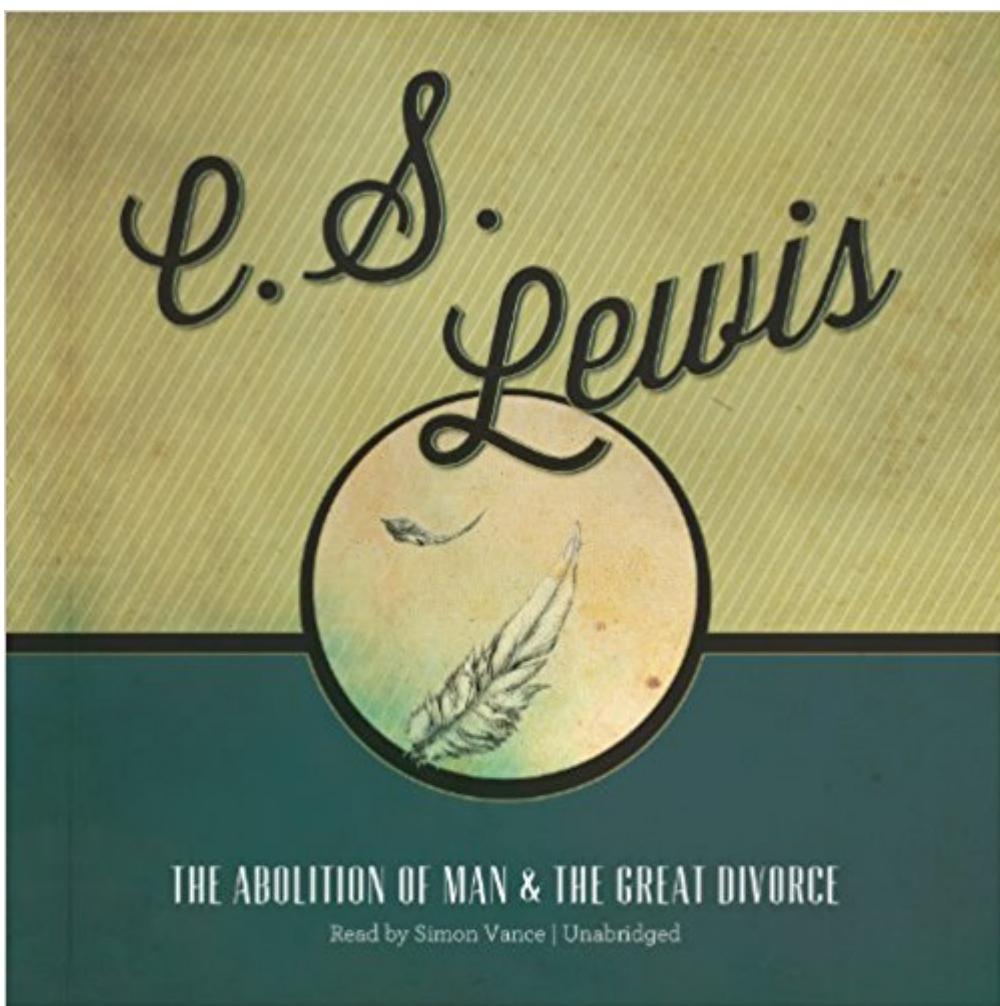


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"Lewis has a genius for describing the intricacies of vanity and self-deception, and...[The Great Divorce]...is tremendously persistent in forcing its reader to consider the ultimate consequences of everyday pettiness." --Michael Joseph Gross, author and journalist"Lewis, perhaps more than any other twentieth-century writer, forced those who listened to him and read his works to come to terms with their own philosophical presuppositions." --Los Angeles Times"These two short works by Lewis are a fine introduction to his eloquent writing, as well as his thought...[Simon Vance's] disciplined and well-modulated voice has an appealingly confident quality. Whether or not one agrees with Lewis's arguments, it is a joy to hear writing so eloquent." --AudioFile

CLIVE STAPLES LEWIS (1898-1963) was one of the intellectual giants of the twentieth century and arguably the most influential Christian writer of his day. He was a fellow and tutor in English literature at Oxford University until 1954, when he was unanimously elected to the chair of Medieval and Renaissance English at Cambridge University, a position he held until his retirement. His major contributions to literary criticism, children's literature, fantasy literature, and popular theology brought him international renown and acclaim. Lewis wrote more than thirty books, allowing him to reach a vast audience, and his works continue to attract thousands of new readers every year. His most distinguished and popular accomplishments include the *Chronicles of Narnia*, *Out of the Silent Planet*, *The Four Loves*, *The Screwtape Letters*, and *Mere Christianity*.

Like all the other works of C.S. Lewis, this is a great study about the spiritual battle in this world. C.S. Lewis continues to be the best of Christian apologist. Also, this audio version is great to listen to it on the road.; very clear and well recorded.

The book, *The Great Divorce*, is based on the claim that there is a heaven and a hell and that each of us will ultimately arrive at one of them and live there for all eternity. The picture Lewis paints of each of these places is not what any of us would expect. With his extraordinarily rare brilliance that mystifies his readers, Lewis takes this opportunity to look at the reasons why an individual would choose hell over heaven or vice-versa and has us take a look at them. He does this by presenting characters which we all seem to know very well. We have either met people like this and have grappled with their logic or lack of it; or, we might find ourselves to be very much like the people he describes. Nevertheless, they all have a story--one with which we can easily identify. The stories take us along life's paths and we are shown how they lead to the greatness of heaven and those who enter there, or the nothingness of hell and those who enter there. I read this for the second time as an audiobook. I thought it was even better than in print. Why? Well, the above AudioFile review of the Blackstone audiobook, says it as well as I can, "Robert Whitfield's disciplined and well-modulated voice has an appealingly confident quality. Whether or not one agrees with Lewis's arguments, it is a joy to hear writing so eloquent." It is eloquent--so much so that you can hardly understand that he is taking you through his thought process but not doing your thinking for you. He subtlety, but surely, gets you the reader to think about his subject and how it applies to your own life. Whether you are a C. S. Lewis fan or not, if you have not read this: get it! You will not be sorry. I have not yet read *The Abolition of Man*, but will comment on it here when I do.

What more does anyone need? They are two fabulous books and the reader is very good. The only thing that was a bother is that one ends and the other begins on the same disc. So there was no way to listen to the second one first without a major search.

Have read the books many times; this recording is well read and such an addition to my driving! Buy, buy, buy!

If you're looking at this you probably already know CS Lewis was a great writer. My guess is you probaby have read both of these wonderful books. So why buy the audio? Because, it is a wonderful way to really get into the story in you spare time that's normaly wasted doing things like driving, hosehold chores ect. Just pop it in and make the best use of your time. I got this for my father a while back and I don't think he's listened to his car radio since.

The Abolition of Man is a superb short work. Written in the '40s, C.S. Lewis projects the ultimate result of extending the logic of contemporary secular progressive philosophy on mankind. The Great Divorce is a C.S. Lewis classic deeply probing concepts of heaven and hell. It is a wonderful study in mankind's self absorption and the spiritual blindness that engenders.

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