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## The Smyth: Scotus on the Soul, Immortality, and Resurrection

For what sort of eyes has the 447 Rich Man to lift up in hell, when he has left his bodily eyes in that tomb? Beyond this, their fundamental conception itself cannot stand secure on every side. Just as those who refine gold from the dross which it contains not only get this base alloy to melt in the fire, but are to melt the pure gold along with the alloy, and then while this last is being consumed the gold remains, so, while is being consumed in the purgatorial fire, the that is welded to this must inevitably be in the fire too, until the spurious material alloy is consumed and annihilated by this fire. How can he, whose very nature has its rise in a vice, as they assert, possess any deliberate impulse towards a life of virtue? Some indeed make vile in their comprehensiveness, maintaining that a becomes alternately that of a man and of something irrational; that it transmigrates into various bodies, changing at pleasure from the man into fowl, fish, or beast, and then returning to kind.

## On the Soul and Resurrection: St. Gregory of Nyssa

Because most things soul and the afterlife is for us unknown, there is a lot of things that cannot be answered and admitted so by the author, but also a few things that are a challenge to accept as a good enough explanation. Why do we have corslets, and long shields, and greaves, and helmets, and all the defensive armour, and inclosures of fortifications, and iron-barred gates, except that we to die? What, then, is to be said about these theories? As, when the sun shines above the earth, the shadow is spread over its lower part, because its spherical shape makes it impossible for it to be clasped all round at one and the same time by the rays, and necessarily, on whatever side the sun's rays may fall on some particular point of the globe, if we follow a straight diameter, we shall find shadow upon the opposite point, and so, continuously, at the opposite end of the direct line of the rays shadow moves round that globe, keeping pace with the sun, so that equally in their turn both the upper half and the under half of the earth are in light and darkness; so, by this analogy, we have reason to be certain that, whatever in our hemisphere is observed to befall the atoms, the same will befall them in that other.

## On the Soul and the Resurrection (Illustrated)

We say that the fact of the reasoning animal man being capable of understanding and is most surely attested by those outside our ; and that this definition would never have sketched our nature so, if it had viewed and desire and all such-like emotions as consubstantial with that nature.

## The Smyth: Scotus on the Soul, Immortality, and Resurrection

But if on the other hand our Resurrection will be represented in every one of these; then the Author of the Resurrection will fashion things in us of no use and advantage to that life. When the process of purification has been completed, the better attributes of the soul appear -- imperishability, life, honour, grace, glory, power, and, in short, all that belongs to human nature as the image of Deity. What a sight too are those of swollen with the disease of dropsy! That is very , the Teacher replied.

### **St Gregory of Nyssa, On the Soul and the Resurrection**

Whatever instance we take, howsoever we suppose this to have been, it is all the same; from these differences in life there arises no difficulty, any more than any facility, with regard to the Resurrection. The question presents, on the face of it, many insuperable difficulties.

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