

Mere Christianity **Analogies & Metaphors**

- * Gentleman (XIII)
- * Hallway of Christianity & many rooms of doctrines (XV-XVI)
- * Nazis knew as well as we did what they ought to have practiced - right & wrong (5)
- * Tune "The Moral Law tells us the tune we have to play; our instincts are merely the keys" (10)
- * Piano - "It has not two kinds of notes, the right ones and the wrong ones." (11)
- * Driving on one side of the road & Mathematics - "Some of the things we learn are mere conventions [driving on the left vs. right]; others of them like mathematics, are real truths." (12)
- * Mousetraps - setting them when you don't have mice (15)
- * New York - the idea of or a real city (13)
- * Tree (16)
- * A Man Who Trips Me (18)
- * Playing football to score goals like behaving decently only because it is good. (19)
- * Architect - "If there was a controlling power outside the universe, it could not show itself to us as one of the facts inside the universe - no more than the architect of a house could actually be a wall or staircase or fireplace in that house." (24)
- * Mail Carrier (24)
- * U Turn on the Wrong Road (28)
- * Sick needing a doctor (31-32)
- * Cancer & Surgeon (36)
- * Crooked or Straight Line (38)
- * A Fish & Water - "A man feels wet when he falls into water, because man is not a water animal; a fish would not feel wet." (38)
- * A Table's not so simple design (40)
- * Planets - "no rhyme or reason about sizes or distances" (41)
- * Parasite of Evil - **[#20]** "not an original thing". (45)
- * War - "Civil War" (45); "Enemy Occupied Territory" (46); "War" (48); "Enemy Occupied World" (64)
- * Mother to Child - Her desire to keep a room tidy but allowing free will (47)
- * Car running on fuel - "God designed the human machine to run on Himself." (50)
- * Vitamins & Proteins - Theories of how it works vs. it does work - "People ate their dinners and felt better long before the theory of vitamins was ever

- heard of; and if the theory of vitamins is someday abandoned they will go on eating their dinners just the same." (54)
- * Atom - "a picture is not actually what scientists believe." (55)
 - * Debt - "there is plenty of point in a person who has some assets paying it on behalf of someone who has not." (56)
 - * Falling in a hole - "when one person has got himself into a hole, the trouble of getting him out usually falls on a kind friend." (56)
 - * Teach a Child writing - "you hold its hand while it forms the letters; that is, it forms the letters because you are forming them. We love and reason because God loves and reasons and holds our hand while we do it." (57)
 - * The Teacher - "able to form letters for the child because the teacher is grown up and knows how to write." [Response to "Jesus as God - must have been easy for him to suffer & die."] (58-59)
 - * Drowning in a rapid river (59)
 - * A Live Body - **[30]** "...is not one that never gets hurt, but one that can to some extent repair itself. In the same way, a Christian man is not a man who never goes wrong, but a man who is enabled to repent and pick himself up and begin over again after each stumble - because the Christ-life is inside him, repairing him all the time." (63)
 - * A Greenhouse - "does not attract the sun because it is bright, but becomes bright because the sun shines on it." "The Christian thinks any good he does comes from the Christ-life inside him." (63)
 - * Cutting off a Man's fingers - "If you want to help those outside you must add your own little cell to the body of Christ who alone can help them. Cutting off a man's fingers would be an odd way of getting him to do more work." (64)
 - * Moral rules are for the running of the human being. Like running a machine. (69)
 - * Perfect gear changing is an ideal for all by the nature of cars. (70)
 - * Fleet of ships (71)
 - * Landlord or a tenant of my own mind and body (74)
 - * A good tennis player can be relied on. (79)
 - * Bringing a horse back to the fence it has refused to jump or bringing a child back to the bits in its lesson that it wants to shirk (82)
 - * Three men go off to war (90)
 - * Food Strip Tease **[#40]** - Suppose you come to a country where you could fill a t then slowly lifting the cover so as to let every one see, just before the lights went out, that it contained a mutton chop or a bit of bacon, would you not think that in that country something had gone wrong with the appetite for food? (96)
 - * Prig & a Prostitute (103) - If anyone thinks that Christians regard unchastity as the supreme vice, he is quite wrong. The sins of the flesh are bad, but they are the least of the sins. All the worst pleasures are purely

spiritual. There are two things inside me, competing with the human self which I must try to become. They are the Animal self, and the Diabolical self. The Diabolical self is the worse of the two. That is why a cold, self-righteous prig who goes regularly to church may be far nearer to hell than a prostitute. But, of course, it is better to be neither. (102-103)

- * Sex Outside of Marriage - Like chewing food and spitting it out without swallowing and digesting. (105)
- * Spark & Fuel of Love - Being in love first moved them to promise fidelity: this quieter love enables them to keep the promise. It is on this love that the engine of marriage is run: being in love was the explosion that started it. (109)
- * Englishman killing a German in WWI - both meeting after death (119)
- * Doting mother's spoiling her child (130)
- * I lose my faith in anesthetics even though I know I'm safe (139)
- * A boy learning to swim not trusting he'll float (139)
- * A pretty girl who is a liar - "Perhaps she'll be different this time." (139)
- * German Army - you find out the strength of the German army by fighting against it, not by giving in. (142)
- * Child - **[#50]** - "Daddy, give me \$ to buy you a birthday present." (142-143)
- * Scissors - Good actions or Faith in Christ? Which blade of scissors* is more necessary? (148)
- * A Map of the Atlantic, he also will be turning from something real to something less real, but the map still shows the way to America. (154)
- * Statue of a Man - A man who changed from having *Bios* to having *Zoe* would have gone through as big a change as a statue which changed from being a carved stone to being a real man. And that is precisely what Christianity is about. This world is a great sculptor's shop. We are the statues and there is a rumor going round the shop that some of us are some day going to come to life. (159)
- * Turning a toy soldier into a tin man (179, 189)
- * Drop in a glass of water - From that point the effect spreads through all mankind. It is like dropping into a glass of water one drop of something which gives a new taste or a new color to the whole lot. (181)
- * My nose & lungs - part of the same organism and its life. (185)
- * Children playing games: shop, soldiers, grown up (188)
- * Rats in the cellar (192)
- * The laziest boy works hardest in the end. (197)
- * Paint & Stain **[#60]** - It is the difference between paint*, which is merely laid on the surface, and a dye or stain which soaks right through. He never talked vague, idealistic gas. When He said, 'Be perfect,' He meant it. He meant that we must go in for the full treatment. (198)
- * Egg - Hatch or go bad. (198-199)

- * Toothache & Dentists - One tooth and they want to check them all. (201)
- * Baby's first attempt to walk - Every father is pleased with but no father would be satisfied with anything less than a firm, free, manly walk in a grown-up son. (203)
- * Mother's Womb stages - like vegetables, fish then babies. (204)
- * A Living House - You thought cottage: but He is building a palace to live in Himself. (205)
- * Factory - To judge the management of a factory*, you must consider not only the output but the plant (210)
- * Compass - Their free will is trembling inside them like a needle on a compass. But this is a needle that can choose. It can point to its true North; but it need not. Will the needle swing round, and settle, and point to God? (212)
- * Winged Horse (216)
- * Living in the dark (224)
- * Salt **[#70]** giving everything better taste not all tasting like salt. (224)