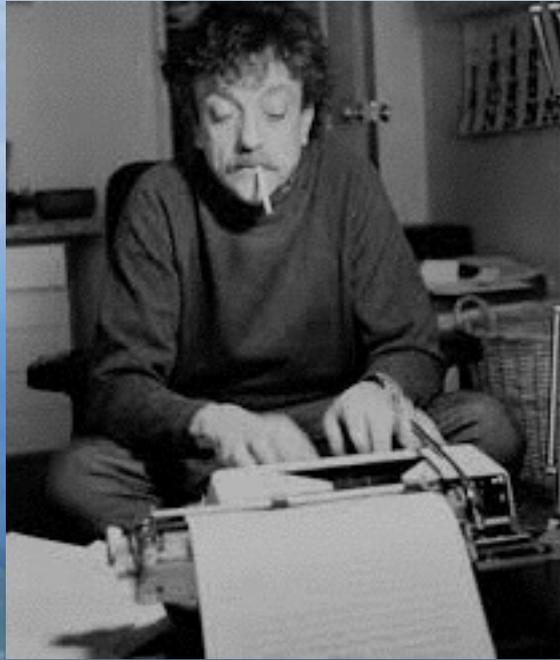




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The first word is the most important

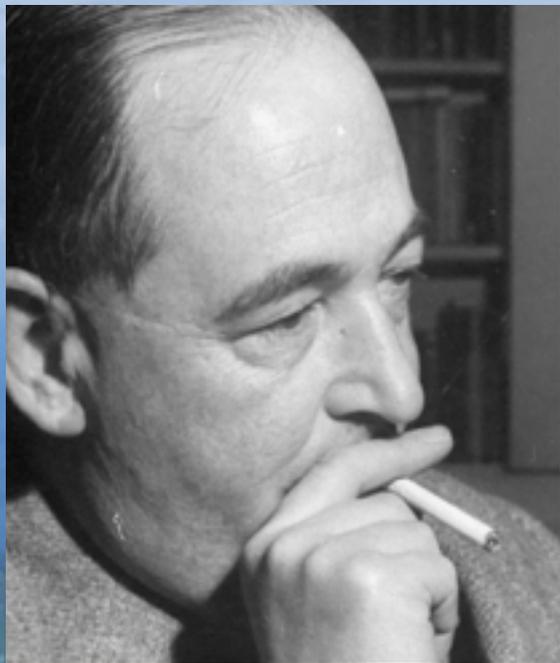


Kurt Vonnegut

If Christ hadn't delivered the Sermon on the Mount, with its message of mercy and pity, I wouldn't want to be a human being. I would just as soon be a rattlesnake.



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C.S. Lewis

If you look for truth, you may find comfort in the end: if you look for comfort you will not get either comfort or truth -- only soft soap and wishful thinking to begin with and, in the end, despair.



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Clarice Lispector

Who has not asked himself at some time or other: am I a monster or is this what it means to be a person?



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Mother Teresa

God cannot fill what is full. He can fill only emptiness – deep poverty – and your “yes” [to Jesus] is the beginning of being or becoming empty.



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kintsukuroi

(n.) (v. phr.) "to repair with gold"; the art of repairing pottery with gold or silver lacquer and understanding that the piece is more beautiful for having been broken



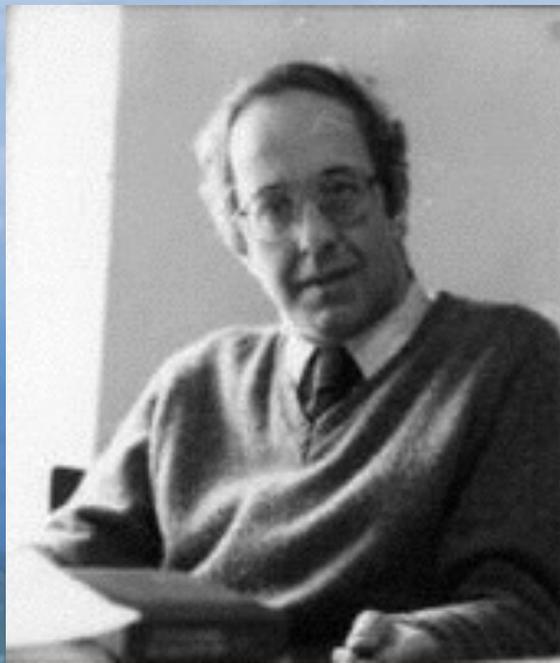
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“The Sound of Music”

*Nothing comes from nothing
Nothing ever could
So somewhere in my youth or
childhood
I must have done something
good*





Henri Nouwen

The question is not “How am I to find God?” but “How am I to let myself be found by him?”
The question is not “How am I to know God?” but “How am I to let myself be known by God?”
And, finally, the question is not “How am I to love God?” but “How am I to let myself be loved by God?”