



Ray Edwards Show, Episode 342

10 Books That Changed My Life

Ray: *Ray Edward Show* Episode 342, 10 books that changed my life. First things first, Sean is not here today because he's busy running the coffee shop. I have a need for an audience so I've asked Tiffany, my assistant, to sit in. She just went and got coffee for me, from the coffee shop. Was Sean doing a good job?

Tiffany: As always.

Ray: Yes, excellent and this is good coffee. The topic for today is 10 books that have changed my life. I'm not saying these are the top 10 books, because that would be a much harder list for me to make. I tried to make that list first but then I kept thinking, this means I have to put this one off the list, this one on the list. I just took the pressure off. These are just 10 books that had a huge impact on my life.

I love to read. When I was a child I spoke as a child, but biblical jokes aside. Reading was my escape and it was my is really my education. Which sounds weird because I had school but I didn't like what they were teaching in school. I was interested in other things. I read to learn stuff I was interested in and I read to escape, just to get into a more interesting, more fascinating life than the one I was currently living when I was a child.

Books had been the primary source of my education. I never completed college. When I was younger, I used to say, I went to college at the University of Tennessee, which was strictly true. I did go to like one class there. Then I started saying, I completed some college at University of Tennessee. Then I just decided to tell it like it is and say, I just didn't finish college, took a few classes and I was busy. I got married, I had a baby. Well, I didn't have the baby, Lynn had the baby.

Today I will share 10 books that changed my life and if you haven't read them I would recommend them to you if they sound interesting. I'll talk to you about my rules for reading a book and finishing a book in a few minutes. Also coming up, I'm going to answer the question, if God is all powerful and all loving, why do bad things happen to good people? Like, why does somebody leave the office to go home to her family and it takes her two hours to make a 30-minute trip? That's not really a super bad thing.

Tiffany: Right, that doesn't ever happen.

Ray: We all know people who are really good people who had horrible things happen to them. I don't know about everybody else, but I always ask the question, God, why did this person have to suffer that thing? We'll talk about that, and I have discovered what, for many of you, maybe the perfect vlogging camera. If you want to vlog, if you want to carry a camera around and film your business or your life or you



doing crazy things, then I may have the perfect camera for you. I'll talk to you about that and we'll get to the 10 books, it's all coming up.

Why do bad things happen to good people? Especially for those of us who believe in God, those of us who believe in his son, Jesus Christ. We have to ask the question, if God is all powerful, and all loving, how could he let horrible things happen to his children? The big thing that people bring up is the Holocaust. That's a good example. There are other examples that involve more death more suffering, I'm not diminishing anybody's suffering or anything like that. I'm just saying, there are a variety of horrible evil things that could happen to people and they often do and they often happen to the best of us. How can God let that happen?

Here's the spoiler. I don't know, but I have some thoughts. The first thought is, it's okay to say we don't know to realize we're not God. Any God we can understand and comprehend and explain fully is too small to be the actual God. Any preacher or church or organization that tells you, "we've got God all figured out let us tell you the 10 rules to how to obey God, and this will get you to heaven", they're just lying. First to themselves then to you. They can't know all that stuff. Think about it, he's God. He created everything, everywhere for all time. How could we possibly-- it'll be like trying to explain Algebra to ants. It's just not going to happen.

I do believe he communicates with us. He does it in a way that we can understand, and I believe there are some passages of scripture and some thoughts that he's given us that give a clue. The first big pillar in my argument of God is all knowing, all loving, all powerful, and still, bad things happen is, he gave us free will to choose what we would do.

Adam and Eve, whether you believe that story, was literally true or whether you think it's an allegorical story,- -I don't want to argue that with you, there are people who are really smart on both sides of that argument. Let's just say that it's true at least in essence. Adam and Eve had a choice, by the way, I believe it's literally true, just in case you're wondering. They had a choice in the garden to make. God gave him that choice, he gave them the freedom to make that choice. I believe he knew what they would choose.

If he didn't give us free will, then he wouldn't have what he wanted when he created us which was other sentient beings who were like himself who could love him. I mean, think about it, if you could make somebody love you, would that really be love? Would you be satisfied with that? If knowing that you just kind of hypnotized them or mind brainwashed him or something into obeying you and loving you, that would be totally unsatisfying. It would be worst than unsatisfying, it would be miserable for both of you.

