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Book Reviews



Williams, D. T. (2016). *Deeper magic: The theology behind the writings of C.S. Lewis*. Baltimore: Square Halo Books. 287 pp. \$16.99. ISBN 9781941106051

Deeper Magic is authored by Donald T. Williams, Professor of English at Toccoa Falls College, Toccoa Falls, Georgia and author of *Mere Humanity*, *Inklings of Reality: Essays Toward a Christian Philosophy of Letters*, and many others. He was the recipient of the Wade Faculty Scholar's Award in 2015.

Deeper Magic is an introductory work that weds systematic theology to literary criticism by using the well-known, substantial body of writings by C.S. Lewis to explain distinct theological sub-fields and concepts, i.e. prolegomena, hamartiology, Christology, eschatology, etc. Due to its dual nature, this work can be used as a guide for non-theologians to understand the theology underlying the writings of Lewis, or it can be read by theologians to better understand Lewis as a Christian thinker and writer.

To get the most out of this work, it will be helpful if the reader is already familiar with Lewis's writings, both in non-fiction and fiction. However, Williams uses direct quotes and abbreviations to help those along who have not widely read Lewis's work. In literary circles, students and scholars of the English language would appreciate the attention given to Lewis's life and intellectual development. Likewise, Christian apologists, philosophers, and theologians would also benefit from the breakdown of Lewis's theological thought process. Either way, William's interdisciplinary approach makes Lewis amenable to a wider audience with varied specialties and interests.

Deeper Magic would be a suitable acquisition for an academic library to bolster general education, as well as a theological or seminary library.

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