

Message Notes

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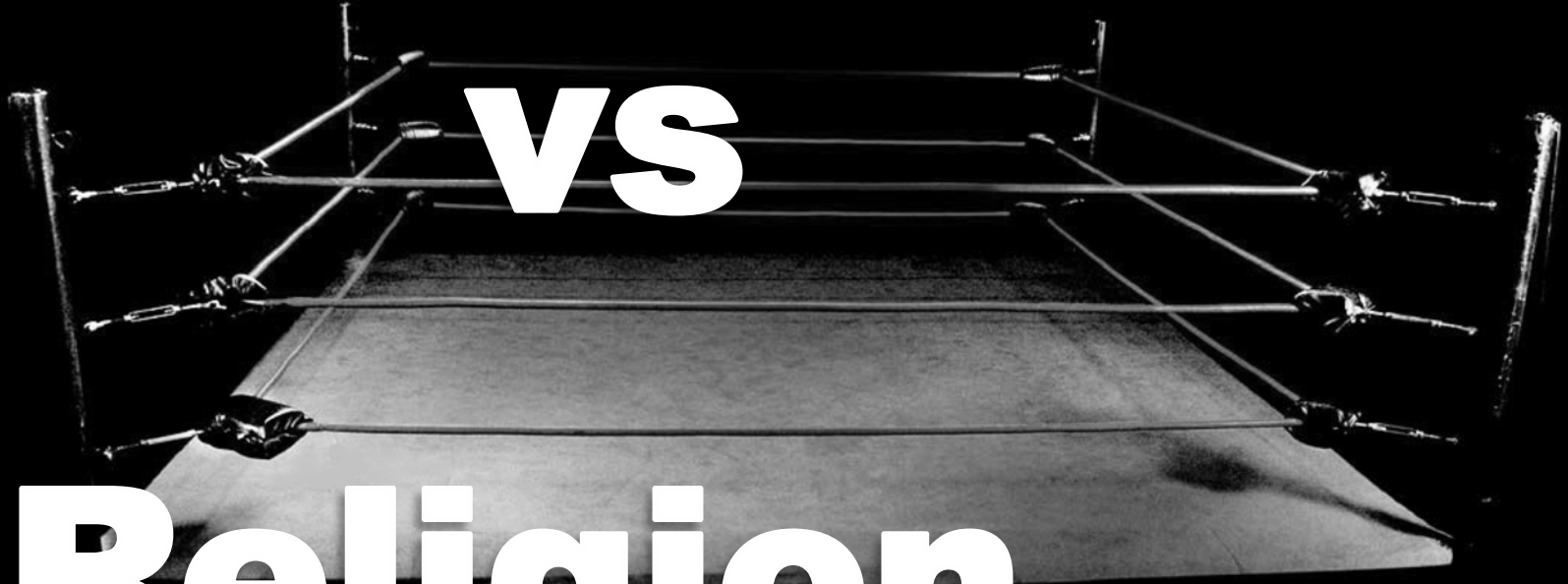
Setting His Face to Jerusalem

Luke 9:51 to Luke 19:44

Jesus

vs

Religion



The Rich Fool
Luke 12:13-21

The Anxiety “Cure” ~ *Go on a Treasure Hunt!*

Luke 12:31-34

³¹But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well. ³²“Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Main point: Be ready because the Son of Man will come again at an unknown time

Luke 12:40

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Jesus' intent in proclaiming that he came to bring division was both to shock and to inform his followers. The shocking effect came easily because peace, not division, had been the grand theme of his coming, especially as described by Luke. At the Nativity the angels praised God saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests" (2:14). This was a reference to the coming "Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6). It was also a conscious fulfillment of Zechariah's song about how his son John the Baptist would pave the way for the Messiah,

“the rising sun” — “to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace” (Luke 1:78, 79). Twice when Jesus healed people, the disciples heard him say, “Go in peace” (Luke 7:50; 8:48). When he sent his disciples out two by two to preach, he instructed them to say, “Peace to this house” as they walked in the door (Luke 10:5).

