doctrines, that of “being saved” and the rapture theory, are linked to dispensationalism. I spoke to someone who called to my attention to the so-called Prosperity Doctrine being involved, too. He explained it this way, “Heaven is God’s throne and not even the Son of God dares enter His throne room without permission; how can we presume to go there?”

Messiah said, *"And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."* (John 14:3) Critical to the rapture theory is the idea of “going to Heaven” but, the Scriptures tell us that Heaven is coming to us! Just think... the cities in which we now live will be rewarded to the faithful according to their works!

When we eliminate the rapture, dispensationalism, and other false doctrines, there is a glorious plan in place for Believers: life on earth where Satan is bound for 1,000 years, Jesus is King, wickedness is bound from the heart of men – all will be peace, harmony and joy – there will be no death, sickness, sin – and His Kingdom will be established on the earth for 1,000 years! There is some bad news though. At the end of the 1,000 years, Satan will be loosed to take people away. There will be one last purging.

"And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left." Isaiah 30:21