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### CONVERSION TIME CLIMB GAME

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Print of the answer sheet for the team leader and one copy of the game pieces for each story.

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#### **INFLUENTIAL SPEAKER**

DURING WORLD WAR II, LEWIS WAS INVITED TO DELIVER DOZENS OF TALKS OVER THE BBC IN HIS DEEP, REASSURING VOICE. SOME OF THESE LATER MADE UP THE VOLUME "MERE CHRISTIANITY," THE MOST POPULAR OF LEWIS' NONFICTION WORKS, AND LIKELY THE MOST POPULAR SUMMARY OF CHRISTIAN FAITH IN PRINT TODAY, WITH SALES IN THE MULTIPLE MILLIONS.

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#### **JOY**

IN 1956, C.S. LEWIS WAS MARRIED TO JOY. 6 MONTHS LATER SHE WAS DIAGNOSED WITH CANCER. SHE DIED 4 YEARS LATER. LEWIS BROKE THROUGH GRIEF TO A TRANQUIL FAITH, AND REACHED NEW DEPTHS OF SPIRITUAL INSIGHT AND BELIEF IN THE GOODNESS OF GOD.

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#### **REST**

C. S. LEWIS DIED ON NOVEMBER 22, 1963 IN OXFORD ENGLAND WHEN HE WAS 64 YEARS OLD.



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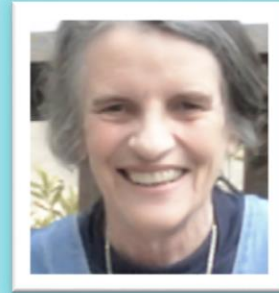
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## TEAM 2 : DR RONDA CHERYIN



### **DID NOT REALLY FIT IN**

1 THINKING BACK, I IMAGINE THAT MY TWIN-SISTER AND I WERE AMONG THE MOST ALIENATED LITTLE CHILDREN IN NEW YORK CITY. I HAVE NEVER MET ANYONE WITH OUR PECULIAR BACKGROUND. WE WERE BORN IN 1937, TO UNMARRIED PARENTS WHO MET IN THE COMMUNIST PARTY, BUT HAD LEFT IT SHORTLY BEFORE OUR BIRTH TO BECOME INFORMERS FOR THE FBI. APPARENTLY ENRAGED COMMUNISTS THREATENED TO BOMB OUR CRADLE. BOTH FATHER AND MOTHER, THOUGH MILITANT ATHEISTS, HAD JEWISH BACKGROUNDS, BUT NEITHER HAD BEEN BROUGHT UP AS JEWS. WE DIDN'T FIT IN WITH ANYONE AROUND US: NOT WITH CATHOLICS, NOT WITH THE PROTESTANTS, CERTAINLY NOT WITH ORTHODOX RELIGIOUS JEWS.

### **GRANDMA'S BIBLE**

2 MY GRANDFATHER WAS AN ATHEIST. MY GRANDMOTHER WAS A BLOND, FRAGILE, PENNSYLVANIA DUTCH WOMAN WHO MET MY HANDSOME GRANDFATHER IN THE DENTAL CHAIR. A DEEPLY BELIEVING CHRISTIAN, SHE MOVED UP THE LADDER ECONOMICALLY AND DOCTRINALLY FROM QUAKER TO PRESBYTERIAN TO EPISCOPAL. SHE NEVER MISSED A SUNDAY AT CHURCH, PRAYED CONSTANTLY FOR HER ATHEISTIC HUSBAND, SON, AND GRANDCHILDREN, AND READ THE BIBLE NIGHT AND DAY. SHE WAS FORBIDDEN ON PAIN OF NEVER SEEING US AGAIN TO MENTION GOD OR RELIGION TO US. AFTER HER DEATH I INHERITED A COPY OF HER BIBLE PRINTED BACK IN 1876 WITH INKED MESSAGES THROUGHOUT SUCH AS "SOMEDAY I PRAY THAT MY GRANDDAUGHTERS WILL READ THIS PASSAGE."

### **JESUS LOVES ME SONG**

3 MY GRANDMOTHER INSISTED MY DAD BE BAPTIZED AND ATTEND CHURCH. AROUND CONFIRMATION TIME, MY FATHER RALPH, ALWAYS BRAVE, STOOD UP IN THE CONGREGATION AND ANNOUNCED THAT HE WAS AN ATHEIST AND WALKED OUT OF THE CHURCH. GROWING UP MY PARENTS HAD NOTHING BUT SCORN AND RIDICULE FOR MY CHRISTIAN GRANDMOTHER. HOWEVER, WHEN WE WERE 8 YEARS OLD, OUR PARENTS SEPARATED FOR GOOD. DURING THIS PAINFUL PROCESS WE WERE SENT FOR A FEW WEEKS TO OUR GRANDMOTHER'S SUMMER COTTAGE. I FELT MISERABLE BEING DUMPED IN THE HOUSE OF THIS GRANDMOTHER WHO LOVED US TENDERLY BUT WHOM I THOUGHT WAS NOT SMART FOR BEING A CHRISTIAN. SEEING HER OPPORTUNITY TO INTRODUCE US TO JESUS, GRANDMA INSISTED ON PAIN OF MISSING DESSERT, THAT WE SING THE FAMOUS LULLABY "JESUS LOVES ME, THIS I KNOW, FOR THE BIBLE TELLS ME SO, JESUS, LOVES ME THIS I KNOW, YES, JESUS LOVES ME." EVEN THOUGH, IN LOYALTY TO OUR PARENTS, WE ACTED AS IF WE SANG THAT HYMN ONLY UNDER DURESS, I NEVER FORGOT THE WORDS.





