

The great divorce cs lewis quotes

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Great Divorce Citations Featuring 1-30 of 166 There are only two kinds of people after all: those who say to God: Yours will be done, and those to whom God speaks, in the end, You will be done. Anything in hell, choose it. Without this independent choice there can be no hell. No soul that seriously and constantly desires joy will ever miss it. Those who are looking to find. Those who knock it are open. - C.S. Lewis, Great Divorce There is only one good; It's God. Everything else is good when he looks at him and is bad when he turns away from him. - C.S. Lewis, The Great Divorce Son, he said, you cannot in your present state understand eternity... This is something that mortals misunderstand. They speak of some temporary suffering: No future of bliss can do it, not knowing that heaven, once it is reached, will work in the opposite direction and turn even this agony into glory. And some sinful pleasure they say: Let me have, but this, and I will take the consequences: little dreams as the curse will spread back and forth to their past and contaminate the pleasure of sin. Both trials begin before death. The past of a good man begins to change so that his forgiven sins and remembered sorrows take on the quality of heaven: the past of the bad man already corresponds to his evil and is filled only with sadness. And that's why... The Blessed One will say, We have never lived anywhere but heaven, and lost: We have always been in hell. And both will speak for real. - C.S. Lewis, Great Divorce There have been men before... who are so interested in proving the existence of God that they came to take care of nothing about God himself... as if the Good Lord had nothing left to exist. There have been some who have been so busy spreading Christianity that they never thought of Christ. - C.S. Lewis, The Great Divorce Hell is a state of mind - you've never said a more true word. And every state of mind left to oneself, every closure of a being in the dungeon of one's own mind, is, after all, hell. But heaven is not a state of mind. Heaven is reality. All that is completely real is heaven. For all that may be shaken will be shaken, and only the unshakable remains. - C.S. Lewis, the Great Divorce And yet all the loneliness, anger, hatred, envy, and itching that (Hell) contains, if rolled up into one experience and put on a scale against the smallest moment of joy that is felt last in heaven, will not have any weight that can be recorded at all. Bad can't succeed even in being bad as really as well. - C.S. Lewis, The Great Divorce First came the bright spirits, not the spirits of the people who danced and scattered the flowers. Then, on the left and right, on both sides of the forest avenue, came youthful uniforms, boys on one side, and girls on the other. If I were remember their singing and write down notes, no person who read that score will never become sick or old. Between them went the musicians: and after them a lady, after whom all is being done. Now I can't remember if she was naked or dressed. If she were naked, she must have been almost visible half-off of her politeness and joy, which gives me the illusion of a great and radiant train that followed her through the happy grass. If she was dressed, then the illusion of nudity was undoubtedly due to the clarity with which her innermost spirit shone through her clothes. For clothes in this country is not a disguise: the spiritual body lives along each thread and turns them into living organs. A robe or crown has as much one of the wearer's features as lips or eyes. But I forgot. And only partly I remember the unbearable beauty of her face. Don't you?... Don't you? I whispered to my guide. Not at all, he said. It's someone you've never heard of. Her name was Sarah Smith, and she lived in Golders Green. She seems to be... Well, a man of particular importance? Yes. She's one of the greats. You have heard that fame in this country and fame on Earth are two completely different things. And who are these giant people... Take a look! They're like emeralds... who dance and throw flowers before here? Haven't you read your Milton? A thousand liver angels footp her. And who are all these young men and women on each side? They are her sons and daughters. She must have had a very large family, sir. Every young man or boy who met her became her son - even if it was only the boy who brought the meat to her back door. Every girl who met her was her daughter. Isn't it a little your parents? No, no, no, no, no, no, There are those who steal other people's children. But her motherhood was of a different kind. Those he fell upon returned to their natural parents, who loved them more. Few men looked at her without becoming, in a certain way, her lovers. But it is this love that has made them no less faithful, but more faithful to their wives. And how... But hullo! What kind of animals are they? Cat-two cats-dozens of cats. And all these dogs... why, I can't count them. And birds. And horses. They're her beasts. Does she keep some sort of zoo? I mean, it's too much. Every beast and bird that came up to her had his place in her love. In it, they became themselves. And now the abundance of life she has in Christ from the Father flows into them. I looked at my Master with amazement. Yes, he said. It's like when you throw a rock