

# Why Christians Should Write Fantasy

**“And whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men”  
Colossians 3:23**

The Lord has gifted each individual with a set of skills, interests, and expertise. We are called to use what the Lord has given us for His glory. The Christian has a unique understanding of our call to work heartily for the Lord. As redeemed through the sacrifice of Christ on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins, we now have a calling to, “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations.” (Matthew 28:19a).

How do we do that through writing fantasy? It can be tempting to think you can more effectively evangelize through pastoral work, missionary work, a corporate job. But the reality is, you may be able to more *directly* evangelize, but if the Lord called you to writing and not carpentry, then your most *effective* way to work heartily for the Lord is by doing exactly what He has equipped you to do.

The issue is not that you are not able to evangelize through your creative writing, the issue is whether or not you boldly trust the Lord and use your gift for His glory.

## **Why Christians Should Write Fantasy:**

- **Called to Create**

“So God created man in his own image,  
in the image of God he created him;  
male and female he created them.”

- Genesis 1:27

The Lord, the Creator of man, has made humanity in His own image. We are called to reflect our Lord and His character. The very first introduction we have to our God, is His creative ability. He is Creator, and He has created us to create. While He can form something from nothing, we are called to use what He has given us for His glory and the good of others.

This includes our creative pursuits. While man has fallen and persists in rebellion against God, those redeemed through the death of Christ on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins, can use all the faculties the Lord has gifted us with to glorify His name. Those whom God has blessed with creative talents should thus use those talents to honor the Lord and bring glory to His name.

If the Lord has blessed you with a passion for storytelling, then your duty is to use that gift and not question why He gave you one skill and not another.

- **Called to Glorify God in Everything**

“So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.”

- 1 Corinthians 10:31

Everything in our life should be ordered around the single focus of glorifying God. This verse highlights how everything, even things as mundane as food and drink, should be done

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for God's glory. How much more should our work reflect the God whom we serve. Our writing is not outside of that scope. Everything we write should be written with the single focus of glorifying God.

We glorify Him by crafting excellent books, working diligently, weaving a story that reflects His truth through our words. How we comport ourselves as authors should reflect His character. Nothing we do is outside the scope of glorifying God, and we should pursue writing with a sober, humble dedication of one seeking to please our Savior.

### **How Christians Should Write Fantasy:**

- **Always Point to Truth**

“If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

- John 8:31b-32

All books contain a message. It is impossible not to convey a message in your book, so as a Christian you should take pains to ensure that the message you convey is consistent to and points toward the truth of Scripture.

While your book certainly does not have to be a direct allegory, or only deal with the real world, every story should point to the truth of God, and exemplify the sacrifice of Christ. Take pain to scrutinize every message you craft to ensure that the appropriate message is conveyed. Consider your motifs, your subliminal messages, and seek out any unintentional messages you may be conveying.

- **Always Exemplify Good and Condemn Evil**

“Blessed is the man  
who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor stands in the way of sinners,  
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

but his delight is in the law of the Lord,  
and on his law he meditates day and night.”

Psalm 1:1-2

A Christian author can, and should, handle difficult conversations and portray evil in their books. How to do this well depends fully on the overarching message that you convey through your book. In the book, all evil should be condemned and all good exemplified. Never should what is wrong, sinful, or evil be made to appear moral, good, or right. While you can explore moral gray areas, complex characters, or negative character arcs, each of these areas should be considered and addressed in the light of scripture and should always point to what is good and right.

There is enough confusion in our world about right and wrong, as a Christian our books should always encourage the reader to accept what is true, and reject the false lies of our world.

- **Always Point to Hope**

“Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.”

Hebrews 10:23

What Christians can give the world, that the world cannot find for themselves, is hope. Hope that transcends whatever life brings, because the sacrifice of Christ on the cross for restoration with God is a hope beyond measure. Our books, whether fantastical or not, can point to that hope and that truth. Even if you are writing a tragedy, the hope of our coming Savior should be so woven into the book so that the reader leaves with that knowledge firmly planted within them.

Hope is what sets a Christian apart, and it should be obvious from our works that above all, good will prevail.

Take courage, writer. You have been called to a lofty task, creating for your Creator. Be diligent in your pursuit of writing, be excellent in your craft, and above all seek your Savior, through whom you will grow in Christlikeness that will overflow in all that you do.

In Christ,  
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