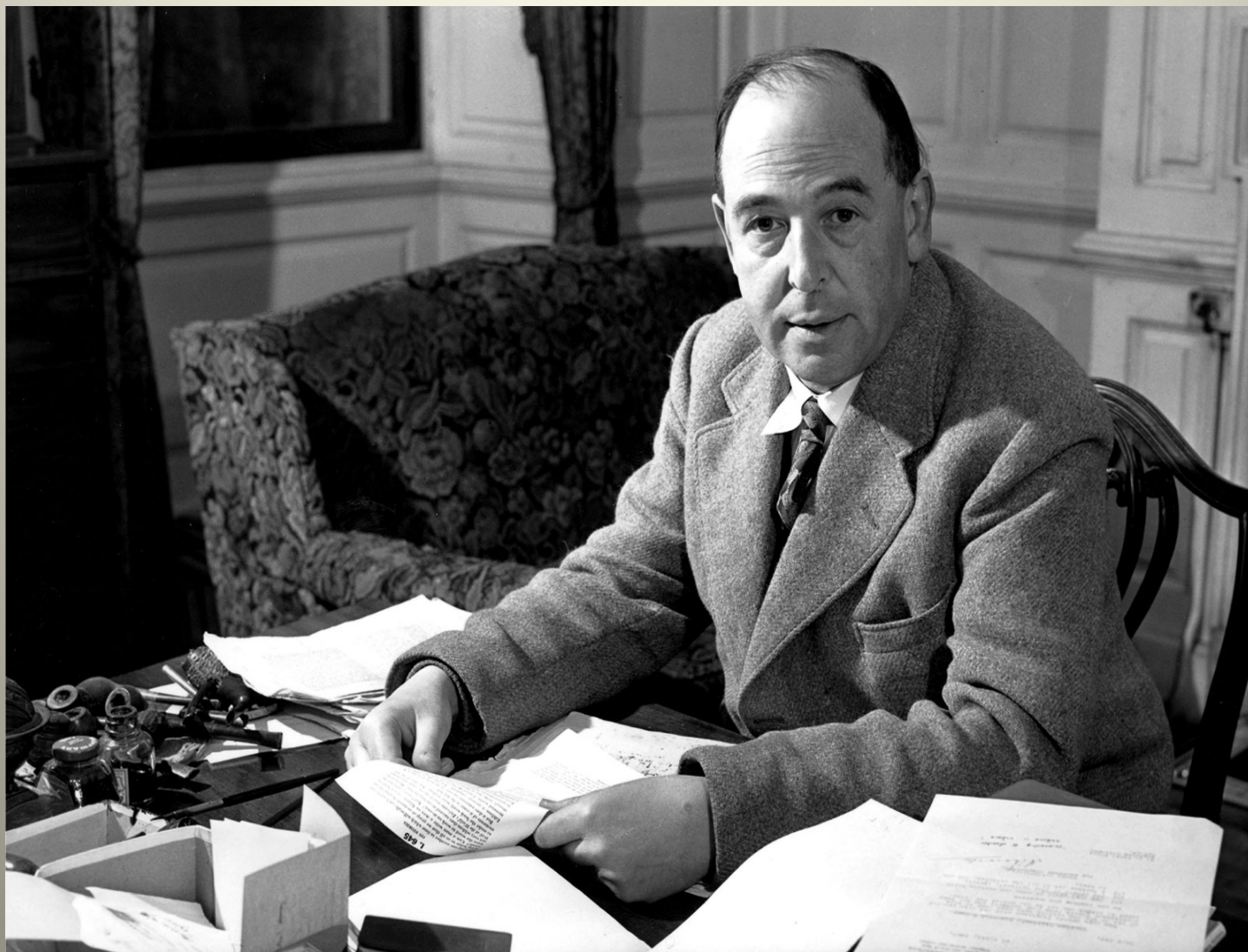


The Varieties of Forgiveness

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Everyone thinks forgiveness is a lovely idea, until they have something to forgive.



Forgive us our trespasses *as* we
forgive those who trespass against
us.

If another disciple sins, you must rebuke the offender, *and if there is repentance*, you must forgive.

Bear with one another and , if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you so you also must forgive.

A large, dark wooden cross stands prominently on the left side of the image. The background is a dramatic sky with deep reds, oranges, and yellows, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. Several bright rays of light emanate from behind the cross, creating a halo effect. The overall mood is solemn and powerful.

The Cross of Christ

"Father, forgive them..."

Luke 23:34











JUST FORGIVENESS

- Interactive
- Post-Repentance
- Reasonable
- Purposeful
- Rational

PURE FORGIVENESS

- Unilateral
- Unprompted
- Radical
- Not serving an end
- Mad

Self-Forgiveness

- What I did was wrong
- I have caused suffering and pain
- I have been disrespectful of others
- I regret what I have done
- I seek put things right
- I resolve not do it again
- I will not punish myself interminably for what I did wrong

Concluding Points

- There is no one form of forgiveness.
- Everyday forgiveness and post-traumatic forgiveness need to be considered differently.
- Self-forgiveness can legitimately be regarded as a form of forgiveness.
- Forgiveness is something that emerges where justice and mercy co-exist as values.
- Forgiveness serves the hope of a peaceful future.