



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

Lecture 8: The Inner Ring

Outline:

Questions of Virtues and Vices

- When someone sees materialism is false, then they are no longer materialists, but some kind of basic theism.
- Start with where the person lives and their deepest habits. The Inner Ring and Man or Rabbit do that.
- These essays deal with intellectual cowardice and spiritual cowardice.

The Inner Ring by C.S. Lewis

- Lewis addresses the sin of worldliness, which is being of the world instead of merely in it (letting priorities and joys of the world at the top of your considerations).
- All of us are subject to the temptations of the inner ring and therefore to worldliness.
- The warning is about how we respond to the inner rings.
- An inner ring is an exclusive group in which membership has to be gained. It isn't the existence of these groups, however, our habitual manner of response to them is the problem.
- You want to join because this is the group to join (rather than just wanting to make music want them).
- The lust to be accepted is twistable. This is one of the fastest paths to becoming a monster, letting fear of becoming an outcast bring you to do something you know is wrong.
- There is terrible danger in getting inside the inner ring.