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**TITLE:** C.S. Lewis and the Bible

**TERM:** Fall 2020-21

**PROFESSOR:** Edith M. Humphrey

**CREDIT HOURS:** 3

**REGISTRATION:** LIMITED TO: \_\_\_\_\_  
# AUDITORS: 2

UNLIMITED X  
NO AUDITORS \_\_\_\_\_

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

This course provides a focused study of the work of C. S. Lewis, especially his more neglected books, with an aim to addressing those biblical and theological themes that are increasingly neglected in the western Church. The reading from Lewis will be keyed to a parallel study of “uncomfortable” aspects of the Biblical witness and traditional theological themes, including the concepts of miracle versus magic, depravity and possession, hell and heaven, propitiatory and representative atonement, and temptation and spiritual blindness.

**CLASS OBJECTIVES:**

The purpose of the course is to foster the development of a biblical and theological imagination by familiarizing students with subjects not commonly broached in our day. The topics will be studied through poignant examples of theological integration and biblically-informed writing seen in a gifted Christian artist and scholar who struggled with communicating these to his day. We will also highlight the differences between Lewis’s day and ours and, with an eye to contextual awareness, consider whether or how such subjects ought to be tackled now in preaching, teaching and evangelization.

**PREREQUISITES:** None

**READING ASSIGNMENTS/BIBLIOGRAPHY:**

- *A Study Bible with Deuterocanonical/Apocryphal Books*
- Lewis, C. S., *Till We Have Faces*, HarperOne, 2017 (reprint ed.), ISBN: 978-0062565419, \$12.82
- Lewis, C. S., *That Hideous Strength*, Scribners, 2003; ISBN: 978-0743234924, \$22.99
- *The Complete C. S. Lewis Signature Classics*, Harper One, 2017; ISBN: 978-0062572547, \$27.49 - **The 5 suggested readings from this collection are: *The Great Divorce; Miracles; Abolition of Man; A Grief Observed; and The Problem of Pain.* Other editions of these titles, or others recommended by the instructor, are acceptable. (*Abolition of Man* is available online)**
- *The Collected Works of C. S. Lewis*; ISBN: 978-0884861515, \$25.97 - **The 2 suggested readings from this collection are: *Pilgrim's Regress* and the essay “Fernseed and Elephants,” also known as “Modern Theology.” Other editions of these titles are acceptable.**
- Lewis, C. S., *The Chronicles of Narnia*, Harper Collins, 2017; ISBN: 978-0062690579, \$35.60 - **The 2 suggested readings from this book are: *The Magician's Nephew* and *The Silver Chair.* Other editions of these titles are acceptable.**
- Articles as assigned

**Recommended:** Humphrey, Edith M. *Further Up and Further In: Orthodox Conversations with C. S. Lewis*. St. Vladimir’s Press, 2017; ISBN: 978-0881415971, \$27.85

**ASSIGNMENTS & GRADING:**

Reflection diary	20% and 20%
Sermon or paper outline plus biblio	15%
Completed sermon or short paper	35%
Class Participation	10%

**ATTENDANCE:** Faithful attendance is expected.