~ R. Kent Hughes, *Luke: That You May Know the Truth*, Preaching the Word (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Books, 1998), 70.

How this division will play out

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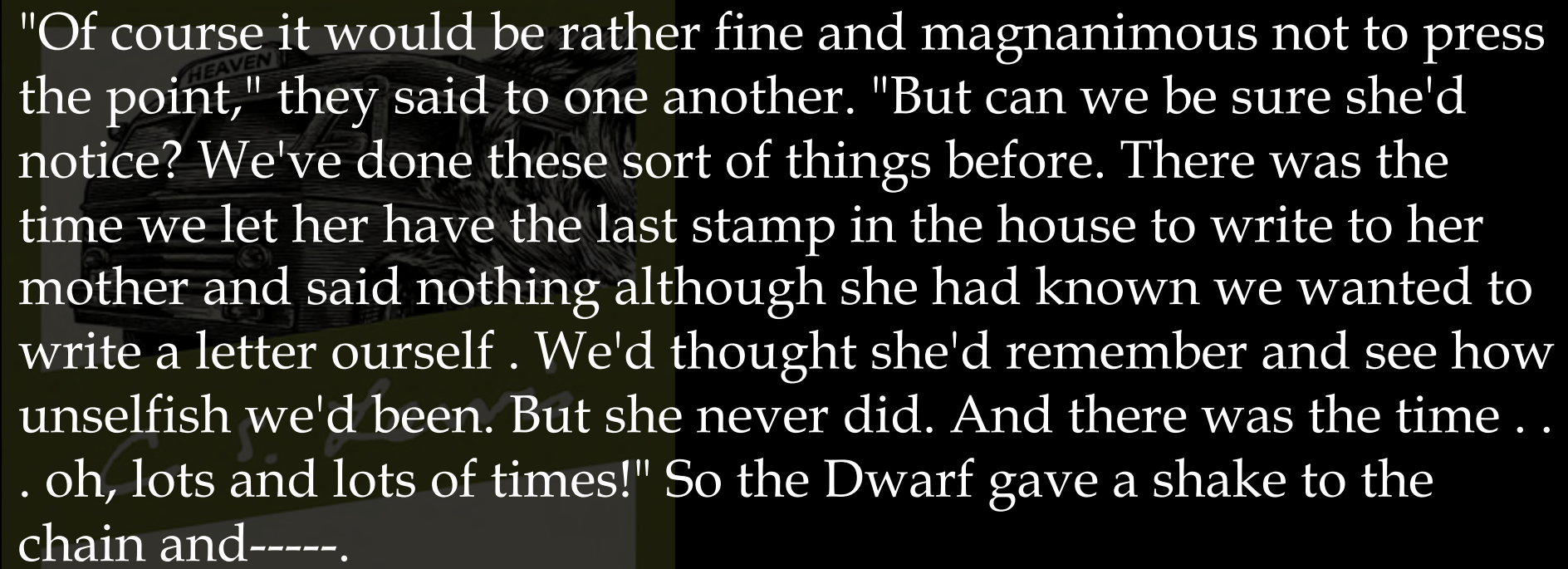




"You missed me?" said the Tragedian to the Lady, throwing a dreadful theatrical tremor into his voice.

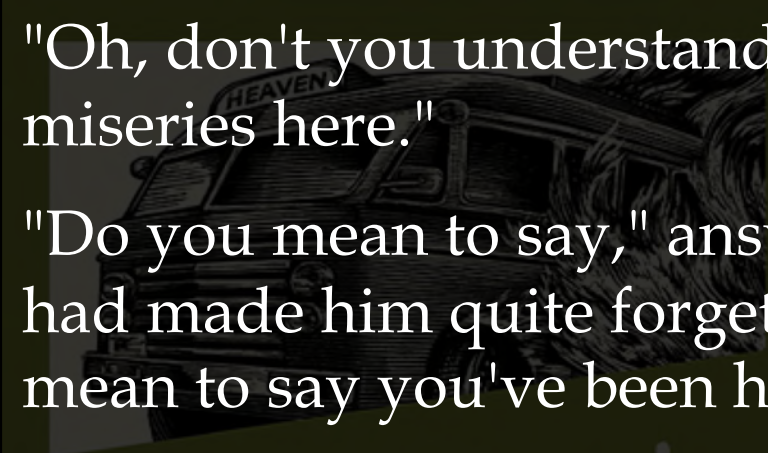
"Dear friend," said the Lady, still attending exclusively to the Dwarf, "you may be happy about that and about everything else. Forget all about it for ever."

