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## Screwtape

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## SCREWTAPE

The devil prowde spirite cannot endure to be mocked.

Thomas More

### Screwtape Letters

C. S. LEWIS

. . . I fancy that Scrooge, screw, thumbscrew, tapeworm and red tape all do some work in my hero's name—

C. S. L.

My Dear Wormwood,

I wonder you should ask me whether it is essential to keep the patient in ignorance of our existence . . . Our policy for the moment is to conceal ourselves. Of course, this has not always been so. When the humans disbelieve in us, we love all the pleasing results of direct terrorism. On the other hand, when they believe in us, we cannot make them materialists and sceptics. At least not yet. I have great hopes that we shall learn, in due time, how to emotionalize this science to such an extent that what is in effect, a belief in us (though not under that name) while the human mind remains closed to the Enemy. The "Life Force," the worship of sex—may prove useful. . . .

An ever increasing craving for an ever diminishing pleasure is the formula . . . To get a man's soul and give him nothing in return . . . that really gladdens our heart.

Your affectionate uncle,

SCREWTAPE

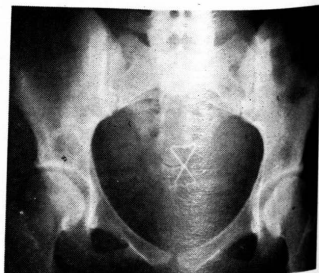
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### Screwtape Pictures



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The Lazar C. Margulies Spiral (a) and the Birenbaum\* (b) Bow are shown above concealed in the uteri of two unnamed young women. The more popular spiral, fondly called "Screwtape" is easily inserted. Intra-uterine contraceptive devices have been used for many years, but none have had the attractiveness of this linear polyethylene screwtape inserted through plastic tube. Attachment of a "tail" markedly increases the efficiency of the device says Dr. Lazar C. Margulies.

The exact mechanism of contraception is not presently known. Many think that Screwtape produces a "hostile" endometrium which refuses implantation of the "conceptus" or fertilized ovum. This has not been demonstrated. Maestroanni has not found ova of any sort fertilized or not in the uterus or its products on careful study of monkey's burdened with Screwtape. Further consideration of this subject is indicated.

\*although this may be roughly translated "casket tree" (not wormwood) the device is also made of reinforced plastic.

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