into a pool, and concentric waves spread further and further. Who knows how this will end? The redeemed humanity is still young, it hardly came to full force. But already there is joy enough to int the little finger of a great saint, such as over there a lady, to wake all the dead things of the universe into life. - C.S. Lewis, The Great Divorce There are no natural feelings of high or low, holy or wicked, in themselves. They are all holy when God's hand is on the reins. They all go bad when they're set up on their own and themselves into the false gods. - C.S. Lewis, Great Divorce There is no other day. All days are present now. This moment contains all the moments. C.S. Lewis, Great Divorce I Wish I Had Never Been Born, she said. What are we born for? For the sake of infinite happiness, the Spirit said. You can go out into it at any moment... - C.S. Lewis, The Great Divorce Those who hate goodness are sometimes closer than those who know nothing about it and think they are. - C.S. Lewis, Great Divorce I don't think everyone who chooses the wrong roads is dying; but their salvation is to be back on the right track. The amount can be set correctly; but just by going back before you find the bug and work it out again from now on, never just happening. Evil can be abolished, but it cannot grow into good. Time doesn't heal him. The spell must be unwinding, biting, with backward mutterings dissevering power - or not. - C.S. Lewis, Great Divorce If we insist on preserving hell (or even the earth) we will not see heaven: if we accept heaven we will not be able to preserve even the smallest and most intimate souvenirs of hell. They talk about some temporary sufferers, No future bliss can fall in love with it, not knowing that heaven, once reached, will work backwards and turn even that agony into glory. - C.S. Lewis, The Great Divorce Every Poet and Musician and Artist, but for Grace, appeals from love to the things he says, to love talking up, down in deep hell, they may not be interested in God at all, but only in what they say about Him C.S. Lewis, the Great Divorce Amount can be delivered correctly, but only by returning until you find the mistake of it again. Never just happens. The Great Divorce Every natural love will grow again and live forever in this country: but no one will rise again until he is buried. - C.S. Lewis, The Great Divorce I believe to be sure that any person who reaches heaven will find that what he refused (even in snatching his right eye) was not lost: that the core of what he really seeks even in his most deprived desires will be there, beyond expectations, waiting for him in the High Countries. Those who are looking to find. For those who knock it open. - C.S. Lewis, the Great Divorce Either must find a day when joy will prevail, and all the creators of suffering are no longer able to infect it, or, forever, the creators of suffering can destroy in others the happiness they reject for themselves. Good beats on the damned continuously as sound waves beat on the ears of the deaf, but they can't get it. Fits are clenched, teeth are quickly closed. First, they won't, after all, they can't, open their hands for gifts, or their mouths for food, or their eyes to see. - C.S. Lewis, the Great Divorce Nothing, not even the best and noblest, can go on as it is now. Nothing, not even the lowest and most scotious, will be raised again if it obeys death. She is sown by a natural body, she is brought up by a spiritual body. Flesh and blood can't come to the mountains. Not because they are too rank, but because they are too weak. What is a lizard compared to a stallion? The whim of the poet, the whimper whisper is a thing compared to this wealth and energy of desire that will rise when the urge has been killed. - C.S. Lewis, Great Divorce Page 2 Great Divorce Quotes Showing 31-60 of 166 You Weren't a Decent Man and You Didn't Do Your Best. We none of us were, and none of us did... - C.S. Lewis, The Great Divorce Few men looked at her without becoming, to a certain extent, her lovers. But it was the kind of love that made them no less faithful, but more faithful, to their own wives. - C.S. Lewis, the Great Divorce Heaven is reality itself. All that is completely real is heaven. For all that can be shaken will be shaken, and only unshakable remains. - C.S. Lewis, The Great Divorce False Religion of Lust is more basic than the false religion of mother-love or patriotism or art; but lust is less likely to be made into religion. - C.S. Lewis, Great Divorce I can promise you none of these things. There is no scope of utility; You are not needed there at all. There is no scope of your talents; only forgiveness for perverting them. There is no atmosphere of investigation, for I will bring you to the earth not questions, but answers, and you will see the face of God. (pg 40) - C.S. Lewis, The Great Divorce Pity was supposed to be the stimulus that drives joy to help suffering. But it can be used the wrong way around. It can be used for some kind of blackmail. Those who choose suffering can hold joy before redemption, with pity. - C.S. Lewis, Great Divorce Friend, I'm not suggesting at all. You see, now I know. Let's be frank. Our opinions were not fair to come. We just found ourselves in contact with a certain flow of ideas and immersed ourselves in it because it seemed modern and successful. In college, you know, we just started