And really, for a moment, I thought the Dwarf was going to obey: partly because the outlines of his face became a little clearer, and partly because the invitation to all joy, singing out of her whole being like a bird's song on an April evening, seemed to me such that no creature could resist it. Then he hesitated. And then-once more he and his accomplice spoke in unison.



"Of course it would be rather fine and magnanimous not to press the point," they said to one another. "But can we be sure she'd notice? We've done these sort of things before. There was the time we let her have the last stamp in the house to write to her mother and said nothing although she had known we wanted to write a letter ourself . We'd thought she'd remember and see how unselfish we'd been. But she never did. And there was the time . . . oh, lots and lots of times!" So the Dwarf gave a shake to the chain and-----.

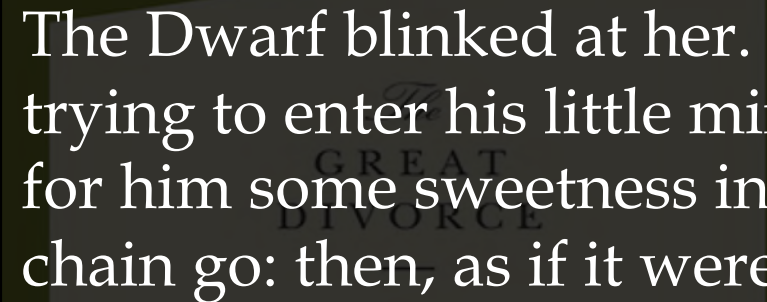
"I can't forget it," cried the Tragedian. "And I won't forget it, either. I could forgive them all they've done to me. But for your miseries-----."



