

## CHRISTIANITY

*“Ever since I became a Christian I have thought that the best , perhaps the only, service I could do for my unbelieving neighbors was to explain and defend the belief that has been common to all Christians at all times”, so said C.S. Lewis in his Preface to ‘Mere Christianity’. Lewis describes the book’s contents as on the air(Broadcast Talks, 1942),(Christian Behaviour, 1943), and (Beyond Personality),1944. These had to be influenced by Lewis’ experience as a front line infantryman in WWI for Great Britain where almost an entire, youthful generation died or were maimed, and the crux of Lewis ‘pep talks’to young aviators of the Royal Air Force defending Britain against nightly bombing by the Germans during the blitz. In this war, he was an air-raid warden. I can relate to the need for a belief in God when called on during my introduction to war as a young soldier in Normandy, WWII. Unsophisticated Christianity’ I suspect! I have sought Christian support from Lewis and D’Souza’s ‘What’s so great about Christianity?’*

*Today the argument persists between the non-believers atheists, agnostics and the like and the believers: Evolutionists, Creationism, and Intelligent Design at play. Einstein’s general relativity theory did not suggest an expanding universe whereas a Dutch Astronomer suggested the universe would expand supported later by Hubble(his telescope)telling of the galaxies moving rapidly away from each other. Scientists concluded that the fast moving galaxies were flung apart by primeval explosion. Hawking told us ‘there must have been a Big Bang singularity.’ The bible is unique among early documents, as in Genesis, describing an absolute beginning as to creation of the heavens and earth; that time is finite and that these things happened in a particular period of time. And most importantly, Physicists seem to agree that the universe would contain an atmosphere where people like you and me could live: the anthropic*

*principle*

*Thus, we see Lewis, without any academic philosophical musings, rather, it is a work of oral literature, addressed to people at war. According to Kathleen Norris in the Foreword, "the problem, Lewis insists is us, like the crooked/perverse generation of which the psalmists and prophets spoke, thousands of years ago is ours. ...how monotonously alike all the great tyrants and conquerors have been: how gloriously different the saints."*

*To D'souza:*

*-creation by Christianity of modern science as to origin of the universe.*

*-Christianity and science are reconcilable.*

*-Design(evolution)are compatible*

*-attempt by Atheists, and Einstein to refute the Big Bang theory(anthropic principle)which are keystones of modern astronomy and physics.*

*-Strong points of free will and consciousness which atheists have to deny.*

*-import of Western Civilization and the influence of Christianity that gave it birth.*

*For us, it must be the seeking of 'being like Jesus' and in a sense 'being in Jesus' and as St Paul told us, 'he believed that he had been crucified like Jesus, thus could walk in his way perhaps quasi-Jesus like but in the aura of the Savior's return when he sits on his throne and we relish a life without pain, or curses, Satan will disappear, and the light of the world will emanate from God, and death will be no more.*

*To be like this would seem miraculous and almost unbelievable. A power of faith and belief would have to sustain us and in a world of conflicting beliefs in God perhaps personified by the tenacious Islamic ideology and mission. We need to persevere.*

*Our President has said, Islam is not our enemy but ongoing wars, and recent terror attack on a Delta Air*

*(NW Airlines) flight seems to belie.*