automatically writing essays that got good grades and saying things that won plaudits. When in all our lives we honestly encounter, alone, with one question to which everything turned. Can the Supernatural not really happen in the end? When do we put up one moment of real resistance to the loss of our faith? - C.S. Lewis, The Great Divorce Whole Hell is less than one pebble of your earthly world, but it is smaller, one atom of this world, the real world. Look at Ion ion if he had swallowed all hell, hell would not have been big enough to cause him any harm or have any taste!" seems big enough when you are in it, sir. And yet all the loneliness, anger, hatred, envy, and itching that it contains, if rolled up into one experience and put on a scale against the least moment of joy that is felt in heaven's last moment in heaven will not have any weight that can be registered at all. Bad can't succeed even in being bad as really, how good it is. If all the suffering of hell together entered the consciousness of the ion we yellow bird on the there, they would be absorbed without a trace, as if one drop of ink had been dumped in that Great Ocean, to which your earth's ocean would see; I said at last. She couldn't fit into hell. - C.S. Lewis, The Great Divorce Everything is getting bigger and more in itself. That's a joy you can't shake. Our light can absorb your darkness, but your darkness can no longer infect our light. - C.S. Lewis, The Great Divorce Happy Trinity - Her Home: Nothing Can Disturb Her Joy. She is a bird that evades every net: a wild deer that jumps every trap. Like a mother bird to its chickens or a shield for an armed knight: so is the Lord to her mind, in His unfailing clarity. The gods will not frighten her in the dark: bullets will not frighten her on the same day. Lies are tricked as truths are raped by her in vain: she sees through a lie as if it were glass. The invisible microbe won't hurt her: no more sparkling sunstroke. A thousand are not able to solve the problem, ten thousand choose the wrong turn: but it passes safely to the end. He detailed the immortal gods to attend it: on every road where she must travel. They take her hand in difficult places: she will not drown out her feet in the dark. She can walk among lions and rattesnakes: among dinosaurs and nurseries lionesses. He fills it with an edge full of the extraordinary energy of life: he makes her see the desire for peace, but their salvation is to get back on track. - C.S. Lewis, The Great Divorce We do not live in a world where all the roads radi, if the circle and where all, if follow long enough, so will gradually approach and finally meet in the center: and in a world where every road, after a few miles, forks in two parts, and each of them twice again, and at each fork you have to make a decision. - C.S. Lewis, The Great Divorce When you've drawn on earth - at least in previous days - it's because you've caught glimpses of the sky in the earth's landscape. The success of your picture is that it allowed others to see glimpses too. - C.S. Lewis, Great Divorce There are two types of people: those who say to God: You will be done, and those to whom God says: OK, then, this is your way. The choice of every lost soul can be expressed words are better to reign in hell than to serve in heaven. There is always something that they insist on keeping even at the cost of suffering. There is always something that they prefer to joy, that is to say to reality. - C.S. Lewis, Great Divorce Evil can be abolished, but it cannot develop into good. Time doesn't heal him. The spell must be unwinding, with retarded mutterings dissevering power - or not. - C.S. Lewis, Great Divorce There is something in natural love that will lead him to eternal love easier than the natural appetite can be led. But there is also something in it that makes it easier to dwell on a natural level and take it for heaven. Brass is mistaken for gold easier than clay. And if he finally refuses to transform his corruption will be worse than the corruption that you call the lower passions. It is a stronger anger. It is a stronger anger, and for this, when he falls, a ferocious devil. - C.S. Lewis, The Great Divorce Good as it matures, becomes ever more different not only from evil, but also from other good. - C.S. Lewis, The Great Divorce One gets glimpses, even in our country, about what is invigable - a heavy thought in the face of a baby, and a frolicking childhood in that very old man. Great Divorce Excess of Love, you said? There was no excess, there was a defect. She loved her son too little, not too much. If she loved him there would be no more difficulties. - C.S. Lewis, the Great Divorce Of Lust is a poor, weak, whimpering thing compared to the richness and energy of desire that will arise when lust has been killed. - C.S. Lewis, The Great Divorce Is Freedom: the gift in which you are most like your creator and are part of eternal reality. Great Divorce Why Are We Born? For infinite happiness, said the Spirit. You can go out into it at any moment... - C.S. Lewis, Great Divorce Can you really think that love and joy will always be at the mercy of frowns and sighs? C.S. Lewis, Great Divorce I Can't Love Lies, the lady said. I can't love what isn't. I'm in love, and I'm not going out of it. - C.S. Lewis, Great Divorce Give no poor fool an excuse to think that you are claiming to know what no mortal