I don't believe God wanted any part of that kind of thing, so he gave us free will and some of us make bad choices. Okay, all of us occasionally make bad choices from time to time, because we're not perfect. We don't know everything. Sometimes we know exactly what not to do and we do it anyway. Paul wrote about it. Here's where



it gets interesting. You might say, "Well, okay I have free will. I started making good choices. I've been making good choices for most of my life now." That's possible. I believe it's possible.

Some people say that Jesus had to come and make the sacrifice he did because we can't possibly obey the law. We can't possibly keep all the rules. Yet, in the law, it says, "These rules are not too hard for you to obey." What the what? If they're not too hard for us to obey, then what if we obey them. Well, the fact is most of us don't and even if you're the person who has for the last 30 or 40 years, there are other people in your life and they're not doing that. They make choices.

I've had several friends who've gone through divorce. In each case, we prayed together, we prayed for a miraculous intervention from God to repair the relationship, to restore it, which I've seen happen, but I've also seen it not happen. Every time, the guy who I was friends with, would come to me kind of angry and bitter and say, "Well, see God doesn't answer prayer. He didn't make this work." I would say, "Well, so he didn't take over the mind of your wife and force her against her will to stay with you?" "Well, that's not what I wanted him to do." Well, she gets to make a choice.

Every individual has to make a choice. Bad things happen from people to other people because people have free will, and God allows us to make choices. The second concept you have to get your head around is, not everything that happens on Earth is God's will. When people say, "Well, God is in control." No, he's not. He set it up that way. God is all-powerful. He's in command, he's an authority, but he set it up so that he's not in control.

I can back this up. It says in scripture, "He's not willing that anyone should perish", yet people perish every day. It says in scripture, "He wants us to live a sin free life", yet we all sin. So there are things that are happening that are not within God's will, we can all see that clearly. Not everything that happens is his will. He can bend circumstances so that ultimately, it all serves his purpose.

That's what it means when it says, "All things-- he makes all things work for the good of those who love him and are called according to his purposes." No matter how often we diverged what happens through other people, through natural disasters, God can rearrange the future path so that it ultimately ends up serving our good because he's God, that's why.

Tiffany: Are you saying that he's out of control?

Ray: I'm saying that he doesn't control everything that happens on the Earth by his choice. He chose to give us free will and even the creation. People say, well okay, I understand about people having free will, but what about nature? What about innocent people who live on an island in Indonesia and there's a tsunami comes through and kills them all. Kills the children, the innocent children. Well, that's horrifying.



I believe God is horrified by that as we are. If you believe the Bible it says that when we sinned we caused the fall not only of humans but of the creation as well. It says in the new testament that the Earth is groaning for its redemption along with the children of men when the kingdom is fully consummated once again.

Tiffany: Then why do we blame God for all that? Like everyone is blaming God.

Ray: Because we haven't fully thought this through and because there's a lot of false teaching on this question and it's- -it's complicated, it's not an easy question to answer. Remember, I started by saying I don't know.

Tiffany: Yes you did.

Ray: I just have some ideas that I think that have been helpful to me. Just knowing that, even when natural disaster happens, it's not necessarily God's will. Now there's the obvious question, but couldn't he stop it? If a child is being abused by an adult, can't God stop it? The obvious answer is he's capable of stopping it, but what does that cause to happen to other people, to those two people? We don't know all the ramifications of every decision God might make. This is going to sound silly, but if you've never seen the movie *Bruce Almighty*, you should watch it because it contains some deep theological truths and it's also funny and good for the kids.

You get to see what happens when a human steps in and does what we all think God should do, answer everybody's prayers, give them what they want, keep them safe, keep them happy and disaster ensues. Timothy Keller wrote in one of his books, *Walking Through Pain and Suffering with God*, he wrote, "We would answer our own prayers the way God does if we knew everything God knows, but we don't."

In the final analysis, there is a principle in the old testament that says that, when the enemy, the adversary, steals from us, hurts us, harms us in any way, ultimately, it is the law, the universal law, we have to be repaid seven times whatever we lost. I believe that in the end, at the end of time, when the kingdom is consummated. I say it that way because a lot of people think I mean when the Earth is destroyed we all go to Heaven, that's not how it happens.

This creation is the kingdom and it's consummated when it's returned to perfection or restored to our natural the way our bodies are supposed to be, the way our life is supposed to be, when that happens, I don't know how this will occur, but I believe we'll all be repaid seven times for every bad thing that was ever done to us. How? I don't know.

