



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

Lecture 14: Myth Became Fact

Outline:

Myth Became Fact by C.S. Lewis

- Don't ever confuse the category of myth with the category of metaphor. Keep these categories clear in your mind.
- C.S. Lewis is trying to answer the following question: What is it about myths that enchant those of us who are enchanted by them?
- If the mythic elements in the scriptural stories of Christianity would be abandoned, we would be abandoning the most life-giving part of Christianity.
- It is in the mythic elements that we are able to bridge the gap between these two irreconcilable domains.
- Myths allow us to taste the universal. Myths feed you a universal principle.
- By becoming fact, it does not cease to be myth. That is the miracle.
 - What became fact, was a myth. God is more than a God, not less.
 - In reaching us through the category of myth, God is reaching us in all of our existing pistons.
 - God is no plagiarist. He is fulfilling what the grain god myths tried to do but never really could.
 - In this myth, it goes all the way home. All of the rough draft myths finally see the real purpose.
 - When God reaches us in the mythic levels, he reaches us in our viscera. That is what myth offers us that no catechism can.
 - God is working to reach us at the intellectual level, physical level, and our primal mythic level (both feeling and thinking at the same time). In reaching us on all of those levels, it isn't just the theologian that can believe, it is also the savage superstitious monkey can believe.