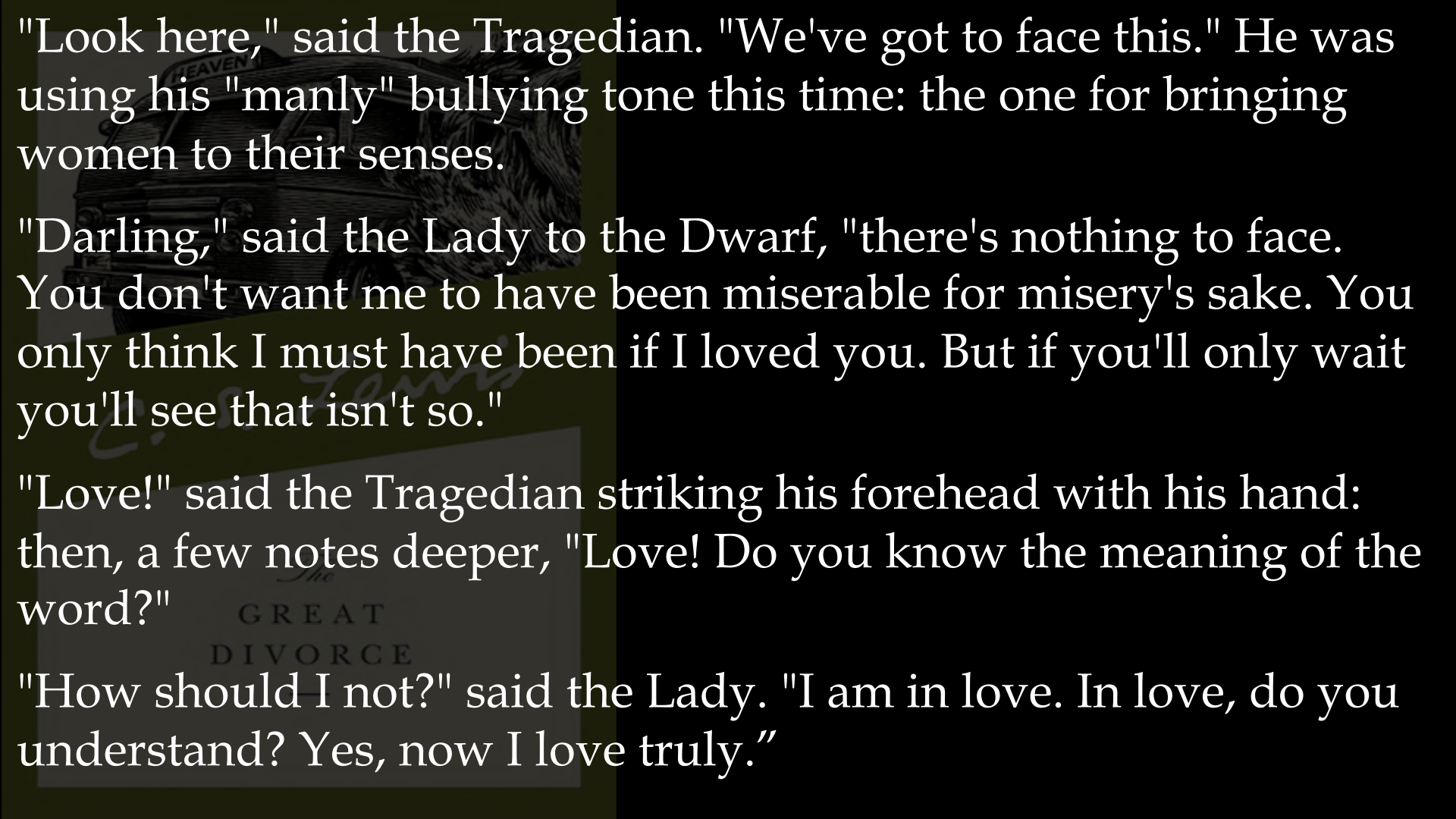
"Oh, don't you understand?" said the Lady. "There are no miseries here."

"Do you mean to say," answered the Dwarf, as if this new idea had made him quite forget the Tragedian for a moment, "do you mean to say you've been happy?"

"Didn't you want me to be? But no matter. Want it now. Or don't think about it at all."



The Dwarf blinked at her. One could see an unheard-of idea trying to enter his little mind: one could see even that there was for him some sweetness in it. For a second he had almost let the chain go: then, as if it were his life-line, he clutched it once more.

