



The
Wonder
of
CHRISTMAS

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. All things were created through him, and apart from him not one thing was created that has been created.

John 1:1-3

The true light that gives
light to everyone was
coming into the world.

John 1:9

The people walking in darkness
have seen a great light; a light
has dawned on those living in
the land of darkness.

Isaiah 9:2

And you, child, will be called a prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give his people knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins.

Because of our God's merciful compassion, the dawn from on high will visit us **to shine on those who live in darkness** and the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Luke 1:76-79

Now, Master, you can dismiss your servant in peace, as you promised. For my eyes have seen your salvation. You have prepared it in the presence of all peoples— a light for revelation to the Gentiles and glory to your people Israel.

Luke 2:29-32

In him was life, and that life was the light of men. That light shines in the darkness, and yet the darkness did not overcome it.

John 1:4-5

In their case, the god of this age has blinded the minds of the unbelievers to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God... For God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of God's glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 4:4,6

This is the judgment: The light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil.

John 3:19

...but the light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it

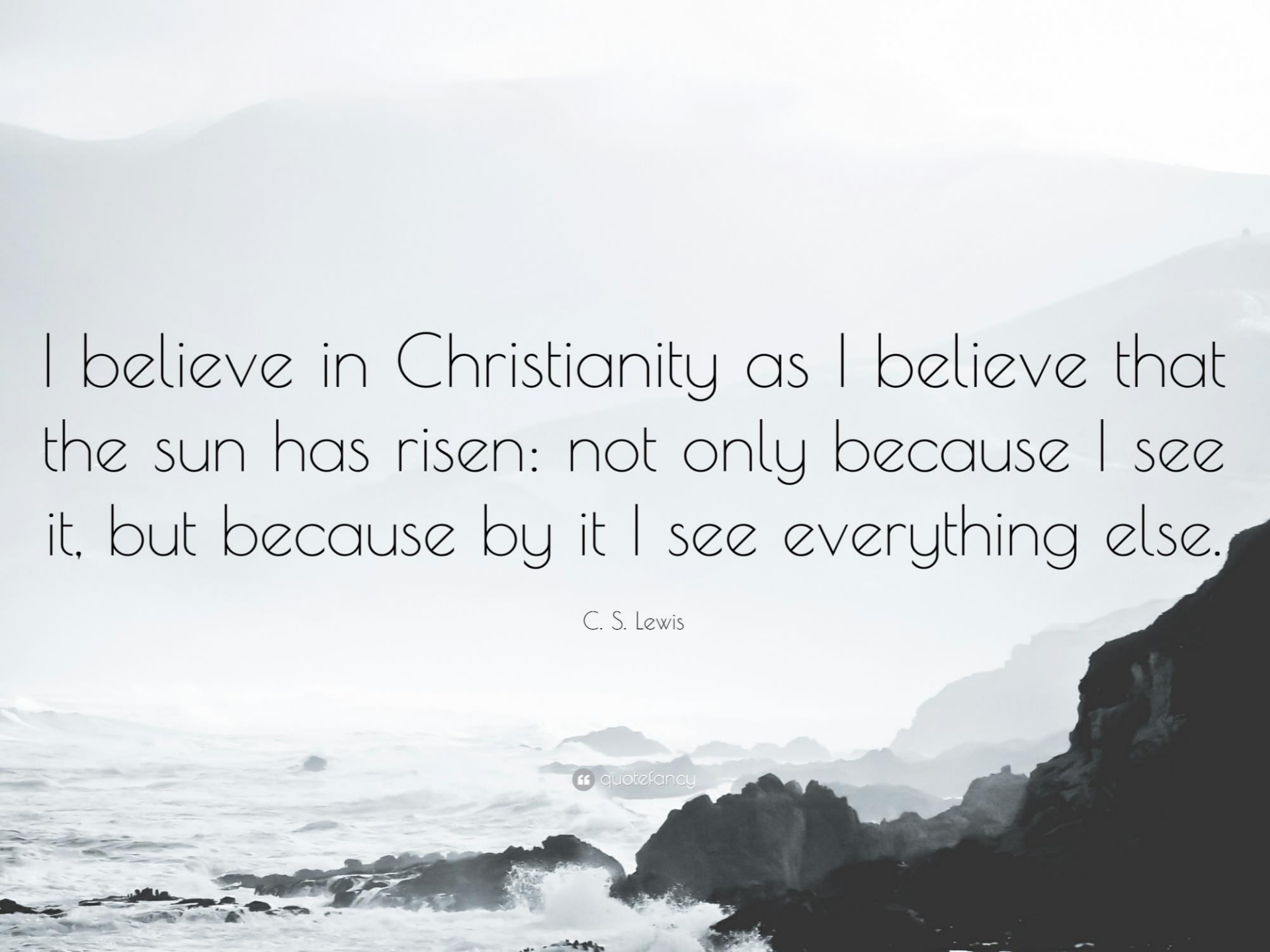
John 1:5

Jesus spoke to them again: “I am the light of the world. Anyone who follows me will never walk in the darkness but will have the light of life.”

John 8:12

But to all who did receive him,
he gave them the right to be
children of God, to those who
believe in his name.

John 1:12



I believe in Christianity as I believe that
the sun has risen: not only because I see
it, but because by it I see everything else.

C. S. Lewis

“ quote fancy



Seven Big Questions About Life

Origin

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Living In The Light:

Made in the image of God. Gen. 1:26-27

For it was you who created my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

Psalm 139:13

Morality

How do we know what is right and wrong?

Living In The Dark:

Whatever feels right.

Everyone did what was right in
his own eyes.

Judges 21:25

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Living In The Light:

What God says is right

But solid food is for the mature—for those whose senses have been trained to distinguish between good and evil. Hebrews 5:14

Dilemma

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Living In The Light:

We are in a war between Good and Evil. We live in a broken world

Solution

How do we fix the world?

Living In The Dark:

- Get rid of poverty, disease...
- Need better education, economy, fix our government

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Living In The Light:

God will rescue people, marriages, families, governments, the earth and everything tainted by sin. He will bless those who follow.

Meaning

What should I live for?

Living In The Dark:

- Whatever makes you happy, live for yourself
- Get as much as you can
- Ease and comfort

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Living In The Light:

- Serve others, selfless, love your neighbor

Destiny

What happens when I die?

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- Just more of the same as what we have here

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Living In The Light:

Away from the Body is to home with the Lord.

2 Corinthians 5:8

I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life" John 8:12
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