

Athanasius. *On the Incarnation*. Homework

Introduction.

Reasons for reading “old books”

Difference between “amateurs” and “professionals”

Christendom’s divisions as seen through the classics

C.S. Lewis view of “On the Incarnation”

Life of St Athanasius.

Athanasius “contra mundum” means...

Details of his birth and life and the times he lived in

His relationship to the “desert saints”

His relationship to Arius (information about him)

Athanasius and exile

On the Incarnation.

What philosophies does he have in mind as he writes?

How are creation and salvation connected?

What are the reasons for the incarnation?

How does he illustrate the incarnation?

What is the paradox of the incarnation? What are the proofs?

What does Jesus death say about the incarnation?

Contrast Jews /Gentiles and their responses and arguments

What is necessary to understand “God the Word”?

Impressions and observations of “On the Incarnation”