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### O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

WHEN I WAS 11 YEARS OLD, IN PUBLIC SCHOOL WE HAD SHOW AND TELL ONCE A WEEK AND THIS WAS AROUND CHRISTMAS SO ONE BOY CAME IN WEARING A LONG BLACK ROBE WITH A WHITE LINEN BLOUSE LIKE THING ON TOP OF IT. HE STOOD ABSOLUTELY STILL, HANDS TOGETHER IN PRAYER, AND STARTED SINGING O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL. IT WAS THE FIRST TIME I HAD EVER HEARD SACRED MUSIC. I LISTENED IN STUNNED, BEWILDERED, BUT JOYFUL, SILENCE. AT THE TIME I DIDN'T REALIZE THAT THIS LAD MUST HAVE BEEN AN ALTAR BOY AT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH. MY KNOWLEDGE OF CATHOLICS WAS LIMITED, NEGATIVE, THERE WERE ONLY ABOUT 2 CATHOLICS AT MY PUBLIC SCHOOL BECAUSE MOST CATHOLICS CHILDREN IN THOSE DAYS WENT TO THE CATHOLIC SCHOOL. IN THOSE DAYS ALL CATHOLIC GIRLS WORE CRUCIFIXES AROUND THEIR NECKS AND THE BOYS WORE SCAPULARS AND SOMETIMES ALSO HAD ROSARIES DANGLING OUT OF THEIR POCKETS.

### CHRISTMAS IN JULY

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BEING POOR AFTER THE SEPARATION OF OUR PARENTS, WE WENT TO THE YMCA CAMP. ALTHOUGH THE YMCA WAS ONLY NOMINALLY CHRISTIAN, THERE WAS A TRADITION OF HAVING A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE JULY SESSION OF THE CAMP! A NATIVITY WAS ASSEMBLED AND THE CHRISTIAN COUNSELORS TAUGHT ALL OF THE CAMPERS HOW TO SING CAROLS. BUT MY SISTER AND I WERE ATHEISTS, SO OUR MOTHER DIDN'T MIND IF WE LEARNED CAROLS. HEARING SILENT NIGHT AND COME HOLY NIGHT SUNG NOT ON THE RADIO BUT LIVE BY BELOVED COUNSELORS, I WAS ENCHANTED. SUCH BEAUTY.

### BOYFRIEND'S BOOKS

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I WENT TO THE UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER, MAINLY BECAUSE I WANT TO HAVE THE OUT OF TOWN LIVING EXPERIENCE I HAVE READ ABOUT IN BOOKS. I HAD A BOYFRIEND WHO WAS A FOREIGN STUDENT, HE WAS A GERMAN WHO HAD BEEN IN THE NAZI YOUTH AS A TEEN, BUT WHO HAD BEEN SAVED BY A CATHOLIC PRIEST FROM REMAINING IN THAT TERRIBLE MOVEMENT. MANY OF HIS FRIENDS BECAME CATHOLIC BECAUSE OF THE MINISTRY OF THE PRIEST. HE DID NOT, BUT HE BELIEVED THAT CATHOLICISM WAS THE ONLY SALVATION! HE HOPED TO BECOME A CATHOLIC SOMEDAY. HE GAVE ME SOME GOOD BOOKS TO READ. I STARTED WANTING TO MEET CATHOLICS EVEN AFTER I BROKE UP WITH HIM. MAJORING IN PHILOSOPHY HAD BEEN MY WAY OF SEARCHING FOR TRUTH.

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### WRITING TO TV STARS

IN THIS FRAME OF MIND, THANKSGIVING VACATION IN NYC, 1958, MY MOTHER, WHO NEVER WATCHED TV DURING THE DAY AND NEVER SURFED CHANNELS, TURNED ON A PROGRAM CALLED THE CATHOLIC HOUR. THE GUESTS WERE DIETRICH VON HILDEBRAND AND ALICE JOURDAIN, SOON TO BE MARRIED. THEY WERE TALKING ABOUT TRUTH AND LOVE. I WROTE A LETTER TO THEM TELLING THEM OF MY SEARCH FOR TRUTH. IT TURNED OUT THEY BOTH LIVE ON THE WEST SIDE OF NYC. ALICE INVITED ME FOR A VISIT. SHE SUGGESTED I SIT IN ON CLASSES OF DIETRICH VON HILDEBRAND AT FORDHAM UNIVERSITY. I SAT IN ON A FEW CLASSES. WHAT IMPRESSED ME MOST WAS THEIR PERSONAL JOY. DRAWN TO THIS JOY, AS WELL AS THE LOVING FRIENDLINESS WITH WHICH EVERYONE IN THIS CIRCLE OF CATHOLICS MOVED OUT TO GREET A NEWCOMER, I QUICKLY SWITCHED TO FORDHAM TO CONTINUE MY STUDIES. I WAS IMPRESSED THESE PEOPLE COULD BELIEVE IN THE EXISTENCE OF GOD, THE DIVINITY OF CHRIST, AND THE NEED FOR CHURCH-GOING.



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### AMAZING CATHOLIC ART & MASS

8 UNEXPECTEDLY A PROFESSOR SUGGESTED I GO ON A CATHOLIC ART TOUR WITH THEM. MY MONEY PROBLEMS COULD BE SOLVED BY A SCHOLARSHIP. LATER I REALIZED THIS MONEY WAS PROBABLY DONATED BY ONE OF THE CIRCLE OF CATHOLICS. MY ONLY REASON FOR GOING ON THE TOUR WAS TO CLING TO MY DEAR NEW FRIENDS. THE FIRST MIRACLE CAME WHEN I SAW CHARTRES CATHEDRAL IN FRANCE. I LOOKED AT THE AMAZING SHAPE OF THAT CHURCH WITH THE BEAUTIFUL STAINED GLASS WINDOWS AND I STARTED TO CRY. THE PILGRIMS ON THE CATHOLIC ART TOUR ALL WENT TO DAILY MASS. I STARTED GOING ALSO OUT OF CURIOSITY. SEEING MY NOBLE WISE PROFESSOR ON HIS KNEES ASTOUNDED ME. FINDING OUT THAT I HAD NEVER READ THE NEW TESTAMENT, AND SEIZING THE MOMENT OF GRACE, TEACHER SEARCHED THROUGH BOOKSTORES IN SOUTHERN FRANCE UNTIL HE FOUND A BIBLE IN ENGLISH FOR ME. I GOT THE IMPULSE TO KNEEL ON THE FLOOR OF THE HOTEL AND SAY A SKEPTIC'S PRAYER I THOUGHT MY PROFESSOR HAD TOLD ME AS A JOKE: "GOD, IF THERE IS A GOD, SAVE MY SOUL, IF I HAVE A SOUL."

