

THE SOULBANE STRATAGEM

What if new letters from devils were found? The American author of the newly released *The Soulbane Stratagem*, Norman Jetmundsen, Jr., fell in love with the works of C. S. Lewis while studying at Oxford at Lewis' own college. This novel, in fact, takes off from Lewis' *The Screwtape Letters*. In *Screwtape*, Lewis created the devil Screwtape who writes letters of advice to his young nephew, Wormwood, about how to deal with human beings, Jetmundsen refers to Lewis and Screwtape but creates his own devil Soulbane. This devil writes a report about the present state of the world where it is absurdly easy for devils to capture souls since the Church has not only given up the battle, but seems unaware that there is a battle at all.

There is also a love interest in addition to the novel's main plot and some good and unexpected twists as the hero (an American college student) travels from England to America (Sewanee) and to Malta. Episcopalians of all ages will enjoy this "read" and it will make a fine gift for teens and college age, especially.