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Topic: Who is he?  
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He came into OUR  
world and lives.

He came  
- Lament  
- Denial  
- Anger  
- Confusion  
- Fear  
- Disbelief  
- Hopelessness  
- People's lives

He came to  
HIS world.

He came  
- Love  
- Joy  
- Righteousness  
- Peace  
- Forgiveness  
- Redemption  
- Hope  
- Life  
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He came into OUR  
world and lives:

He seems:

- Uninvited
- Demanding
- Angry
- Controlling
- Judgmental
- Unreasonable
- Maybe insane

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HIS world:

He seems:

- Owner
- Directing
- Rightly infuriated
- Decisive
- Particular
- Reasonable
- Charitable
- Kind and understanding

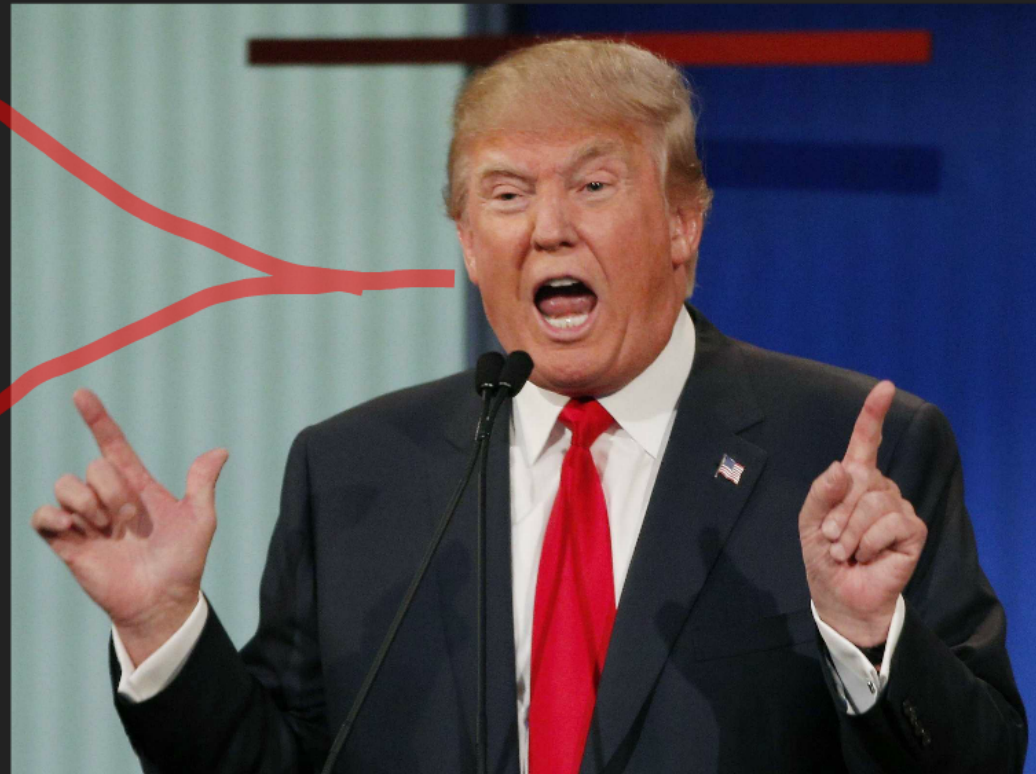
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The difference is

uge!



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# The confusion over "My":

We use the possessive "My" to refer to very different forms of possession:

My teddybear

My boots

My friend

My job

My car

My dinner

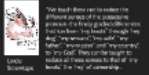
My child

My hobby

My wife/husband

My God

My sermon



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Uncle  
Screwtape

"We teach them not to notice the different senses of the possessive pronoun-the finely graded differences that run from "my boots" through "my dog", "my servant", "my wife", "my father", "my master" and "my country", to "my God". They can be taught to reduce all these senses to that of "my boots," the "my" of ownership...

...Even in the nursery a child can be taught to mean by “my Teddy-bear” not "the one that recieves my affections" to whom I stand in a special relation (for that is what the Enemy will teach them to mean if we are not careful) but “the bear I can pull to pieces if I like.” And at the other end of the scale, we have taught men to say “My God” in a sense not really very different from “My boots”, meaning “The God on whom I have a claim for my distinguished services and whom I exploit from the pulpit-the God I have put into a corner for my use.”

...And all the time the joke is that the word “Mine” in its fully possessive sense cannot be uttered by a human being about anything. In the long run either Our Father (Devil) or the Enemy (God) will say “Mine” of each thing that exists, and especially of each man. They will find out in the end, never fear, to whom their time, their souls, and their bodies really belong—certainly not to them, whatever happens."



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**John 1:9-10** The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him.

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# Tragic Warnings



Achilles Heel:  
The danger of pride



Romeo and Juliet:  
The danger of wrath

We tell them to everyone, in order that some may escape the predictable failures of humanity.

## Jesus' Warning:

He came to HIS OWN.

Yet they don't

recognize him or receive him



# He tells us in order to make exceptions:

John 1:11-14

**He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God** – children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

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