

# C.S. Lewis on our search for happiness

“What satan put into the heads of our remote ancestors was the idea that they could ‘be like gods’—could set up on their own as if they had created themselves...**invent some sort of happiness for themselves outside God**, apart from God. And out of that hopeless attempt has come nearly all that we call human history—money, poverty, ambition, war, prostitution, classes, empires, slavery—**the long terrible story of man trying to find something other than God which will make him happy.**” —C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*