### MARY AND THE POPE STEP INTO THE PICTURE

9 THE NEXT DAY WE HIT LOURDES. I WAS TOUCHED TO THE CORE BY THE IMMACULATE MARY HYMN OF THE PILGRIMS SUNG IN CANDLELIGHT PROCESSION IN MANY LANGUAGES. IN A MUSEUM IN FLORENCE I SAW DA VINCI'S UNFINISHED NATIVITY WORK OF ART. I LOOKED AT THE VIRGIN MARY, SO SIMPLE, PURE, AND SWEET AND I WEPT. SHE HAD SOMETHING I NEVER HAD. FOR THE FIRST TIME I THOUGHT OF MYSELF AS A SINNER. I FELT IMPELLED TO TELL MY MENTORS ALL THE WRONG I HAD DONE IN MY LIFE, AND THOUGHT FOR SURE THEY WOULD BANISH ME, BUT THEY DID NOT. THE TOUR INCLUDED VIEWING POPE PIUS XII AT ST. PETER'S. AT THE END OF THE CEREMONY THE POPE WAS BLESSING THE DISABLED AND SICK. POPE PIUS XII HAD EXACTLY THE SAME EXPRESSION IN HIS EYES, AS THE FACE OF JESUS IN THE ART WE HAD SEEN.

### C.S. LEWIS BOOKS

10 STUNNED BY THESE SUPERNATURAL HAPPENINGS, BUT TOO MUCH A THINKER TO PROCEED ON THAT BASIS ONLY, I STUDIED BOOKS LIKE C. S. LEWIS' MERE CHRISTIANITY. HIS BOOK WAS AN INTELLECTUAL TURNING POINT FOR ME. JANUARY 4, 1959, AT 21, I WAS BAPTIZED. THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A MOMENT IN MY LIFE WHEN I HAVE REGRETTED BEING A CATHOLIC. LATER MY TWIN-SISTER, MOTHER, AND HUSBAND BECAME CATHOLICS, MAKING US INTO A HEBREW-CATHOLIC FAMILY.



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TEAM 3 :

DR BERNARD NATHANSON



#### ARE YOU SURE RABBI?

1 BERNARD NATHANSON WAS BORN IN NEW YORK CITY ON JULY 31, 1926. HIS FATHER WAS A HIGHLY ACCOMPLISHED DOCTOR WHO TAUGHT IN VARIOUS PRESTIGIOUS MEDICAL SCHOOLS. NATHANSON GREW UP WITH HIS YOUNGER SISTER IN A SECULAR JEWISH HOME. AS HE EXPLAINED IN HIS AUTOBIOGRAPHY, HIS FATHER SENT HIM TO HEBREW SCHOOL YET WOULD QUESTION AND UNDERMINE THE TEACHINGS OF THE RABBIS. HE DESCRIBED HIS FATHER AS AN EXCELLENT AND ETHICAL PHYSICIAN WHO WAS LESS THAN EXEMPLARY IN HIS PERSONAL LIFE.

#### FIRST ABORTION EXPERIENCE

2 NATHANSON FOLLOWED IN HIS FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS, ATTENDING MCGILL UNIVERSITY MEDICAL COLLEGE IN MONTREAL, WHERE HE HAD HIS FIRST EXPERIENCE WITH ABORTION. HIS GIRLFRIEND WAS PREGNANT AND HE PAID FOR HER TO GET AN ABORTION, AT A TIME WHEN THE PROCEDURE WAS ILLEGAL. "IT SERVED AS MY INTRODUCTORY EXCURSION INTO THE SATANIC WORLD OF ABORTION," HE LATER WROTE.

#### HIS FIRST ABORTION

3 HE DID HIS RESIDENCY IN CHICAGO AND NEW YORK. IN 1953 HE ENLISTED IN THE U.S. AIR FORCE AND SERVED FOR A FEW YEARS AS A DOCTOR. AFTER HIS MILITARY STINT, HE SETTLED IN NEW YORK AND BEGAN BUILDING A THRIVING MEDICAL PRACTICE. WHILE WORKING WITH POOR PATIENTS, HE SAW THE EFFECTS OF ILLEGAL ABORTIONS ON THE WOMEN. HE WROTE, "ILLEGAL ABORTION WAS IN 1967 THE NUMBER ONE KILLER OF PREGNANT WOMEN." IN NEW YORK, HIS GIRLFRIEND GOT PREGNANT AND HE PERFORMED AN ABORTION ON HIS OWN CHILD. ABOUT ABORTING HIS OWN CHILD, HE WROTE IN HIS BOOK: "I SWEAR TO YOU THAT I HAD NO FEELINGS."

#### TAKE IT TO COURT

4 NATHANSON BECAME HEAVILY INVOLVED IN ABORTION IN 1968. IN LOOKING FOR AN EASY TARGET TO ATTACK FOR MEDIA ATTENTION, NATHANSON SAID, THEY CHOSE THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, WHOSE OPPOSITION TO ABORTION THEY BLAMED FOR EVERY BOTCHED ILLEGAL ABORTION THEY BROUGHT BEFORE THE MEDIA. BOLSTERED BY A COALITION OF ABORTION DOCTORS AND THE FEMINIST MOVEMENT, NEW YORK'S LAWMAKERS PASSED A BILL TO OVERTURN THE STATE'S CENTURY-OLD ABORTION RESTRICTIONS, WHICH WAS SIGNED INTO LAW IN 1970.

#### YEARS AS A FATHER

5 SOON NATHANSON WAS THE DIRECTOR IN MANHATTAN, OF THE "LARGEST ABORTION CLINIC IN THE WESTERN WORLD," HE WROTE, "I HAD A YOUNG SON AND A WIFE, BUT I WAS HARDLY EVER AT HOME. I BITTERLY REGRET THOSE YEARS, IF FOR NO OTHER REASON THAN THAT I FAILED TO SEE MY SON GROW UP." FOR MORE MONEY, HE DECIDED TO LEAVE THE ABORTION FACILITY AT THE END OF 1972 AND TOOK THE POSITION AS CHIEF OF OBSTETRICS AT ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL, WHERE HE KEPT DOING ABORTIONS.





