



VAN TILLIAN Apologetics

April 10th, 2022 - Part 1

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- 1975 Bahnsen hired at RTS in Jackson, MS
- 1978 Bahnsen returns to California
- 1985 The Great Debate, Bahnsen v Stein
- 1986 Jon Kaus born on April 1st
- 1987 Van Til dies on April 17th

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Rise of "Van Tillians"

Popularization of Van Til's Apologetic

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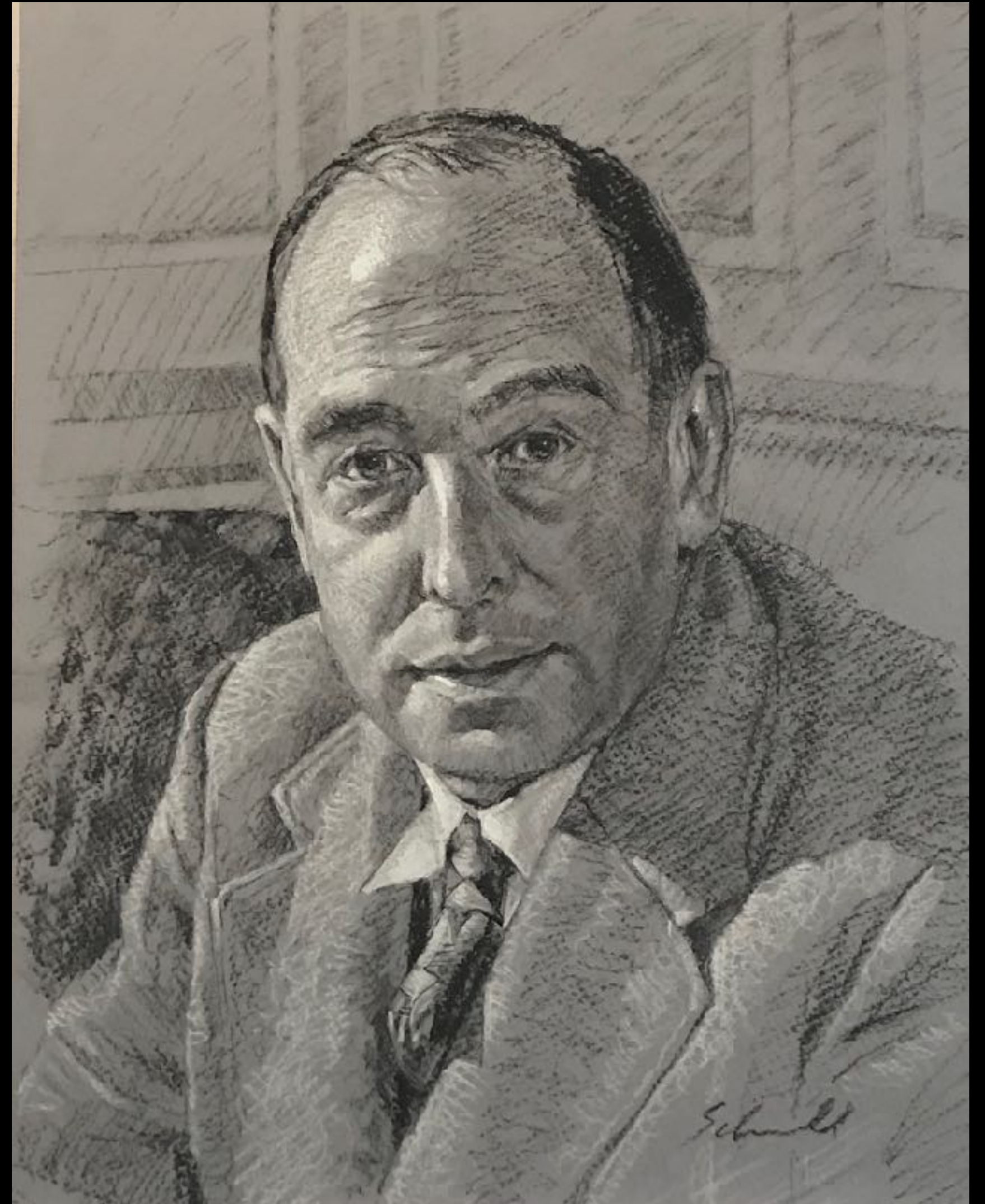
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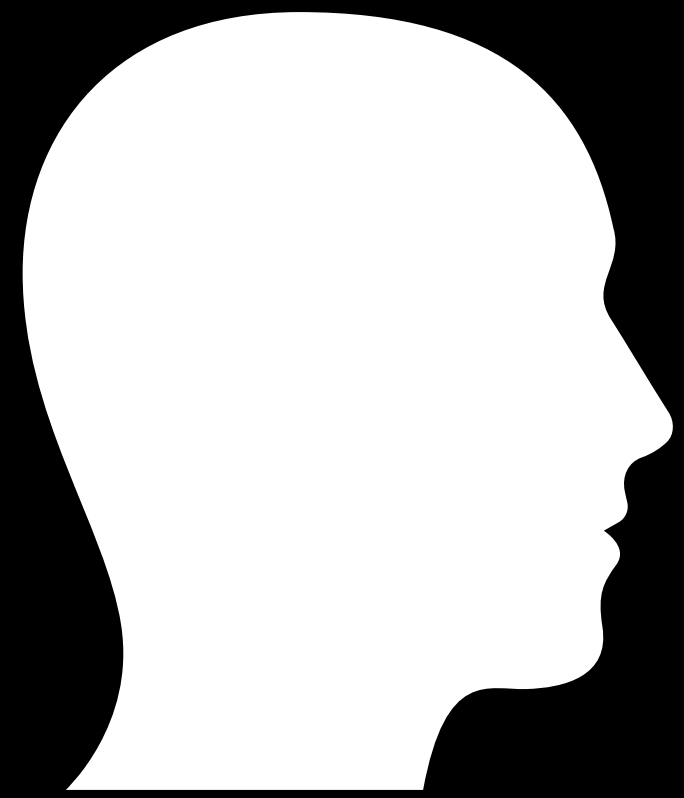
Irrefutable