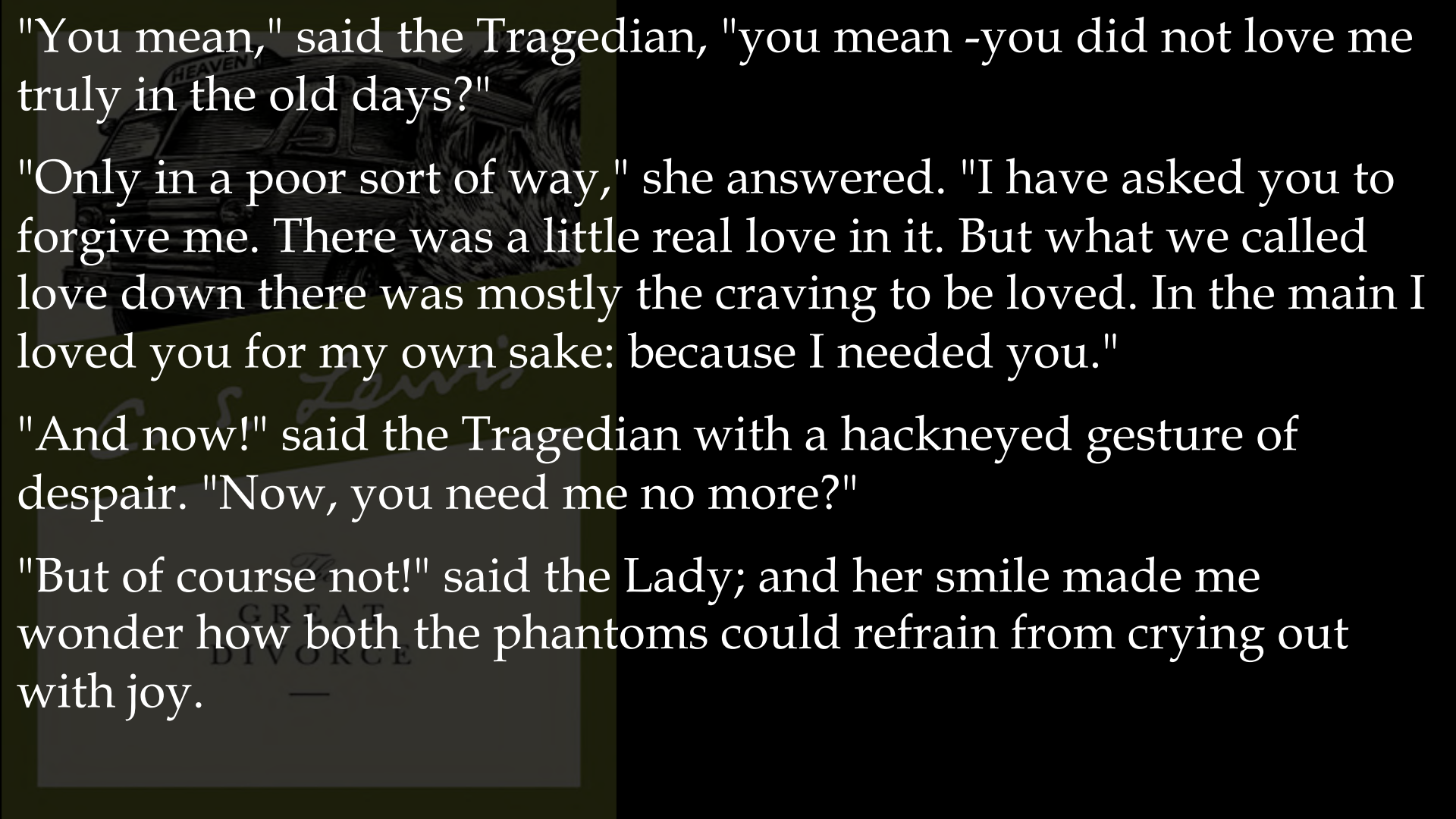


"Look here," said the Tragedian. "We've got to face this." He was using his "manly" bullying tone this time: the one for bringing women to their senses.

"Darling," said the Lady to the Dwarf, "there's nothing to face. You don't want me to have been miserable for misery's sake. You only think I must have been if I loved you. But if you'll only wait you'll see that isn't so."

"Love!" said the Tragedian striking his forehead with his hand: then, a few notes deeper, "Love! Do you know the meaning of the word?"

"How should I not?" said the Lady. "I am in love. In love, do you understand? Yes, now I love truly."