### DR BERNARD NATHANSON



#### BIG CHANGE WITH TECHNOLOGY

6 IN HIS BOOK, HE TOLD THE STORY OF HIS JOURNEY FROM PRO-ABORTION TO PRO-LIFE, SAYING THAT VIEWING IMAGES FROM THE NEW ULTRASOUND TECHNOLOGY IN THE 1970S CONVINCED HIM OF THE HUMANITY OF THE UNBORN BABY. ULTRASOUND TECHNOLOGY EVENTUALLY CONVINCED HIM THAT A TRUE HUMAN BEING IS KILLED IN ABORTION. HE KNEW THIS WAS NOT "POTENTIAL LIFE," AS THE SUPREME COURT RULED IN ROE V. WADE.

#### VIDEOS ABOUT TRUTH

7 AFTER PERFORMING HIS LAST ABORTION IN 1979 AND DECLARING HIMSELF TO BE PRO-LIFE, NATHANSON PRODUCED THE 1985 FILM THE SILENT SCREAM, WHICH SHOWS SONOGRAM IMAGES OF A CHILD IN THE WOMB SHRINKING FROM AN ABORTIONIST'S INSTRUMENTS, AND THE DOCUMENTARY FILM ECLIPSE OF REASON, WHICH EXPLAINS VARIOUS ABORTION PROCEDURES IN DETAIL. BOTH FILMS EARNED HIM THE SCORN OF HIS FORMER PRO-ABORTION FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES. HE ALSO PUBLISHED A NUMBER OF INFLUENTIAL BOOKS, INCLUDING ABORTING AMERICA, IN WHICH HE EXPOSED THE DECEPTIVE AND DISHONEST BEGINNINGS OF THE PRO-ABORTION MOVEMENT AND UNDERMINED THE ARGUMENT THAT ABORTION IS SAFE FOR WOMEN.

#### MONSTER UNLEASHED

8 OUTLINING THE ENORMOUS CHALLENGE OF RESTORING A PRO-LIFE ETHIC, HE WROTE, "ABORTION IS NOW A MONSTER SO UNIMAGINABLY GARGANTUAN THAT EVEN TO THINK OF STUFFING IT BACK INTO ITS CAGE ... IS LUDICROUS BEYOND WORDS. YET THAT IS OUR CHARGE." HE NOTED, REGRETFULLY, "I AM ONE OF THOSE WHO HELPED USHER IN THIS BARBARIC AGE." HIS PRO-LIFE WITNESS COULD NOT EASILY BE DISMISSED AS ONE-SIDED PROPAGANDA SINCE NATHANSON HAD ENJOYED SUCH A HIGH STANDING AMONG ABORTION SUPPORTERS AND AS OPERATOR OF WHAT HE CALLED THE NATION'S BUSIEST ABORTION BUSINESS. OVERALL, NATHANSON ESTIMATED, HE PRESIDED OVER 60,000 ABORTIONS.

#### OPERATION RESCUE

9 FOR MORE THAN A DECADE AFTER HE BECAME PRO-LIFE, NATHANSON DESCRIBED HIMSELF AS A JEWISH ATHEIST. BUT FATHER C. JOHN MCCLOSKEY INSTRUCTED NATHANSON IN THE FAITH OVER A NUMBER OF YEARS. ONE DAY IN 1994 HE ANNOUNCED THAT HE WANTED TO BECOME A CATHOLIC. IN 1996 HE WAS BAPTIZED A CATHOLIC BY CARDINAL JOHN O'CONNOR IN NEW YORK'S ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL. NATHANSON LATER SAID THAT HE WAS DRAWN CLOSER TO GOD WHILE VIEWING A MASSIVE OPERATION RESCUE EVENT, WHEN HUNDREDS SAT DOWN IN FRONT OF A NEW YORK PLANNED PARENTHOOD BUILDING, BLOCKING TRAFFIC. THE SIGHT OF SO MANY PRO-LIFERS SELFLESSLY SACRIFICING THEIR SELVES AND RISKING ARREST MADE HIM REALIZE THAT THEY MUST BE ANSWERING A HIGHER CALL,

#### MARRIED

10 NATHANSON WAS MARRIED AND DIVORCED THREE TIMES BEFORE BEING MARRIED IN THE CHURCH BY FATHER MCCLOSKEY SOON AFTER BECOMING A CATHOLIC. NATHANSON DIED AT HIS HOME IN NEW YORK FEB. 21, 2011 AFTER A PROLONGED BATTLE WITH CANCER. HE WAS 84.



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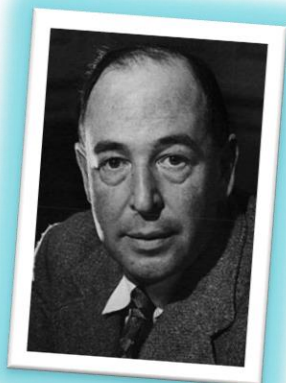
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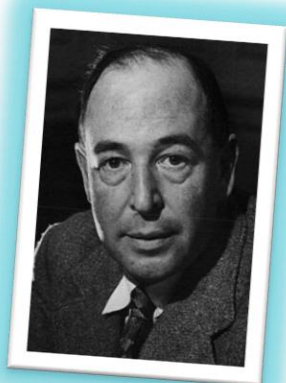
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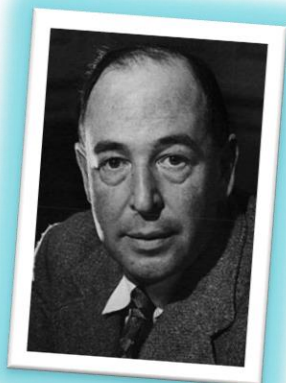
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## NARNIA

IN 1950, LEWIS BEGAN THE NARNIA SERIES WITH "THE LION, THE WITCH, AND THE WARDROBE." YEARS WOULD PASS BEFORE LEWIS WOULD COMPLETE THE ENDURING CLASSIC OF CHILDREN'S LITERATURE KNOWN AS THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA. C.S LEWIS' WROTE MANY BOOKS, WHICH WERE OFTEN PROFOUND, WORK. HE EVEN MADE THE COVER OF TIME MAGAZINE ON SEPTEMBER 8, 1947.