Tiffany: Why do you think that?

Ray: Because it's a principle that God established in his word. That is in his kingdom, in his realm, this is what must happen. That's what I believe and even if I'm wrong about all this, I trust that God knows what he's doing or what she's doing and that ultimately everything will be made right.



Tip of the week. If you make videos as part of your business, especially if part of your business is YouTube, Instagram or the new Facebook video pages that were just released, brand new or the new Instagram video full-length video service that they're releasing, they're announcing right now even as we're recording this episode, this podcast, the whole new Instagram thing, it's going to be cool. I know because my buddy Mike Steltzner told me. He's got the inside dope. Anyway, if you are looking for the right camera, let me start by saying, start with your phone. You have a really good camera in your phone.

The video camera you have on your phone today is the equivalent of a \$5,000 video camera from five years ago. It's in your freaking phone. So use it, learn how to use it. You can go to YouTube and do search on how to shoot good video on my iPhone, and you'll get all the answers you need or on your android if you use one of those. If you want to move beyond that, then I'm big into cameras as Tiffany can attest. Do I like cameras?

Tiffany: Yes.

Ray: The Canon M50 is a brand new mirrorless camera from Canon, and I'll give you five reasons why I think you should consider it if you're going to be vlogging or making YouTube videos or Facebook or Instagram videos that you want to make them higher quality. Number one, it's compact and lightweight because it's a mirrorless camera, it's almost tiny. You could almost put his camera in your pocket. Which if you're traveling and you're taking camera gear, it can get quite heavy. The smaller more compact kit you can put together the better. That's number one.

Number two reason to consider the M50, excellent image quality. It does shoot 4k video, but frankly just forget about that because it's not good 4k video. Your phone shoots better 4k video than this camera does. I don't know why they did it the way they did but just disregard the 4k, because the autofocus doesn't work on the 4k video. Why? Why Canon? Number three reason, oh, let me go back to actual image quality. It does shoot high def video, 1080P video for those you know what that means. You can shoot top quality video for YouTube or Instagram or Facebook using this tiny camera.

Number three reason to consider the M50 is it has- -quick and accurate autofocus. The best autofocus on the market is made by Canon, they use something called dual-pixel autofocus. It is flawless. It is fast. It is quiet. No other camera brand from the prosumer level down matches Canon's autofocus.

Number four, it has an easy to use interface menu system. This is a big deal because a lot of these cameras, their menu looks like they were designed by people who want to torture you because they're complicated, they're worded weirdly, and they clearly did not speak English when they constructed these menus. The Canon menus are very easy to use. They use lots of pictures.



Number five, it has a flip out screen. Why is this important? If you have a camera that doesn't have a flip out screen, you can't tell whether you're in the frame correctly. So this is really important, especially you're going to have other people in the video with you so you can look and see how the framing is and how the shot is. Now, don't make this mistake. Don't stare at the flip out screen while you're shooting a video of you talking to the camera, because that looks like you're talking to people and not looking them in the eye which is weird. Look into the lens of the camera. That feels weird, but it looks like you're looking at the person watching the video right in the eye.

A couple of other things that are not part of my five, but I'll share these with you because I think they're cool. This camera has a setting called instant transfer, so that once you connect it to your phone when you're not using it, in the background it transfers your photographs, not your videos but your photographs, to your phone without you doing anything. That's pretty awesome.

Here's a reason that's really important I should put on this list, it's cheap. A lot of these cameras are \$2,000, \$3,000, this one is \$600 with the lens. If you're building a vlogging rig then, by the way, I'd recommend you get a road video microphone. It's smaller than the big one that everybody carries on top of their cameras and it's less intimidating. If you want to shut somebody up and get them to not talk to you, shove a big microphone in their face. They'll not talk.

Also, don't get the lens it normally comes with this camera get the 11 to 22 lenses, it's a wider angle. You can get yourself, the room and other people all in the frame at the same time. There you have it. There's a link in the show notes to the Canon M50. If you click on it, I'll get a commission if you buy it. I'll retire, move to Mexico very soon. Probably not.

The 10 books that changed my life. These are not the 10 books that change my life, but they are 10 books that have changed my life.

Some of them are in my top 10. Some of them are just important books that I've read recently or that I've given to a lot of people, recommend it to a lot of people because they had a big effect on my life.