Certainty

We will know
this world to
the centre.

C. S. Lewis
The Space Trilogy, 331









God



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'Ransom,' it said.

'Well?' said Ransom.

'Nothing,' said the Un-man.

'Ransom,' it said again.

'What is it?' said Ransom sharply.

'Nothing,' it answered.

'Ransom!' This time he made no reply.

Another minute and it uttered his name again;
and then, like a minute gun, 'Ransom . . .

Ransom . . . Ransom,' perhaps a hundred
times.

C. S. Lewis

The Space Trilogy, 253-254



'What the Hell do you want?' he roared at last.

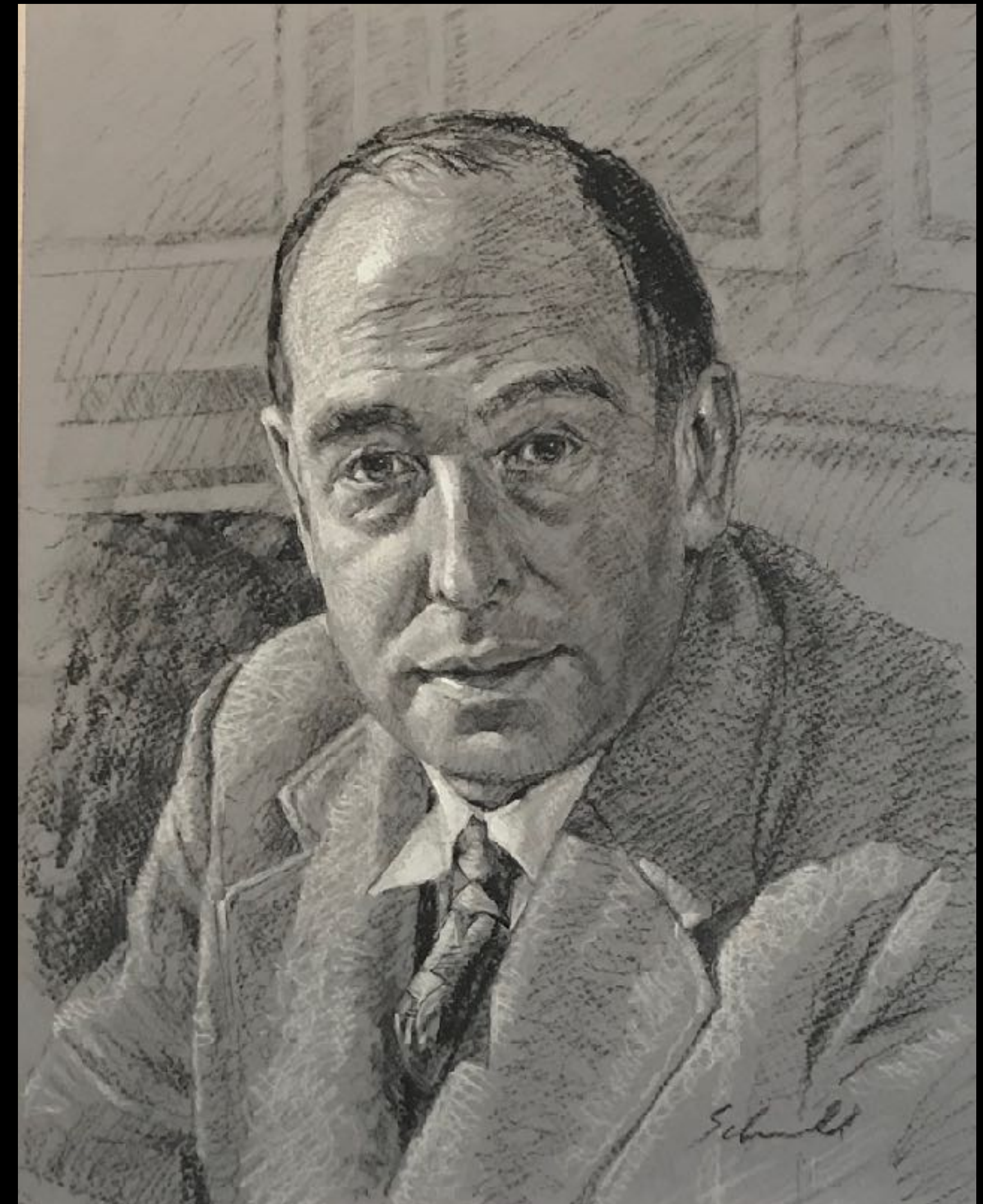
'**Nothing,**' said the voice.

Next time he determined not to answer; but when it had called on him about a thousand times he found himself answering whether he would or not, and '**Nothing,**' came the reply.

If the attack had been of some more violent kind it might have been easier to resist. What chilled and almost cowed him was the union of **malice with something nearly childish.** For temptation, for blasphemy, for a whole battery of horrors, he was in some sort prepared:

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The Space Trilogy, 253-254



but hardly for this petty, indefatigable nagging as of a nasty little boy at a preparatory school.

Then all at once it was night. 'Ransom . . . Ransom . . . Ransom . . . Ransom,' went on the voice.

And suddenly it crossed his mind that though he would some time require sleep, the Un-man might not.

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Proverbs 14:7

Go from the presence of a foolish
man, when thou perceivest not in him
the lips of knowledge.

Proverbs 17:12

Let a bear robbed of her whelps meet
a man, rather than a fool in his folly.

Proverbs 23:9

Speak not in the ears of a fool: for he
will despise the wisdom of thy words.

Proverbs 29:9

If a wise man contendeth **with a foolish man**, whether he rage or laugh, **there is no rest.**

2 Timothy 2:16

But **shun profane and vain babblings:**

for they will increase unto more
ungodliness.

2 Timothy 2:23

But foolish and unlearned questions
avoid, knowing that they do gender
strifes.