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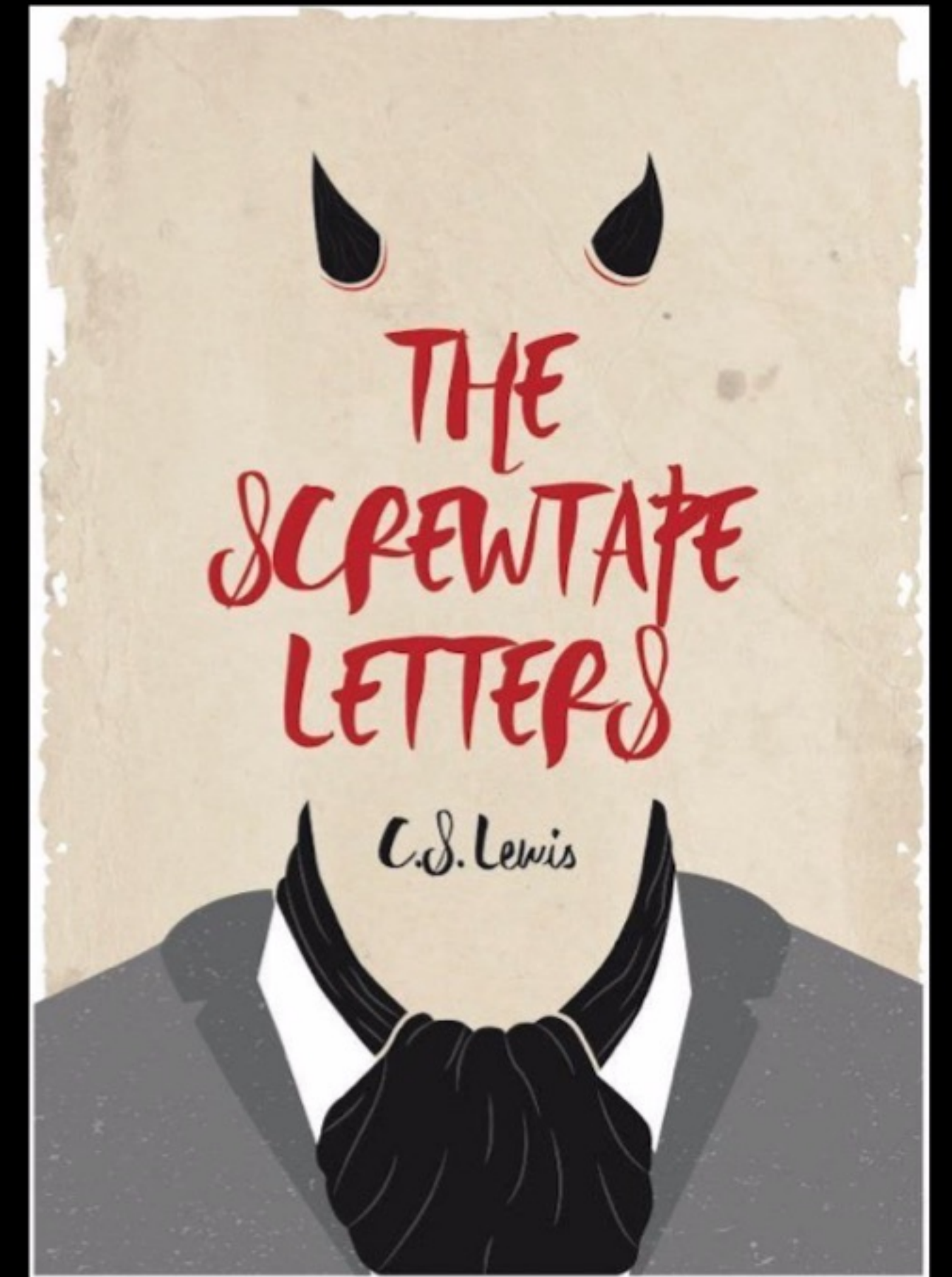
To stand against, resist, and dismiss.

To rebuke Satan is to resist and reject his demonic presence and suggestions.

REBUKE THE DEVIL

PART 1

“There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall about the devils. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe, and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them. They themselves are equally pleased by both errors and hail a materialist or a magician with the same delight.”



Jesus Resisted and Rejected:

¹⁰Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’” ¹¹Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

Matthew 4:10-11 (NIV)

James Told us to Resist and Reject:

⁷Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

James 4:7 (NIV)

Paul Told us to Resist and Reject:

¹¹Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.