Number one, these are in no particular order except for this one, this one comes in order that it does on purpose. Number one, the Bible. Yes, for real because I know that everybody is going to say that. Well not everybody, but most people who are spiritual or religious are going to say the Bible. It truly has changed my life several times because this is a book that as you read it throughout your life, it takes on different meanings, different significance, and you become a different person, so it means different things to you. I'm not going to spend a lot of time on this, just this is one of my books.

Number two, I'm going to cheat and include two books in this one by the same author because I believe they go together. They're really part of the same story I



believe. These are two books by Ayn Rand, *Atlas Shrugged* and *The Fountainhead*. Now, let me say a word or two about Ayn Rand, I know we talk about her a lot on the show. One of the things that I get consistent feedback on from people is, first of all, Ayn Rand was an atheist, how can you even talk about her because she's an atheist? How can you endorse her viewpoints? I don't endorse every idea she ever had. Do you not do business with atheists? Do you not buy coffee from atheists? Do you not buy food from atheists? Do you not fly on an airplane that is piloted by an atheist? How do you know? Do you ask them? How do you know they're telling the truth?

This whole idea of I can't learn from somebody because they don't believe the things I believe religiously or spiritually, is ridiculous. I can learn from anybody and everybody has something to teach me if I'm willing to learn. Ayn Rand, I believe, was a brilliant novelist and a brilliant philosopher. There are many points of her philosophy objectivism that I agree with and subscribe to. There are many others that are flawed that I do not subscribe to at all.

I think one of the problems with Ayn Rand's philosophy is, it makes people harsh. I don't think that necessarily has to be part of it, but it seems like people who adopt objectivism, for the most part, become more harsh, and more I'll say impolite- -and are more likely to feel to other people as if they're being critical or judgmental. That's interesting. It sounds like another group of people who read another book, oh Christians. I love Christians, and I love objectivists. In both cases, I think we're not called to be judgmental or harsh on other people. I still think our duty is to love people. I believe there's a way to adopt the major points of Ayn Rand's philosophy and still be a nice person. Just for the record, because I've gotten so much feedback on this lately, I wanted to make that clear, my position on that clear.

Number three, *Awaken The Giant Within* by Tony Robbins. Some of you are groaning right now. You're like, Tony Robbins, again with the Tony Robbins. I think he will go down in history as a significant psychologist on the level of Sigmund Freud or other luminaries of that field because I think he has discovered some new distinctions and mostly repackaged distinctions for other people in a way it's understandable. His techniques are used by therapists now.

In fact, he joined forces with Cloe Medanes who's one of the top therapy trainers in the world. Now his techniques are taught in accredited courses for continuing education for therapists. *Awaken The Giant Within* it's like the summary of most of his best work. You could pay \$10,000 and go to *Date With Destiny*, or you could read this book which has most of *Date With Destiny* in it.

Now the difference is, if you go to the *Date With Destiny* event, you'll be forced to act on the information. That's why people pay 10 grand to go there. They want to be immersed in the experience and be in Tony's presence and have him walk them through making the changes that the book helps them make. This book has had a huge affect on my life, continues to do so.



Number four, *The 7 Habits Of Highly Effective People* by Stephen Covey. Most of my operating system for how I do business and how I approach productivity comes from *The 7 Habits Of Highly Effective People*. Most people have heard of this book, most people have not read it or have not read it in a long time. I mean you hear phrases repeated throughout the business world on podcasts everywhere that come from this book and people don't acknowledge where they got it. I think they don't know where they got it.

Have you ever heard somebody say, "Begin with the end in mind"? That's one of Covey's 7 habits. "Seek first to understand then to be understood." That's one of Covey's 7 *Habits of Highly Effective People*. If you have not read this book or you've not read it in a while or you can't repeat the 7 habits, then you should probably revisit this material.

Well, let's shift gears now. I want to move on to a couple of fiction books. Ayn Rand's books are fiction but they're-- most people find them kind of preachy and philosophical so they're almost like a philosophy text disguised as a story. Technically they're fiction but these next couple of books are truly fiction and truly had an enormous impact on my life. I reread them occasionally, because of that and the first one is by Paulo Coelho, it's called *The Alchemist*. I love this book.