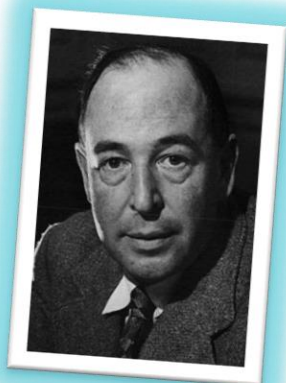




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C.S. LEWIS



### INFLUENTIAL SPEAKER

DURING WORLD WAR II, LEWIS WAS INVITED TO DELIVER DOZENS OF TALKS OVER THE BBC IN HIS DEEP, REASSURING VOICE. SOME OF THESE LATER MADE UP THE VOLUME "MERE CHRISTIANITY," THE MOST POPULAR OF LEWIS' NONFICTION WORKS, AND LIKELY THE MOST POPULAR SUMMARY OF CHRISTIAN FAITH IN PRINT TODAY, WITH SALES IN THE MULTIPLE MILLIONS.



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### JOY

IN 1956, CS LEWIS WAS MARRIED TO JOY. 6 MONTHS LATER SHE WAS DIAGNOSED WITH CANCER. SHE DIED 4 YEARS LATER. LEWIS BROKE THROUGH GRIEF TO A TRANQUIL FAITH, AND REACHED NEW DEPTHS OF SPIRITUAL INSIGHT AND BELIEF IN THE GOODNESS OF GOD.



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## REST

C. S. LEWIS DIED ON  
NOVEMBER 22, 1963 IN  
OXFORD ENGLAND WHEN  
HE WAS 64 YEARS OLD.





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### DID NOT REALLY FIT IN

THINKING BACK, I IMAGINE THAT MY TWIN-SISTER AND I WERE AMONG THE MOST ALIENATED LITTLE CHILDREN IN NEW YORK CITY. I HAVE NEVER MET ANYONE WITH OUR PECULIAR BACKGROUND. WE WERE BORN IN 1937, TO UNMARRIED PARENTS WHO MET IN THE COMMUNIST PARTY, BUT HAD LEFT IT SHORTLY BEFORE OUR BIRTH TO BECOME INFORMERS FOR THE FBI. APPARENTLY ENRAGED COMMUNISTS THREATENED TO BOMB OUR CRADLE. BOTH FATHER AND MOTHER, THOUGH MILITANT ATHEISTS, HAD JEWISH BACKGROUNDS, BUT NEITHER HAD BEEN BROUGHT UP AS JEWS. WE DIDN'T FIT IN WITH ANYONE AROUND US: NOT WITH CATHOLICS, NOT WITH THE PROTESTANTS, CERTAINLY NOT WITH ORTHODOX RELIGIOUS JEWS.



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### GRANDMA'S BIBLE

MY GRANDFATHER WAS AN ATHEIST. MY GRANDMOTHER WAS A BLOND, FRAGILE, PENNSYLVANIA DUTCH WOMAN WHO MET MY HANDSOME GRANDFATHER IN THE DENTAL CHAIR. A DEEPLY BELIEVING CHRISTIAN, SHE MOVED UP THE LADDER ECONOMICALLY AND DOCTRINALLY FROM QUAKER TO PRESBYTERIAN TO EPISCOPAL. SHE NEVER MISSED A SUNDAY AT CHURCH, PRAYED CONSTANTLY FOR HER ATHEISTIC HUSBAND, SON, AND GRANDCHILDREN, AND READ THE BIBLE NIGHT AND DAY. SHE WAS FORBIDDEN ON PAIN OF NEVER SEEING US AGAIN TO MENTION GOD OR RELIGION TO US. AFTER HER DEATH I INHERITED A COPY OF HER BIBLE PRINTED BACK IN 1876 WITH INKED MESSAGES THROUGHOUT SUCH AS "SOMEDAY I PRAY THAT MY GRANDDAUGHTERS WILL READ THIS PASSAGE."



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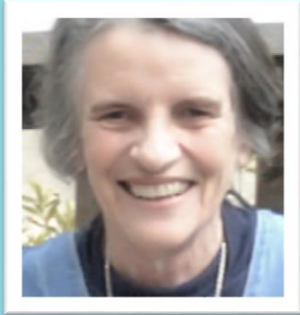
### JESUS LOVES ME SONG

MY GRANDMOTHER INSISTED MY DAD BE BAPTIZED AND ATTEND CHURCH. AROUND CONFIRMATION TIME, MY FATHER RALPH, ALWAYS BRAVE, STOOD UP IN THE CONGREGATION AND ANNOUNCED THAT HE WAS AN ATHEIST AND WALKED OUT OF THE CHURCH. GROWING UP MY PARENTS HAD NOTHING BUT SCORN AND RIDICULE FOR MY CHRISTIAN GRANDMOTHER. HOWEVER, WHEN WE WERE 8 YEARS OLD, OUR PARENTS SEPARATED FOR GOOD. DURING THIS PAINFUL PROCESS WE WERE SENT FOR A FEW WEEKS TO OUR GRANDMOTHER'S SUMMER COTTAGE. I FELT MISERABLE BEING DUMPED IN THE HOUSE OF THIS GRANDMOTHER WHO LOVED US TENDERLY BUT WHOM I THOUGHT WAS NOT SMART FOR BEING A CHRISTIAN. SEEING HER OPPORTUNITY TO INTRODUCE US TO JESUS, GRANDMA INSISTED ON PAIN OF MISSING DESSERT, THAT WE SING THE FAMOUS LULLABY "JESUS LOVES ME, THIS I KNOW, FOR THE BIBLE TELLS ME SO, JESUS, LOVES ME THIS I KNOW, YES, JESUS LOVES ME." EVEN THOUGH, IN LOYALTY TO OUR PARENTS, WE ACTED AS IF WE SANG THAT HYMN ONLY UNDER DURESS, I NEVER FORGOT THE WORDS.