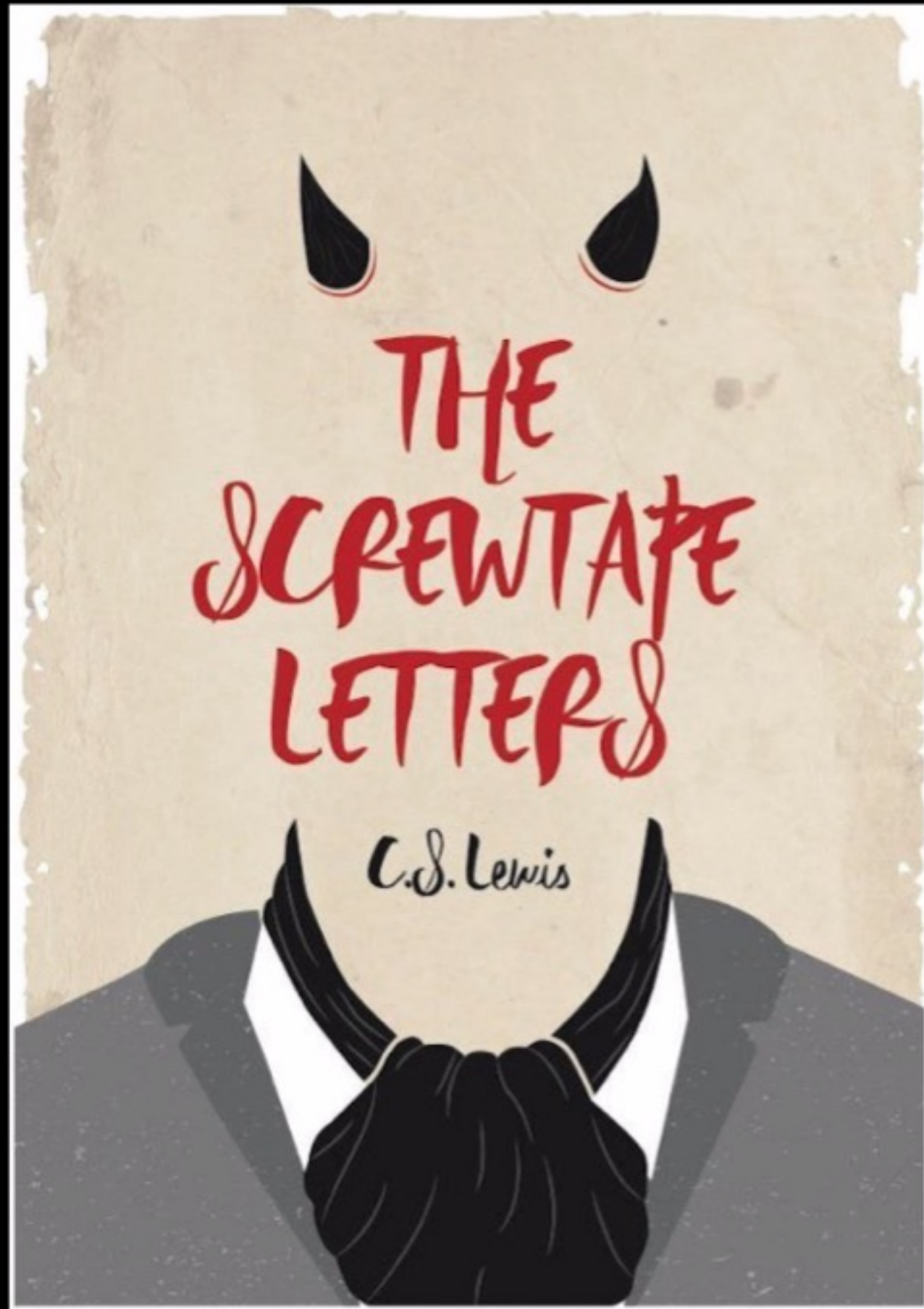
Ephesians 6:11 (NIV)

Peter Told us to Resist and Reject:

⁸Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. **⁹Resist him, standing firm in the faith,** because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

1 Peter 5:8-9 (NIV)

Stay Alert



One of C.S. Lewis' closest friends J.R.R. Tolkien was partially resistant to Lewis' writing of the spiritual classic, *The Screwtape Letters*. Tolkien was worried about Lewis having to delve into the demonic realm too deeply.

Lewis said, "Though I had never written anything more easily, I never wrote with less enjoyment. ... Though it was easy to twist one's mind into the diabolical attitude, it was not fun, or not for long. The strain produced a sort of spiritual cramp . . . It almost smothered me before I was done."

Lewis would later dedicate the book to Tolkien.

Stay Resistant

“If anyone takes a resolute stand against the devil, the devil will be proved to be a coward. The devil can wrestle against the Christian, but he cannot throw him . . . Jesus showed that the devil is not invincible; when he is confronted with the word of God, he can be put to flight. Christians have the humility that knows that they must fight their battles with the tempter, not in their own power, but in the power of God.”

William Barclay