The first time I read it touched me deeply and continues to do so every time I read it. It's just a beautiful story. I know some Christians have a problem with it. My advice to you is, get over yourself and just enjoy the story because there are lessons to learn. In the book, I won't give too much of it away if you've not read it, but a big part of the book is learning to live your personal legend. Which your personal legend is that the destiny you were designed for. The best you doing the best things that you could do.

It's an incredible book and it's a great story. It stands on its own. You can read this book, it's not preachy, you can read this book and not realize you've learned something, but you have. Which makes Paulo Coelho, in my opinion, a better novelist, than Ayn Rand. Oh no he didn't. Yes, he did.

Number six. Again this is multiple books but they're all part of the same story so I feel it's fair to include them wrapped up in one recommendation. The *Lord Of The Rings* by J. R. R. Tolkien. Now, some of you have got your nerd warning buzzers going off now. Look, I'm not into that dressing up like elves and dwarves and ogres, no. What I love about the books, now the movies were fun but the--books are so much better, so much deeper. Tolkien was a Christian and he sought to tell the story of the Bible and of God and the war between the clash between good and evil and the choices we're forced to make through a story that people who didn't believe all the Christian stuff, so they could get into the story and they could believe through the story. He does a powerful job of that work.

On top of that, it's literarily one of the best books I've ever read because Tolkien was a professor in an English college who taught literature. He knew how to write. He based so many of his characters on Norse mythology and they're just incredibly



deep books. There's so much to be mined from those books. If you have not read them, if you've only seen the movies, you don't know the story. You haven't experienced the power of the story.

Number seven of 10 books that have changed my life. This will get a chuckle out of many people, *The Four Hour Workweek* by Timothy Ferriss. Now, first of all, a lot of people like to point out well, Tim Ferriss obviously works more than four hours a week. His point, if you actually read the book, which most people who criticize it never have and most people who say they love it and never have read it either. His point was not that you only worked four hours in a week, his point was that the work that you have to do, that you must do to maintain your standard of living can be efficiently done in as little as four hours a week. The rest of the work you do during the week is our projects that are passion projects, things that you love doing, that you enjoy doing. So they may be within your business, but the point is to be as efficient as possible and effective as possible. That's what a four hour workweek helps people do.

I have the original copy that I bought somewhere in this office, I don't think it's in the stack to my right. I have the notes inside that I took the first time read it inside the front cover and the pages. I indexed the notes and that book has been incredibly meaningful to me and I still refer to it to this day. If you haven't read it because you think the title is outrageous, then get over the title and read the book, because even if you have no desire to work only four hours a week and lay on the beach and just be lazy all the time, that's not what this book is about.

Book number eight. This is a relatively new addition to my book list, *The Obstacle Is The Way* by Ryan Holiday. This book is the summary of Stoic philosophy and stoic writings. The Stoics are, probably the most easily identifiable stoic was the emperor of Rome, Marcus Aurelius. Their philosophy is not about suffering. Most people think, oh stoics they like to suffer, they like to live in the rain, live in mud huts, and make themselves as lowly as possible. No, that's not what stoicism is all about.

Stoicism is about realizing that life sometimes is hard and not being surprised by that. I mean, why do we-- we know things happen. We know people get sick, we know people die. We know relationships can be difficult sometimes. We know that there are natural disasters. We know that planes crash. Why do we act like we're surprised every time something like this happens? These things happen all the time. We should not be surprised unless we're living in a delusional world where we believe these things will not happen.

Stoics recognize what can happen. They prepare for it but they don't obsess over it. A stoic is not a pessimist. I consider myself, in many ways, a stoic. Stoicism is not about being a pessimist and believing the worst is going to happen, it's being prepared for it when it does happen. It also involves practicing what you would do if it did happen. One of the more famous stoics recommended taking a few days each month to eat the food of the poor and dress in the clothes the poor, and live in the



conditions of poverty. So that you can say to yourself, I've eaten nothing but a bowl of oatmeal for the last three days. I'm okay. Is this the thing you are so afraid of?

You remove the fear of these things from your consciousness when you realize they're not as bad as you anticipated it could be. Stoicism is also about not viewing problems as evil things that have thwarted the quality of your life, that have destroyed the quality of your life, but looking at the unpleasant surprises. We all love surprises except the ones we don't like, we call those problems, we call them obstacles. Marcus Aurelius said, "Don't view- -the obstacle as something that prevents you from getting to what you want. Use the obstacle as an opportunity to find a different route, to find a better outcome, to become a better person." I don't believe this is just using fancy word tricks to dress things up. I believe this is actually the way it works, but only if you believe that. Only if you look at life and when a problem crops up, or an obstacle crops up, only if you say, how can that serve me? What can I learn from this? How can I use this? In what way can I grow as a person because of this?