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### O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

WHEN I WAS 11 YEARS OLD, IN PUBLIC SCHOOL WE HAD SHOW AND TELL ONCE A WEEK AND THIS WAS AROUND CHRISTMAS SO ONE BOY CAME IN WEARING A LONG BLACK ROBE WITH A WHITE LINEN BLOUSE LIKE THING ON TOP OF IT. HE STOOD ABSOLUTELY STILL, HANDS TOGETHER IN PRAYER, AND STARTED SINGING O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL. IT WAS THE FIRST TIME I HAD EVER HEARD SACRED MUSIC. I LISTENED IN STUNNED, BEWILDERED, BUT JOYFUL, SILENCE. AT THE TIME I DIDN'T REALIZE THAT THIS LAD MUST HAVE BEEN AN ALTAR BOY AT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH. MY KNOWLEDGE OF CATHOLICS WAS LIMITED, NEGATIVE, THERE WERE ONLY ABOUT 2 CATHOLICS AT MY PUBLIC SCHOOL BECAUSE MOST CATHOLICS CHILDREN IN THOSE DAYS WENT TO THE CATHOLIC SCHOOL. IN THOSE DAYS ALL CATHOLIC GIRLS WORE CRUCIFIXES AROUND THEIR NECKS AND THE BOYS WORE SCAPULARS AND SOMETIMES ALSO HAD ROSARIES DANGLING OUT OF THEIR POCKETS.



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## CHRISTMAS IN JULY

BEING POOR AFTER THE SEPARATION OF OUR PARENTS, WE WENT TO THE YMCA CAMP. ALTHOUGH THE YMCA WAS ONLY NOMINALLY CHRISTIAN, THERE WAS A TRADITION OF HAVING A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE JULY SESSION OF THE CAMP! A NATIVITY WAS ASSEMBLED AND THE CHRISTIAN COUNSELORS TAUGHT ALL OF THE CAMPERS HOW TO SING CAROLS. BUT MY SISTER AND I WERE ATHEISTS, SO OUR MOTHER DIDN'T MIND IF WE LEARNED CAROLS. HEARING SILENT NIGHT AND COME HOLY NIGHT SUNG NOT ON THE RADIO BUT LIVE BY BELOVED COUNSELORS, I WAS ENCHANTED. SUCH BEAUTY.



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### BOYFRIEND'S BOOKS

I WENT TO THE UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER, MAINLY BECAUSE I WANT TO HAVE THE OUT OF TOWN LIVING EXPERIENCE I HAVE READ ABOUT IN BOOKS. I HAD A BOYFRIEND WHO WAS A FOREIGN STUDENT, HE WAS A GERMAN WHO HAD BEEN IN THE NAZI YOUTH AS A TEEN, BUT WHO HAD BEEN SAVED BY A CATHOLIC PRIEST FROM REMAINING IN THAT TERRIBLE MOVEMENT. MANY OF HIS FRIENDS BECAME CATHOLIC BECAUSE OF THE MINISTRY OF THE PRIEST. HE DID NOT, BUT HE BELIEVED THAT CATHOLICISM WAS THE ONLY SALVATION! HE HOPED TO BECOME A CATHOLIC SOMEDAY. HE GAVE ME SOME GOOD BOOKS TO READ. I STARTED WANTING TO MEET CATHOLICS EVEN AFTER I BROKE UP WITH HIM. MAJORING IN PHILOSOPHY HAD BEEN MY WAY OF SEARCHING FOR TRUTH.

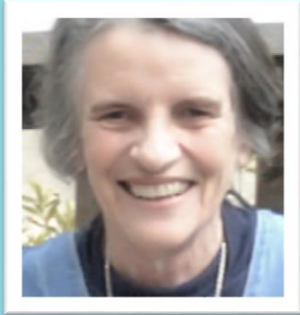




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### WRITING TO TV STARS

IN THIS FRAME OF MIND, THANKSGIVING VACATION IN NYC, 1958, MY MOTHER, WHO NEVER WATCHED TV DURING THE DAY AND NEVER SURFED CHANNELS, TURNED ON A PROGRAM CALLED THE CATHOLIC HOUR. THE GUESTS WERE DIETRICH VON HILDEBRAND AND ALICE JOURDAIN, SOON TO BE MARRIED. THEY WERE TALKING ABOUT TRUTH AND LOVE. I WROTE A LETTER TO THEM TELLING THEM OF MY SEARCH FOR TRUTH. IT TURNED OUT THEY BOTH LIVE ON THE WEST SIDE OF NYC. ALICE INVITED ME FOR A VISIT. SHE SUGGESTED I SIT IN ON CLASSES OF DIETRICH VON HILDEBRAND AT FORDHAM UNIVERSITY. I SAT IN ON A FEW CLASSES. WHAT IMPRESSED ME MOST WAS THEIR PERSONAL JOY. DRAWN TO THIS JOY, AS WELL AS THE LOVING FRIENDLINESS WITH WHICH EVERYONE IN THIS CIRCLE OF CATHOLICS MOVED OUT TO GREET A NEWCOMER, I QUICKLY SWITCHED TO FORDHAM TO CONTINUE MY STUDIES. I WAS IMPRESSED THESE PEOPLE COULD BELIEVE IN THE EXISTENCE OF GOD, THE DIVINITY OF CHRIST, AND THE NEED FOR CHURCH-GOING.