knows. - C.S. Lewis, The Great Divorce I believe to be sure that any person who reaches heaven will find that what he refused (even in plucking his right eye) was not lost: that the core of what he really sought even in his most deprived desires will be there, beyond waiting, waiting for him in the High Countries... - C.S. Lewis, Great Divorce There are only two kinds of people in the end: those who say to God: You will be done, and those to whom God speaks, in the end, You will be done. Great Divorce Sensual, I'll give you, begins with real pleasure, albeit a small one. His sin is all the less. But time about when, though pleasure becomes less and less, and thirst is fiercer and fiercer, and though he knows that joy can never come this way, but he prefers the joy of simply caressing impregnable lust and will not have it taken away from him. He will fight to death to save it. He would also like to be able to scratch: but even when he can scratch no more, he would rather itch than not. - C.S. Lewis, Great Divorce Page 3 Well, it's very exciting,' said Episcopal Ghost. That's the point of view. Of course, that's the point of view. At the same time... There is no meanwhile, replied another. All that's over. We're not playing right now. I was talking about the past (your past and mine) just so that you could turn your back on it forever. One key and a tooth will be out. You can start as if nothing has gone wrong. White as snow. It's all true, you know. It's in me, for you, with that power. And I went on a long journey to meet you. You have seen Hell: you are in the sight of heaven. Will you, even now, repent and believe? I'm not sure I have the exact point you're trying to make,' said Ghost. I'm not trying to make any point, Spirit said. I tell you to repent and believe. But my dear boy, I believe, already. We may not be fully aligned, but you totally underestimated me if you do not understand that my religion is a very real and very valuable thing to me. Very good, said another, as if to change your plan. Will you believe in me? What do you mean? Will you come with me to the mountains? It will hurt at first until your feet are hardened. Reality is harsh on the feet of shadows. But are you coming? Well, that's the plan. I'm perfectly prepared to consider it. Of course I have to demand some guarantees... I would like to see a guarantee that you will turn me back to where I will find a broader scope of usefulness and opportunities for the talents that God has given me, and the atmosphere of free study, in short, all of which means civilization and spiritual life. No, said another. I can promise you none of these things. There is no scope of utility; you are not needed there at all. There is no room for your talents; only forgiveness for perverting them. There is no atmosphere of investigation, because I will bring you to the ground not questions, but answers, and you will see the face of God. - C.S. Lewis, Great Divorce Page 4 But does that mean that all-all in us can go further into the mountains? Nothing, not even the best and noblest, can go on as it is now. Nothing, not even the lowest and most scotious, will be raised again if it obeys death. She is sown by a natural body, she is brought up by a spiritual body. Flesh and blood can't come to the mountains. Not because they are too rank, but because they are too weak. What is a lizard coma red with a stallion? The boast of the poor, weak, whimpering, whispering thing compared to the richness and energy of desire that would arise when the list was love, you said? There was no excess, there was a defect. She loved her son too little, not too much. If she loved him there would be no more difficulties. I don't know how her affair ends. But it is possible that at this point she demands that he be with her in hell. This kind of something perfectly willing soul plunge they say they love in endless suffering, if only they can still in some way possess them. Ye must do another lesson. You have to ask if the raised body even has an appetite as a great horse, how have you seen that would have risen the body of maternal love or friendship to be? - C.S. Lewis, Great Divorce Page 5 Great Divorce Citations Showing 121-150 of 166 You May Not Know Eternal Reality by Definition. Time itself, and all the acts and events that fill the time, are the definition, and most of them live. - C.S. Lewis, Grand Divorce Creo que la tierra, si se la escoge en lugar del cielo, resultar, todo el tiempo, s'lo una regin del inferno; y creo que la tierra, si se la sita's desp'us que el cielo, resultar' desde un principio una parte del mismo cielo. - C.S. Lewis, El Gran Divorcio: Un Sueño But does that mean that everything - all that in us can go further into the mountains? Nothing, not even the best and noblest, can go on as it is now. Nothing, not even the lowest and most scotious, will be raised again if it obeys death. She is sown by a natural body, she is brought up by a spiritual body. Flesh and blood can't come to the mountains. Not because they are too rank, but because they are too weak... The boast of a poor, weak, whispering thing compared to the richness and energy of desire that would arise when the boast was killed. - C.S. 