If you're asking those questions you'll find answers that will serve you and help you. If the question you're asking is, "Why does this always happen to me?" Well, your brain will supply you with answers. They won't be good ones. "Because you're an idiot. Because you always choose the wrong thing. Because you're stupid. Because because because because because." Your mind will answer the questions you ask it. So be careful what you ask your mind.

If you're talking out loud to yourself you're asking your mind a question. "Why am I such a loser? Why can't I lose weight? Why can't I never get in a relationship that lasts? Why am I always broke? Why do I stay in debt? Why do I have a job that I hate? Why can't I find a good job?" Your brain is busy answering those questions and giving you reasons why you can't do those things. So, you're just reinforcing the problem. So be careful how you talk to yourself about yourself.

Just as a side note, for those who are raised in the church and believe that you're supposed to think lowly of yourself, think of yourself as like a groveling worm in the hands of an angry God, well he gave up his own son, his own life to pay the price so that we can be with him because he loves us. So it's okay to care about yourself and think highly of yourself because he thinks highly of you. Don't view these things that happened to you or some kind of curse, because if you're a believer, you're not subject to the curse. Something to think about, it's a whole different podcast, so I'll move on.

Number nine, this is probably only going to be interesting to the writers or they want to be writers. It's a book called *On Writing* by Stephen King, a memoir of the craft. I've read this book, I've lost count, I don't know how many times. Many times. I find it inspirational, informative, fascinating, fun, horrifying, in different parts of the book. If you want to write anything, I tell copywriters who train with me to write sales copy, one of the books you have read is *On Writing* by Stephen King. "But I don't want to



write horror fiction." It's not about that. It's about how to write good stories which is everything we write.

Finally, the tenth book that I'm sharing with you today that changed my life is a book called *Destined To Reign* by Joseph Prince. This book is about the true meaning of grace and why we must be careful not to mix the idea of grace and the law in our Christian belief system. The law is what we are required to do under the old covenant in order to be in right standing with God. We had to follow the rules. That was not God's idea. Just, by the way, it was humankind's idea. God led the children of Israel out of captivity. He called them to come up the mountain, come close to him and he would tell them what to do. They said we're afraid of God. Moses, you go up and find out what he wants from us and we'll do whatever he says.

They asked for the law and God gave them what they asked for. His idea was first to live under his grace. Grace is the unmerited favor of God. We didn't earn it, we couldn't pay for it, we couldn't possibly afford it, he just gives it to us in abundance. That's what Adam and Eve experienced. It's also what Abraham experienced. It's also what David experienced even though he's under the old covenant.

David understood the nature of God's heart and that's why he was able, even with all the horrible things that he did, like having an affair with his top soldier's wife while his top soldier was off at war. Then having that soldier put on the front lines of battle so he'd be killed so he could have the wife. That's bad behavior, that's murderous adultery. Lying of the deepest kind and yet the scripture says that David was a man after God's own heart. David understood grace. When you read the Psalms that he wrote, he writes about how God forgives his iniquities. This was a foreign idea to the Jewish people at the time. So I digress. That's the law. Under the new covenant, we're under grace. We're not required to fulfill the law. Jesus fulfilled the law. So, Ray, are you saying that the Ten Commandments don't apply to us? Yes, I am. I don't think they should be in schools. I don't think we should put them on the wall, idolize them because the behaviors are a fruit of the spirit displaced within us. So all of the Ten Commandments and all the other 600 rules that the literalist Jewish people believe they had to follow will naturally spring from us when we're filled with the spirit and grace and we let that flow. The law requires grace supplies. That's a good note to end on.

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This week's quote worth note comes from C.S. Lewis and it's about reading. "Why do we read? Why are we compelled to read? Many people read not out of a desire



to learn things. Many people don't read nonfiction books. So why do we read?" C.S. Lewis said, "We read to know we are not alone." Till next week, I pray that God blesses you, that he keeps you, that he makes his face shine on you, that he does more for you than you can ask or you can even possibly imagine. To you and your house I say, aloha.

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