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### AMAZING CATHOLIC ART & MASS

UNEXPECTEDLY A PROFESSOR SUGGESTED I GO ON A CATHOLIC ART TOUR WITH THEM. MY MONEY PROBLEMS COULD BE SOLVED BY A SCHOLARSHIP. LATER I REALIZED THIS MONEY WAS PROBABLY DONATED BY ONE OF THE CIRCLE OF CATHOLICS. MY ONLY REASON FOR GOING ON THE TOUR WAS TO CLING TO MY DEAR NEW FRIENDS. THE FIRST MIRACLE CAME WHEN I SAW CHARTRES CATHEDRAL IN FRANCE. I LOOKED AT THE AMAZING SHAPE OF THAT CHURCH WITH THE BEAUTIFUL STAINED GLASS WINDOWS AND I STARTED TO CRY. THE PILGRIMS ON THE CATHOLIC ART TOUR ALL WENT TO DAILY MASS. I STARTED GOING ALSO OUT OF CURIOSITY. SEEING MY NOBLE WISE PROFESSOR ON HIS KNEES ASTOUNDED ME. FINDING OUT THAT I HAD NEVER READ THE NEW TESTAMENT, AND SEIZING THE MOMENT OF GRACE, TEACHER SEARCHED THROUGH BOOKSTORES IN SOUTHERN FRANCE UNTIL HE FOUND A BIBLE IN ENGLISH FOR ME. I GOT THE IMPULSE TO KNEEL ON THE FLOOR OF THE HOTEL AND SAY A SKEPTIC'S PRAYER I THOUGHT MY PROFESSOR HAD TOLD ME AS A JOKE: "GOD, IF THERE IS A GOD, SAVE MY SOUL, IF I HAVE A SOUL."



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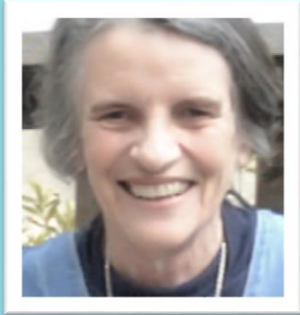
## MARY AND THE POPE STEP INTO THE PICTURE

THE NEXT DAY WE HIT LOURDES. I WAS TOUCHED TO THE CORE BY THE IMMACULATE MARY HYMN OF THE PILGRIMS SUNG IN CANDLELIGHT PROCESSION IN MANY LANGUAGES. IN A MUSEUM IN FLORENCE I SAW DA VINCI'S UNFINISHED NATIVITY WORK OF ART. I LOOKED AT THE VIRGIN MARY, SO SIMPLE, PURE, AND SWEET AND I WEPT. SHE HAD SOMETHING I NEVER HAD. FOR THE FIRST TIME I THOUGHT OF MYSELF AS A SINNER. I FELT IMPELLED TO TELL MY MENTORS ALL THE WRONG I HAD DONE IN MY LIFE, AND THOUGHT FOR SURE THEY WOULD BANISH ME, BUT THEY DID NOT. THE TOUR INCLUDED VIEWING POPE PIUS XII AT ST. PETER'S. AT THE END OF THE CEREMONY THE POPE WAS BLESSING THE DISABLED AND SICK. POPE PIUS XII HAD EXACTLY THE SAME EXPRESSION IN HIS EYES, AS THE FACE OF JESUS IN THE ART WE HAD SEEN.





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## C.S. LEWIS BOOKS

STUNNED BY THESE SUPERNATURAL HAPPENINGS, BUT TOO MUCH A THINKER TO PROCEED ON THAT BASIS ONLY, I STUDIED BOOKS LIKE C. S. LEWIS' MERE CHRISTIANITY. HIS BOOK WAS AN INTELLECTUAL TURNING POINT FOR ME. JANUARY 4, 1959, AT 21, I WAS BAPTIZED. THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A MOMENT IN MY LIFE WHEN I HAVE REGRETTED BEING A CATHOLIC. LATER MY TWIN-SISTER, MOTHER, AND HUSBAND BECAME CATHOLICS, MAKING US INTO A HEBREW-CATHOLIC FAMILY.



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### ARE YOU SURE, RABBI?

BERNARD NATHANSON WAS BORN IN NEW YORK CITY ON JULY 31, 1926. HIS FATHER WAS A HIGHLY ACCOMPLISHED DOCTOR WHO TAUGHT IN VARIOUS PRESTIGIOUS MEDICAL SCHOOLS. NATHANSON GREW UP WITH HIS YOUNGER SISTER IN A SECULAR JEWISH HOME. AS HE EXPLAINED IN HIS AUTOBIOGRAPHY, HIS FATHER SENT HIM TO HEBREW SCHOOL YET WOULD QUESTION AND UNDERMINE THE TEACHINGS OF THE RABBIS. HE DESCRIBED HIS FATHER AS AN EXCELLENT AND ETHICAL PHYSICIAN WHO WAS LESS THAN EXEMPLARY IN HIS PERSONAL LIFE.



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### FIRST ABORTION EXPERIENCE

NATHANSON FOLLOWED IN HIS FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS, ATTENDING MCGILL UNIVERSITY MEDICAL COLLEGE IN MONTREAL, WHERE HE HAD HIS FIRST EXPERIENCE WITH ABORTION. HIS GIRLFRIEND WAS PREGNANT AND HE PAID FOR HER TO GET AN ABORTION, AT A TIME WHEN THE PROCEDURE WAS ILLEGAL. "IT SERVED AS MY INTRODUCTORY EXCURSION INTO THE SATANIC WORLD OF ABORTION," HE LATER WROTE.





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### HIS FIRST ABORTION

HE DID HIS RESIDENCY IN CHICAGO AND NEW YORK, IN 1953 HE ENLISTED IN THE U.S. AIR FORCE AND SERVED FOR A FEW YEARS AS A DOCTOR. AFTER HIS MILITARY STINT, HE SETTLED IN NEW YORK AND BEGAN BUILDING A THRIVING MEDICAL PRACTICE. WHILE WORKING WITH POOR PATIENTS, HE SAW THE EFFECTS OF ILLEGAL ABORTIONS ON THE WOMEN. HE WROTE, "ILLEGAL ABORTION WAS IN 1967 THE NUMBER ONE KILLER OF PREGNANT WOMEN." IN NEW YORK, HIS GIRLFRIEND GOT PREGNANT AND HE PERFORMED AN ABORTION ON HIS OWN CHILD. ABOUT ABORTING HIS OWN CHILD, HE WROTE IN HIS BOOK: "I SWEAR TO YOU THAT I HAD NO FEELINGS."



