

READING AT THE WADE
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IMPORTANT INFLUENCES ON LEWIS'S THOUGHT

TIME AND PLACE: Saturdays, 10 - 11 a.m., meeting room, The Marion E. Wade Center, corner of Washington and Lincoln, Wheaton, IL.

DESCRIPTION: For this session we will begin a consideration of the work of George MacDonald and Charles Williams, two authors who had an extremely large influence upon C. S. Lewis's thought. Lewis hailed MacDonald as his master, affirming that he "had never written a book in which [he] did not quote from him," and he held his friendship with Williams in highest esteem. Such a work as *That Hideous Strength* readily shows the immense influence on Lewis of many of Williams's ideas.

In these sessions, participants will be introduced to the distinctive theological emphases of both MacDonald and Williams and consider two impressive examples of their imaginative embodiment, "The Golden Key" and *The Place of the Lion*.

TEXTS: Rolland Hein, ed., *The Heart of George MacDonald*. Regent
Charles Williams, *The Place of the Lion*. Regent

READINGS:

Sept. 23: Introduction

30: *The Heart of GMD*: Letters, pp. 2 - 17.

Oct. 7: *The Heart of GMD*, "The Creation in Christ," pp. 311 - 317; "A Sunday with Falconer," 231 - 235.

14: *The Heart of GMD*, "The Knowing of the Son" and "The Child in the Midst," pp. 318 - 328; "The Curate and the Doctor," pp. 241 - 246.

21: *The Heart of GMD*, "Light" and "The Consuming Fire," pp. 329 - 344; "Down the Hill," pp. 247 - 252.

28: *The Heart of GMD*, "The Golden Key," pp. 189 - 213.

Nov. 4: Introduction to the thought of Charles Williams. Begin reading *The Place of the Lion*.

11: *The Place of the Lion*, Chapters 1 - 4.

18: *The Place of the Lion*, Chapters 5 - 8.

25: THANKSGIVING BREAK

Dec. 2: *The Place of the Lion*, Chapters 9 - 11.

9: *The Place of the Lion*, Chapters 12 - 13.

16: *The Place of the Lion*, Chapters 14 - end.