Letters

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social relationships and in marriage as a dance of mutual
and shared obedience. (6)

In addition to this basic thesis, Patterson offers a number
of other insights. One is in a discussion of Jane Studdock's
experience of God: "we have [in that passage], not the
woman's experience, but the man's, in fact, the experience
of C. S. Lewis himself" (7). Patterson seems to suggest that
a typical feminine experience of God is that of "a deep and
permanent reassurance," while the experience described
in That Hideous Strength (the end of Ch. 14), that of a
demand, is typically masculine. (Typical is an important
word in this claim, for not all men and women have
personalities that are typical of their gender.) [JRC]

This past November marked the passing of three dec­
dades since the death of C.S. Lewis in 1963. With the 100th
anniversary of his birth approaching in this last decade of
the millennium, it is not too soon to begin planning for
the C.S. Lewis Centenary. The projected celebration in the
summer of 1998 is only a little more than four years away.
The Mythopoeic Society, the oldest organization devoted
to C.S. Lewis, is making plans to use the 1998 Mythopoeic
Conference as a base upon which to build the Lewis Cen­
tenary Celebration, similar to the seven day Tolkien Cen­
tenary Celebration held in 1992.

The Society is considering various locations, possibly in
the Mid-West. Some think that America has the strongest
interest in Lewis of any nation currently, and therefore that
the Conference might be better attended in the US. How­
ever, we are open to all suggestions.

The Mythopoeic Society is contacting other Lewis or­
organizations, inviting their ideas and participation. You are
asked to please spread the word to your friends who have
an interest in Lewis, and to write the Society with your own
thoughts and ideas. This undertaking will need the input
and execution of many people.

A New Scholarship

A modest amount of money has been made available
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