

A little more information about some of the matters
raised in the course booklet for

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‘worthy of a Morse or Lewis’

Inspector Endeavour Morse is a fictional character in the eponymous series of detective novels by British author Colin Dexter, as well as the 33-episode 1987–2000 television adaptation of the same name, in which the character was portrayed by John Thaw. Morse is a senior CID (Criminal Investigation Department) officer with the fictional Oxford City Police force in Oxford, England. Morse is ostensibly the embodiment of white, male, middle-class Englishness, with a set of prejudices and assumptions to match. He may thus be considered a late example of the gentleman detective, a staple of British detective fiction. This background is in sharp juxtaposition to the working class origins of his assistant, **Lewis**; in the novels, Lewis is Welsh, but this was altered to a northern English (Geordie) background in the TV series. He is also middle-aged in the books.

Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Inspector_Morse

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John Donne was an English poet and a cleric in the Church of England. He is considered the pre-eminent representative of the metaphysical poets. His works are noted for their strong, sensual style and include sonnets, love poems, religious poems, Latin translations, epigrams, elegies, songs, satires and sermons.

Despite his great education and poetic talents, Donne lived in poverty for several years, relying heavily on wealthy friends. He spent much of the money he inherited during and after his education on womanising, literature, pastimes, and travel. In 1615, Donne became an Anglican priest, although he did not want to take Anglican orders. He did so because King James I persistently ordered it. In 1621, he was appointed the Dean of St Paul's Cathedral in London. He also served as a member of parliament in 1601 and in 1614.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Donne

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Ronald Stuart Thomas (29 March 1913 – 25 September 2000), published as R. S. Thomas, was a Welsh poet and Anglican priest who was noted for his nationalism, spirituality and deep dislike of the anglicisation of Wales.

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*O Lord all the world belongs to you,
And you are always making all things new,
What is wrong you forgive and the new life you give
Is what's turning the whole world upside down.*

From:

O Lord all the world belongs to you

by Patrick Robert Norman Appleford

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Aberfan is a former coalmining village in South Wales. On 21 October 1966, it became known for the Aberfan disaster, when a colliery spoil heap collapsed into homes and a school, killing 116 children and 28 adults.

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Kenneth Arthur "Ken" Dodd, OBE (born 8 November 1927) is an English comedian, singer-songwriter and actor.

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Bishop David tripped over himself at this point. Sarah named her child Isaac, and it's 'Isaac' which means 'laughter' in Hebrew - not 'Sarah'

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*O let me hear Thee speaking in accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self will.
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen, Thou Guardian of my soul.*

From:

O Jesus, I Have Promised

Text: John E. Bode, 1816-1874

Music: Arthur H. Mann, 1850-1929

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William Somerset Maugham CH (25 January 1874 – 16 December 1965) was a British playwright, novelist and short story writer. He was among the most popular writers of his era and reputedly the highest paid author during the 1930s.

Clive Staples Lewis (29 November 1898 – 22 November 1963), commonly called C. S. Lewis and known to his friends and family as "Jack", was a novelist, poet, academic, medievalist, literary critic, essayist, lay theologian, and Christian

apologist. He is best known both for his fictional work, especially *The Screwtape Letters* and *The Chronicles of Narnia*, and for his non-fiction Christian apologetics, such as *Mere Christianity*, *Miracles*, and *The Problem of Pain*.

According to his memoir *Surprised by Joy*, Lewis had been baptized in the Church of Ireland (part of the Anglican Communion) at birth, but fell away from his faith during his adolescence. Owing to the influence of J R R Tolkien and other friends, at the age of 32 Lewis returned to the Anglican Communion, becoming "a very ordinary layman of the Church of England". His faith had a profound effect on his work, and his wartime radio broadcasts on the subject of Christianity brought him wide acclaim.

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Bishop David got a bit carried away at this point: there are in fact 27 books in the New Testament.

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Robert Francis Kilvert (3 December 1840 – 23 September 1879), always known as **Francis**, or **Frank**, was an English clergyman remembered for his diaries reflecting rural life in the 1870s, which were published over 50 years after his death.

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Gerard W Hughes (b. 1924) was a schoolteacher at Stonyhurst, a university chaplain at Glasgow, a Jesuit tertian director and giver of directed retreats at St Beuno's, a widely sought spiritual adviser, in Edinburgh, an acclaimed spiritual writer since *The God of Surprises* and a promoter of peace spirituality as far as Westminster.

Fr Gerard Hughes has appeared as a contributor on two York Courses : ***Tough Talk – Hard Sayings of Jesus and Attending, Exploring and Engaging.***

<http://www.jesuit.org.uk/profile/gerard-w-hughes-sj>

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The Red Army Faction (RAF; German: *Rote Armee Fraktion*), in its early stages commonly known as Baader-Meinhof Group (or Baader-Meinhof Gang), was a West German far-left militant group. The RAF was founded in 1970 by Andreas Baader, Gudrun Ensslin, Horst Mahler, and Ulrike Meinhof. The RAF described itself as a communist and anti-imperialist "urban guerrilla" group engaged in armed resistance against what they deemed to be a fascist state. The West German government considered the Red Army Faction to be a terrorist organization.