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### TAKE IT TO COURT

NATHANSON BECAME HEAVILY INVOLVED IN ABORTION IN 1968. IN LOOKING FOR AN EASY TARGET TO ATTACK FOR MEDIA ATTENTION, NATHANSON SAID, THEY CHOSE THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, WHOSE OPPOSITION TO ABORTION THEY BLAMED FOR EVERY BOTCHED ILLEGAL ABORTION THEY BROUGHT BEFORE THE MEDIA. BOLSTERED BY A COALITION OF ABORTION DOCTORS AND THE FEMINIST MOVEMENT, NEW YORK'S LAWMAKERS PASSED A BILL TO OVERTURN THE STATE'S CENTURY-OLD ABORTION RESTRICTIONS, WHICH WAS SIGNED INTO LAW IN 1970.



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### YEARS AS A FATHER

SOON NATHANSON WAS THE DIRECTOR IN MANHATTAN, OF THE "LARGEST ABORTION CLINIC IN THE WESTERN WORLD," HE WROTE, "I HAD A YOUNG SON AND A WIFE, BUT I WAS HARDLY EVER AT HOME. I BITTERLY REGRET THOSE YEARS, IF FOR NO OTHER REASON THAN THAT I FAILED TO SEE MY SON GROW UP." FOR MORE MONEY, HE DECIDED TO LEAVE THE ABORTION FACILITY AT THE END OF 1972 AND TOOK THE POSITION AS CHIEF OF OBSTETRICS AT ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL, WHERE HE KEPT DOING ABORTIONS.





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### BIG CHANGE WITH TECHNOLOGY

IN HIS BOOK, HE TOLD THE STORY OF HIS JOURNEY FROM PRO-ABORTION TO PRO-LIFE, SAYING THAT VIEWING IMAGES FROM THE NEW ULTRASOUND TECHNOLOGY IN THE 1970S CONVINCED HIM OF THE HUMANITY OF THE UNBORN BABY. ULTRASOUND TECHNOLOGY EVENTUALLY CONVINCED HIM THAT A TRUE HUMAN BEING IS KILLED IN ABORTION. HE KNEW THIS WAS NOT "POTENTIAL LIFE," AS THE SUPREME COURT RULED IN ROE V. WADE.



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### VIDEOS ABOUT TRUTH

AFTER PERFORMING HIS LAST ABORTION IN 1979 AND DECLARING HIMSELF TO BE PRO-LIFE, NATHANSON PRODUCED THE 1985 FILM THE SILENT SCREAM, WHICH SHOWS SONOGRAM IMAGES OF A CHILD IN THE WOMB SHRINKING FROM AN ABORTIONIST'S INSTRUMENTS, AND THE DOCUMENTARY FILM ECLIPSE OF REASON, WHICH EXPLAINS VARIOUS ABORTION PROCEDURES IN DETAIL. BOTH FILMS EARNED HIM THE SCORN OF HIS FORMER PRO-ABORTION FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES. HE ALSO PUBLISHED A NUMBER OF INFLUENTIAL BOOKS, INCLUDING ABORTING AMERICA, IN WHICH HE EXPOSED THE DECEPTIVE AND DISHONEST BEGINNINGS OF THE PRO-ABORTION MOVEMENT AND UNDERMINED THE ARGUMENT THAT ABORTION IS SAFE FOR WOMEN.



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### MONSTER UNLEASHED

OUTLINING THE ENORMOUS CHALLENGE OF RESTORING A PRO-LIFE ETHIC, HE WROTE, "ABORTION IS NOW A MONSTER SO UNIMAGINABLY GARGANTUAN THAT EVEN TO THINK OF STUFFING IT BACK INTO ITS CAGE ... IS LUDICROUS BEYOND WORDS. YET THAT IS OUR CHARGE." HE NOTED, REGRETFULLY, "I AM ONE OF THOSE WHO HELPED USHER IN THIS BARBARIC AGE." HIS PRO-LIFE WITNESS COULD NOT EASILY BE DISMISSED AS ONE-SIDED PROPAGANDA SINCE NATHANSON HAD ENJOYED SUCH A HIGH STANDING AMONG ABORTION SUPPORTERS AND AS OPERATOR OF WHAT HE CALLED THE NATION'S BUSIEST ABORTION BUSINESS. OVERALL, NATHANSON ESTIMATED, HE PRESIDED OVER 60,000 ABORTIONS.





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### OPERATION RESCUE

FOR MORE THAN A DECADE AFTER HE BECAME PRO-LIFE, NATHANSON DESCRIBED HIMSELF AS A JEWISH ATHEIST. BUT FATHER C. JOHN MCCLOSKEY INSTRUCTED NATHANSON IN THE FAITH OVER A NUMBER OF YEARS. ONE DAY IN 1994 HE ANNOUNCED THAT HE WANTED TO BECOME A CATHOLIC. IN 1996 HE WAS BAPTIZED A CATHOLIC BY CARDINAL JOHN O'CONNOR IN NEW YORK'S ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL. NATHANSON LATER SAID THAT HE WAS DRAWN CLOSER TO GOD WHILE VIEWING A MASSIVE OPERATION RESCUE EVENT, WHEN HUNDREDS SAT DOWN IN FRONT OF A NEW YORK PLANNED PARENTHOOD BUILDING, BLOCKING TRAFFIC. THE SIGHT OF SO MANY PRO-LIFERS SELFLESSLY SACRIFICING THEIR SELVES AND RISKING ARREST MADE HIM REALIZE THAT THEY MUST BE ANSWERING A HIGHER CALL,



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## MARRIED

NATHANSON WAS MARRIED AND DIVORCED THREE TIMES BEFORE BEING MARRIED IN THE CHURCH BY FATHER MCCLOSKEY SOON AFTER BECOMING A CATHOLIC. NATHANSON DIED AT HIS HOME IN NEW YORK FEB. 21, 2011 AFTER A PROLONGED BATTLE WITH CANCER. HE WAS 84.