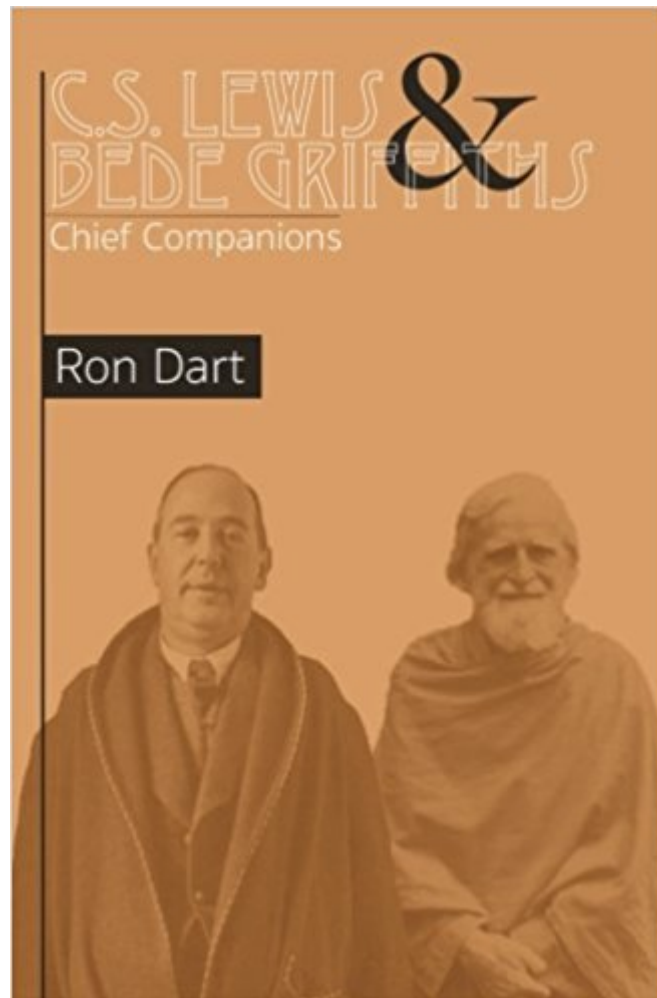




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# **C.S. Lewis & Bede Griffiths: Chief Companions**



## Synopsis

There are many who have written much about C.S. Lewis but ignored his decades long friendship with Bede Griffiths. There are many devotees of Bede Griffiths who are unaware of his enduring friendship with C.S. Lewis. This book draws together, from a variety of sources, letters and articles the many explicit connections between Lewis and Griffiths and why, aptly so, they saw one another as chief companions on the faith journey.

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C.S. Lewis & Bede Griffiths: Chief Companions (St Macrina, 2016) is Ron Dart's own booklet (58 pages) on the interaction of thoughts and letters between Lewis and Griffiths. Ron has attended closely to this long-term friendship and gathered up sources, letters and articles to highlight and provide a very warm commentary on the importance of this connection. The book begins with their 1. Faith Affinities, which might surprise those who know Lewis as the Oxford scholar and Griffiths as the contemplative theologian who led the 20th century in interfaith dialogue. But in fact, both men

testified that the other was their chief companion at the stage of their conversion to Christianity through the early 1930's. In chapter 2, Ron describes the correspondence between Lewis and Arthur Greeves in which Griffiths is mentioned. Chapter 3 moves on to letters by Lewis to Griffiths himself. Chapter 4 switches perspectives and we're treated to a review of two articles that Griffiths writes about Lewis. In chapter 4, we follow the drama of how Griffiths (in The Canadian C.S. Lewis Journal) enters the conversation over Christopher Derrick's C.S. Lewis and the Church of Rome -- esp. concerning Lewis' decision not to become Roman Catholic. In chapter 6, Dart publishes two letters he personally received from Griffiths (along with reflections). The final chapter is a summary, pointing out that virtually no work has been done on the Lewis-Griffiths connection in four decades. For my part, I'm glad Dart broke the silence!

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