

THE WRITTEN WORD

Have you ever stopped to think that if certain men and women did not write, we'd have no record of past history apart from oral tradition? In fact, virtually everything we know about the history of the world is only known because certain people took time to write things down.

One of the nicest gifts I received this last year was a copy of the book, "*The Letters Of C.S. Lewis.*" It is over 600 pages of hand written letters he wrote, all typed out so they are easily readable. Many of his letters were long. Typed out they're still over three pages long. Once Lewis became a famous author he received many letters, and as much as was humanly possible, he would respond to each letter with amazing insight. He considered it part of his ministry. I've underlined and high-lighted many of his words of wisdom.

So, where am I going with all of this? Have you stopped to think that if Lewis had an android phone where he could speak into the phone and could send an immediate text or email, that as soon as his message was read, at some point it would probably be deleted, and all the wonderful things he had written would be lost?

My sister and I tried to get our dad to write down a lot of his memories from World War Two, but dad was not much of a writer and he only wrote a few pages. Even though dad verbally told us many things, because they were not written down, they are now lost forever. So, what are you doing to leave a written legacy for your family? What are you passing on to the next generation? What if a gigantic solar flare or electromagnetic pulse bomb went off and destroyed most electronic files. What would be left for posterity? As old fashioned as it may seem, some things are best left as written paper documents.