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Lewis, The Great Divorce In College, you know, we just started automatically writing the kind of essays that got good grades and said things that won plaudits. Great Divorce Land under their tread, as strong feet sank on the wet lawn. A tiny haze and a sweet smell rose to the place where they crushed the grass and scattered the dew. Someone was naked, someone in a bathrobe. But the bare did not seem less decorated, and the robes were not disguised in those who wore their massive muscle majesty and radiant smoothness of the flesh. Some of them were targeted, but no one in this company struck me as any particular age. You can get in yourself, even in our country, about what is once - a heavy thought in the face of a baby, and a frolicking childhood in that very old man. That's what happened here. - C.S. Lewis, The Great Divorce I believe in, to be sure that any person who reaches Heaven will discover that what he refused (even in plucking his right eye) was exactly nothing: that the core of what he was really looking for even in his most deprived desires would be there, beyond waiting, waiting for him in high countries. Great divorce but I don't understand. Is the decision not final? Is there really a way out of hell to heaven?... Son, he said, you cannot understand eternity in your present state. . . . But you can get some semblance if you say that both good and evil, when they're fully grown, become retrospective. Not only this valley, but all this earthly past will be heaven for those who are saved. Not only the twilight in this city, but their whole life on earth will also be visible to the cursed to be hell. This is something that mortals misunderstand. They speak of some temporary suffering: No future of bliss can do it, not knowing that heaven, once achieved, will work in the opposite direction and turn even this agony into glory. Well existe se com um pucco de ad nele - neo tentemos reter isso ou aquilo do mal em nossos coraes ou em nossos bolsos. Satan deve sair, cada fiapo, cada fio de cabelo. (George Macdonald) O poeta William Blake (1757-1827) escreveu 'O Casamento do Co e do Inferno'. Se escreveu sobre o Sa variado, well porgue me julgue et altura para antagonizar com to grande g'nio, nem porque tenha pleno conhecimento do que que a simples evolvo', e de que a simples evolvo', adapta'o ou refinamento conseguir, de algo junto, transformar o mal em bem, sem que sejamos interpelados a rejeitar, de modo definitivo e integral, aquilo que desejamos conservar. Essa roll, meu juazuo, um erro desastroso. Voke neo pode levar toda bagagem consigo em todas as vuses; em alguma jornada, sua m'o e seu olho direitos podem estar entre as coisas que vocque tere deixar para tres. Well vivemos num mundo onde todas vuses, like the rays of a circle, which, if sufficiently traversed, will gradually approach each other and, in the end, converge in the center; we live, yes, in a world where every path, after a few kilometers, forks and where each of the two branches, in turn, is a bipart again; and at every intersection, you have to make a decision. Even on a biological level, life is not like a river, it is like a tree. In the sense of unity, life does not flow, but departs from it, and beings differ from each other as they improve. Goodness, when it matures, differs not only from evil, but also from other good. I don't think all those who choose the wrong paths are dying, but their salvation must be put back on the right track. The addition operation can be fixed: but this can only be done by returning until it finds a bug and redravs the calculation from there: never just move on. Evil can be abolished, but it cannot develop forever. Time doesn't cure him. The spell must gradually be reversed with the power from the back to the front of the disjunctive power (played by Comus English poet John Milton - 1608-1674) - otherwise the charm will not stop. It's one or the other. If we insist on the preservation of Hell (or even the Earth), we will not see heaven: if we accept heaven, we will not be able to preserve even the smallest and most intimate souvenir of hell. I believe, in fact, that every person who reaches heaven will find that what he refused (even if he rips out his right eye) was really nothing: that the core of what he anxiously seeks, even in his most perverted desires, will be there, beyond expectations, waiting for him in the High Countries. In this sense, those who have completed the journey (and only these) can truly say that good is in everything, and heaven is everywhere. On this side of the road, however, we should not try to anticipate this retrospective observation. If we do, we will probably be embracing the false and disastrous away and the fantasy that everything is fine and that every place is heaven. But what about the land? You ask. I don't think, at the end of the day, anyone will find it a whole other place. I think that if chosen to the detriment of Heaven, the earth will eventually be a simple area in hell, and if it comes second, after Heaven, will be shown from the beginning as part of Heaven itself. - C.S. Lewis, Great Divorce No, no hay salida. No hay cielo que contenga un poco de inferno. No hay plan que mantenga esto o aquello del demonio en nuestros corazones o en nuestros bolsillos. Nuestro Satan debe marcharse, completely. GEORGE MACDONALD - C.S. Lewis, El Gran Divinico: Un Sueño Pam, Pam - no natural feelings are high or low, holy or wicked in themselves. They are all holy when God's hand is on the reins. They all go bad when they are set