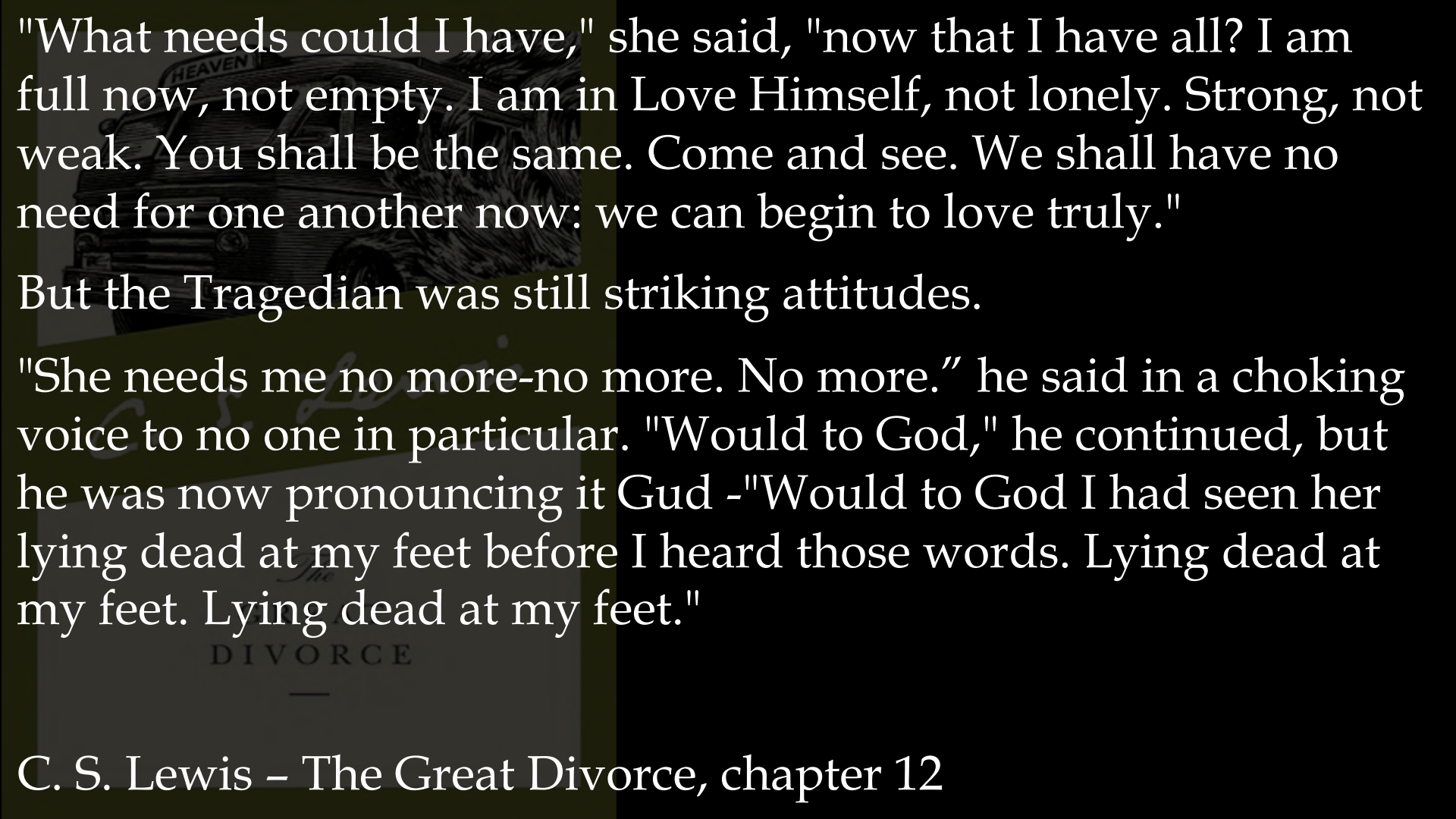


"You mean," said the Tragedian, "you mean -you did not love me truly in the old days?"

"Only in a poor sort of way," she answered. "I have asked you to forgive me. There was a little real love in it. But what we called love down there was mostly the craving to be loved. In the main I loved you for my own sake: because I needed you."

"And now!" said the Tragedian with a hackneyed gesture of despair. "Now, you need me no more?"

"But of course not!" said the Lady; and her smile made me wonder how both the phantoms could refrain from crying out with joy.



"What needs could I have," she said, "now that I have all? I am full now, not empty. I am in Love Himself, not lonely. Strong, not weak. You shall be the same. Come and see. We shall have no need for one another now: we can begin to love truly."

But the Tragedian was still striking attitudes.

"She needs me no more-no more. No more." he said in a choking voice to no one in particular. "Would to God," he continued, but he was now pronouncing it Gud -"Would to God I had seen her lying dead at my feet before I heard those words. Lying dead at my feet. Lying dead at my feet."

C. S. Lewis – The Great Divorce, chapter 12

The Division Jesus Brings...

The “Righteous” against
the “Unrighteous”



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"Set Aside Your Differences"





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