



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

Lecture 9: Man or Rabbit

Outline:

Man or Rabbit by C.S. Lewis

- Intellectual cowardice is a fear of asking the wrong questions. Sometimes this comes out of spiritual/moral cowardice.
- We are also sometimes afraid to ask the questions because we are afraid of what the answer might be. This is the subject of Man or Rabbit.
- Intellectual honesty/curiosity is what makes us persons and not animals.
- If one has false beliefs about the nature/meaning of the universe, one's moral actions often will be deformed.
- From understanding what a person is, the Christian and materialists must fundamentally different priorities regarding which courses of action are right and wrong.
- If we want to become better people, we will need to train ourselves to be more honest people. What is meant by moral improvement?
- Does God exist or doesn't he? If he does, then all atheism is categorically confused.
- Under atheism, we care and the universe does not. There is nothing to say that kindness is better than cruelty.
- In the theistic universe, there is no such thing as not mattering. There is no indifference. All of it is loaded with importance.
- If someone's ambition is to lead a good life, they don't even realize that life has a purpose.
- In moments of transcendent beauty you see the purpose of life.