The Red Army Faction existed from 1970 to 1998 and was held responsible for thirty-four deaths, including many secondary targets, such as chauffeurs and bodyguards, and many injuries in its almost thirty years of activity.

Ulrike Marie Meinhof (7 October 1934 – 9 May 1976) was a German left-wing militant. She co-founded the Red Army Faction (*Rote Armee Fraktion*) in 1970 after having previously worked as a journalist for the monthly left-wing magazine *konkret*. She was arrested in 1972, and eventually charged with numerous murders and the formation of a criminal association. Before the trial concluded, Meinhof was found hanged in her prison cell in 1976.

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The lyrics are a translation of a Gaelic poem called *St Patrick's Lorica*, or 'breast-plate'. (A *lorica* was a mystical garment that was supposed to protect the wearer from danger and illness, and guarantee entry into Heaven.)

*I bind unto myself today
The strong Name of the Trinity,
By invocation of the same
The Three in One and One in Three.*

*I bind this today to me forever
By power of faith, Christ's incarnation;
His baptism in Jordan river,
His death on Cross for my salvation;
His bursting from the spiced tomb,
His riding up the heavenly way,
His coming at the day of doom
I bind unto myself today.*

*I bind unto myself the power
Of the great love of cherubim;
The sweet 'Well done' in judgment hour,
The service of the seraphim,
Confessors' faith, Apostles' word,
The Patriarchs' prayers, the prophets' scrolls,
All good deeds done unto the Lord
And purity of virgin souls.*

*I bind unto myself today
The virtues of the star lit heaven,
The glorious sun's life giving ray,
The whiteness of the moon at even,
The flashing of the lightning free,
The whirling wind's tempestuous shocks,
The stable earth, the deep salt sea
Around the old eternal rocks.*

*I bind unto myself today
The power of God to hold and lead,
His eye to watch, His might to stay,
His ear to hearken to my need.
The wisdom of my God to teach,
His hand to guide, His shield to ward;
The word of God to give me speech,
His heavenly host to be my guard.*

*Against the demon snares of sin,
The vice that gives temptation force,
The natural lusts that war within,
The hostile men that mar my course;
Or few or many, far or nigh,
In every place and in all hours,
Against their fierce hostility
I bind to me these holy powers.*

*Against all Satan's spells and wiles,
Against false words of heresy,
Against the knowledge that defiles,
Against the heart's idolatry,
Against the wizard's evil craft,
Against the death wound and the burning,
The choking wave, the poisoned shaft,*

Protect me, Christ, till Thy returning.

*Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me.
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.*

*I bind unto myself the Name,
The strong Name of the Trinity,
By invocation of the same,
The Three in One and One in Three.
By Whom all nature hath creation,
Eternal Father, Spirit, Word:
Praise to the Lord of my salvation,
Salvation is of Christ the Lord.*

Words by Cecil F Alexander

<http://www.cyberhymnal.org/htm/s/t/stpatric.htm>

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God, Sexuality, and the Self: An Essay 'On the Trinity'
by Sarah Coakley (2013)
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Philip Arthur Larkin, CH, CBE, FRSL (9 August 1922 – 2 December 1985) was an English poet, novelist, and librarian. His many honours include the Queen's Gold Medal for Poetry. He was offered, but declined, the position of Poet Laureate in 1984, following the death of John Betjeman.

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Hector Hugh Munro (18 December 1870 – 13 November 1916), better known by the pen name *Saki*, and also frequently as H. H. Munro, was a British writer whose witty, mischievous and sometimes macabre stories satirize Edwardian society and culture. He is considered a master of the short story.

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John Bunyan (28 November 1628 – 31 August 1688) was an English Christian writer and preacher. He faced legal challenges to fulfilling his calling but did not make any concessions to the authorities. As a dissenter who was not ordained in the Church of England, he was unlicensed to preach. He preferred to face and endure twelve years of imprisonment at great sacrifice to himself and his family, rather than resign himself to giving up preaching. Although he has been described both as a Baptist and as an Independent, i.e. Congregationalist, he himself preferred to be described simply as a Christian.

*Long my imprisoned spirit lay
fast bound in sin and nature's night.*

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*Thine eye diffused a quickening ray,
I woke, my dungeon flamed with light.
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth and followed thee.*

From:
And Can It Be that I Should Gain
Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788
Music: Thomas Campbell

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H Blocks:

Her Majesty's Prison Maze (known colloquially as 'Maze Prison', 'The Maze', 'The H Blocks' or 'Long Kesh') was a prison in Northern Ireland that was used to house paramilitary prisoners during the Troubles from mid-1971 to mid-2000. The prison and its inmates played a prominent role in recent Irish history, notably in the 1981 hunger strike.

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The Da Vinci Code is a 2003 mystery-detective novel written by Dan Brown. The novel explores an alternative religious history, whose central plot point is that the Merovingian kings of France were descended from the bloodline of Jesus Christ and Mary Magdalene.

The book has provoked a popular interest in speculation concerning the Holy Grail legend and Mary Magdalene's role in the history of Christianity. The book has been extensively denounced by many Christian denominations as an attack on the Roman Catholic Church. It has also been consistently criticized for its historical and scientific inaccuracies. The novel nonetheless became a worldwide bestseller and has been translated into 44 languages.