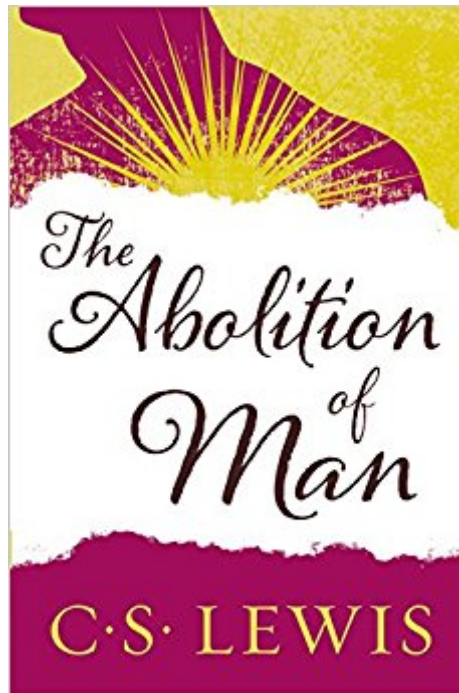




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The Abolition Of Man



Synopsis

— In the classic *The Abolition of Man*, C.S. Lewis, the most important Christian writer of the 20th century, sets out to persuade his audience of the importance and relevance of universal values such as courage and honor in contemporary society. Both astonishing and prophetic, *The Abolition of Man* is one of the most debated of Lewis's extraordinary works. *National Review* chose it as number seven on their "100 Best Nonfiction Books of the Twentieth Century."

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C.S. Lewis's *The Abolition of Man* purports to be a book specifically about public education, but its central concerns are broadly political, religious, and philosophical. In the best of the book's three essays, "Men Without Chests," Lewis trains his laser-sharp wit on a mid-century English high school text, considering the ramifications of teaching British students to believe in idle relativism, and to reject "the doctrine of objective value, the belief that certain attitudes are really true, and others really false, to the kind of thing the universe is and the kinds of things we are." Lewis calls this doctrine the "Tao," and he spends much of the book explaining why society needs a sense of objective values. *The Abolition of Man* speaks with astonishing freshness to contemporary debates about morality; and even if Lewis seems a bit too cranky and privileged for his arguments to be swallowed whole, at least his articulation of values seems less ego-driven, and therefore is more useful, than that of current writers such as Bill Bennett and James Dobson. --Michael Joseph Gross

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"A Real Triumph." -- Owen Barfield

Not an easy read. Had to read with my handy dandy dictionary app. But the content was amazing to see the insight that Lewis had in those years of the pervasive philosophy that was intermingling within the educational systems. He saw it clearly then. Interesting enough that today it is right in our faces. No wonder in our culture today, we see vividly the corruption of morals and basic decency that is leading us more and more toward a Godless society.

Extremely difficult to read and comprehend. I could not finish it. Seems one would have to have expertise in philosophy, theology, and mythology. Maybe a study guide and class room environment would help, but I just could not get through it.

Heavy book. Lots of material in short space. Not written for average read. Lewis states that this was written to colleagues of intellectuals in wrestling with the subject of values clarification - in England called the "Green Book". A great companion book to this is Kreeft CS Lewis for the Third Millennium.

Had to read it three times, but it was worth it. Interesting to see his insights in light of what is going on in the 21st Century. A must read.

My favorite book by C.S. Lewis (at least among his non-fiction) and it only gets better to have Michael Ward's notes.

Insightful and Beautiful Unpacking of our Present Condition (though the condition itself is quite ugly!)

First time read through. Need to reread for full effect, but enjoyed the correlations made with the deterioration of "manhood".

Very powerful writer, will cause you to think and meditate. Although written years ago, it's message is contemporary. Read this and then read it again. You will not regret it.

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