



C.S. Lewis and Christian Apologetics with Dr. David Schenk

Lecture 12: Transposition & Miracles

Outline:

Transposition by C.S. Lewis

- Pictures only work as pictures because they don't merely point to something beyond themselves. It is not by a mere convention that paintings and photographs point to something real in the world. The picture isn't just brutally pointing to something else, it is capturing a three dimensional phenomenon.
- The higher thing actually does descend into the lower system and inhabit it.
- Our natural experiences are only like the drawing, like penciled lines on flat paper.
- It is the present life which is the diminution.
- Whatever else Heaven is going to be, it will be more real than any solidity that we are yet capable of imagining.
- If we can get into our metaphysical imaginations the real possibility of something like this happening now, then we are equipped for entertaining the possibility of red-blooded miracles.

Miracles by C.S. Lewis

- It may not be the case that miracles have become less common, but that they have become less noticeable to people over the course of history.
- When trying to understand/explain miracles, the first thing to note is that there is no amount of explanation that is at all likely to change the mind of the skeptic. They did not arrive at their skepticism experimentally.
- If you have residual shakiness on the supernatural domain, leave stuff about miracles alone until the shakiness is properly gone. Until someone realizes that the physical domain is only one of several domains that make up reality, it is going to be hard for them.