up on their own and make themselves into false gods. What I would like to understand, said Ghost, is that you are here as glad as Punch, you bloody killer, while I walked the streets there and lived in a place like a piggery all these years. It's a little hard to understand at first. But now it's over. You'll be excited about it now. Until then there is no need to worry about it. Don't worry about it? No, not in the way you mean. I don't look at myself. I gave up. I had to, you know, after the murder. That was what he did for me. And so it all began. - C.S. Lewis, Grand Divorce La urma urmei, sunt dou' feluri de oameni: uni care si spun lui Dumnezeu: Faceze-se voia ta alti' crora' dumnezeu le spune: fac-se voia ta, rescued... what happens to them is best described as the opposite of the mirage. What seemed like when they entered it to be a valley of misery, turns out when they look back to be good; and where the current experience has seen only the salt of the desert memory truthfully records that the pools were full of water. - C.S. Lewis, The Great Divorce The huge difficulty of understanding hell is that thing that will be understood so almost nothing, not that fear itself can make it less of a ghost, but if it took her mind a moment from herself, there midg, at that point, would be a chance. I saw how they saved so much. - C.S. Lewis, Great Divorce Never Be Afraid. After all, there are only two types of people: those who say to God, Yours will be done, and those to whom God says, after all, Yours will be done. 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The boast of the poor, the weak, the whimpering, the whispering thing compared to the richness and energy of desire that will arise when the boast is killed. And secondly, for you. It's like to let your just instinctive love for your child (tigers share this, you know!) to turn into something better. He wanted you to love, how He understands love. You cannot love your fellow being to the full as long as you love God. ... The only way was to pick up your object. It was a case for surgery. When this first kind of love was foiled, there was just a chance that alone, in silence, something else could begin to grow. - C.S. Lewis, The Great Divorce For Clothing in this country is not a disguise: the spiritual body lives along every thread and turns them into living organs. The robe or crown has the same one of the owner's features as the lips or eyes. C.S. Lewis, Great Divorce I Can't Love Lies, the lady said. I can't love what isn't. I'm in love, and I'm not going out of it. - C.S. Lewis, Great Divorce I can't remember now whether she was naked or dressed. If she were naked, she must have been almost visible half-off of her politeness and joy, which gives me the illusion of a great and radiant train that followed her through the happy grass. If she was dressed, then the illusion of nudity was undoubtedly due to the clarity with which her innermost spirit shone through her clothes. For clothes in this country is not a disguise: the spiritual body lives along each thread and turns them into living organs. A robe or crown has as much one of the wearer's features as lips or eyes. - C.S. Lewis, The Great Divorce Is a Weapon on the Other Side. It jumps faster than light from the highest place to the lowest to bring healing and joy, regardless of the cost to itself. It changes darkness into light and evil into good. But it will, not, on the turning treads of hell, impose the goodness of the tyranny of evil. Every disease that obeys the cure must be cured: but we will not call blue yellow to please those who insist on more jaundice, nor make the middle garden in the world for the sake of those who can not observe the smell of roses. By drifting, not resisting, not praying, accepting every semi-conscious petition from our desires, we have reached a point where we no longer believed in the Faith. For the cursed soul almost nothing she squeezed, shut herself. Good beats on the damned continuously as sound waves beat on the ears of the deaf, but they can't get it. Fits are clenched, teeth are clenched, eyes are quickly closed. First, they won't, after all, they can't, open their hands for gifts, or their mouths for food, or their eyes to see. - C.S. Lewis, Great Divorce I can promise you none of these things. There is no scope of utility; you are not needed there at all. There is no room for your talents; only forgiveness for perverting them. There is no atmosphere of investigation, because I will bring you to the ground not questions, but answers, and you will see the face of God. - C.S. Lewis, BIG DIVORCE Dream C.S. Lewis Page 6 Before Me Green Slopess wide amphitheatre, enclosing a foamy and pulsating lake, into which, above the colorful rocks, poured a waterfall. Here I realized once again that something had happened to my feelings, so that they now get impressions that tend to exceed their capabilities. On the ground, such a waterfall could not be perceived at all as a whole; it was too big. His sound would have been terrifying in the woods for twenty miles. Here, after the first shock, my sensibility took as a well-built ship taking a huge wave. I was jubilant. The noise, though gigantic, was like the laughter of giants: like the fun of an entire college of giants laughing together, dancing, singing, roaring at their lofty works.

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