

The Screwtape Letters by C. S. Lewis

Letter 28 Worksheet

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Vocabulary Define the following words with only 1-2 words

1. rhapsodies _____

2. obtuse _____

3. immune _____

4. proportionately _____

5. infected _____

6. monotonous _____

Extra Credit Vocabulary

adversity, campaigning, persevere, inarticulate, attrition, tangent, inveterate

Bonus Vocabulary

eugenics

Comprehension Questions Answer the questions briefly (full sentences are unnecessary)

1. Why does Screwtape want to avoid the patient's death at the beginning of this letter?

2. Why does Screwtape charge Wormwood with being infected by their own propaganda?

3. What particular advantages does Screwtape foresee for humans in the middle-age years?

4. How does *Onward Christian Soldiers* annihilate Screwtape's above theory?

5. Explain Screwtape's process of "wearing out a soul by attrition."

6. How does Screwtape twist the blessing of prosperity in a human's middle years?

7. Screwtape assumes that Christians will not work toward re-establishing Christendom on earth. Do you think this is wishful thinking in light of today's alternative education movement (e.g., homeschooling and private Christian schooling)?

8. It would seem that Screwtape wants humans to perceive the blessing of "worldly advancement" to be something that his minions support. Why would it be important for Screwtape to keep Christians in a powerless position and be irrelevant in the world around them?

9. How is Screwtape confusing "worldliness" and stewardship? (*Hint: Onward Christian Soldiers*)

10. Explain: “Experience, in the peculiar sense we teach them to give it, is, by the bye, a most useful word. A great human philosopher nearly let our secret out when he said that where Virtue is concerned ‘Experience is the mother of illusion.’”

11. Was Screwtape lying or is he merely attempt to distract? Compare these two statements:

“...He is peopling Heaven to have had the experience of resisting us thourh an earthly life of sixty or seventy years.”

“That is why we must often wish long life to our patients; seventy years is not a day too much for the difficult task of unravelling their souls from Heaven and building up a firm attachment to the Earth.”
