

The Resurrection of the Body



A Lenten Anthropology

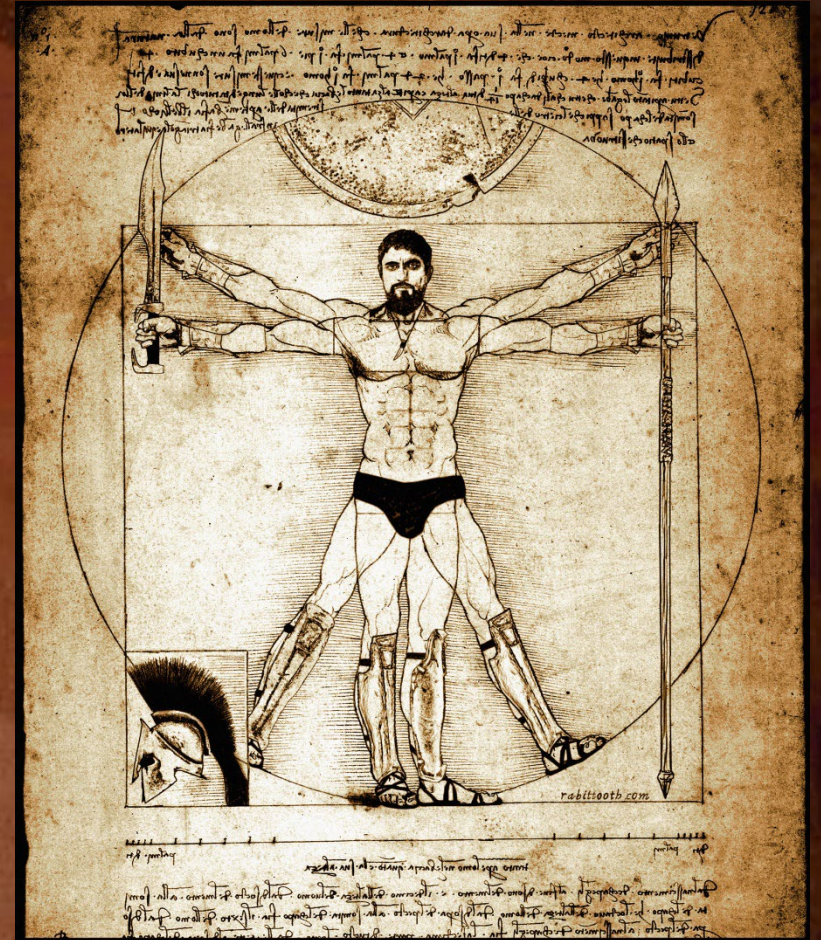
- To understand “What is Lent?” we should ask “What is...
man?”



(and God)

Various Anthropologies

- Buddhist and Jedi
- Materialist and Naturalist
- Gnostic and Neoplatonist
- Biblical and Christian



Good but Fallen

- Created in the Image of God
- But fallen into sin
- The wages of sin is...

DEATH

Romans 6:23



Dumbledore on Death

“After all, to the well-organized mind, death is but the next great adventure.”



Dialoguing with Dumbledore

- Death is not to be feared as the end?
 - **YES.** There is life after death.
- Death is good and the next chapter?
 - **NO.** Death is a sad result of sin. It is a painful separation.
- The spirit perseveres after death?
 - **YES.** But the resurrection brings the body back, too.
- You just need a well-organized mind?
 - **NO.** You need soul that trusts Christ.



Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live,

John 11:25



Death Compared with Sleep

- Jesus repeatedly compared death as sleep:
 - “Why are you making a commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but sleeping.” (Mark 5:39)
 - “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him.” (John 11:11)
- Jesus did not apparently teach “soul sleep” though
 - “Today you will be with me in paradise”
 - “We are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses...”

Our Goal Is Not Just Heaven, but

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth,
for the first heaven and the first earth had
passed away, and the sea was no more.

(Revelation 21:1; see also Isaiah 65:17)

“THE ESCHATON”

End Times

Church Age
=
Millennium
(now)

Satan's
"Little
Season"
(Rev. 20)

Resurrection
and
Judgment
of all



Jesus: 1st to Rise, Has Power to Raise Us

²⁵ “Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. ²⁶ For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. ²⁷ And he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man.

John 5:25-27

Jesus: 1st to Rise, Has Power to Raise Us

²⁸ Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice ²⁹ and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.

John 5:28-29

NON-BELIEVERS WILL ALSO RESURRECT

I Corinthians 15

...just

deserves to
be read!



- ¹² Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴ And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. ¹⁵ We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. *1 Corinthians 15:12-16*

²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²² For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³ But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:20-23

⁵¹ Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, ⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.
⁵³ For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality.

1 Corinthians 15:51-53

“ALL THE FEELS”: Bodies with senses



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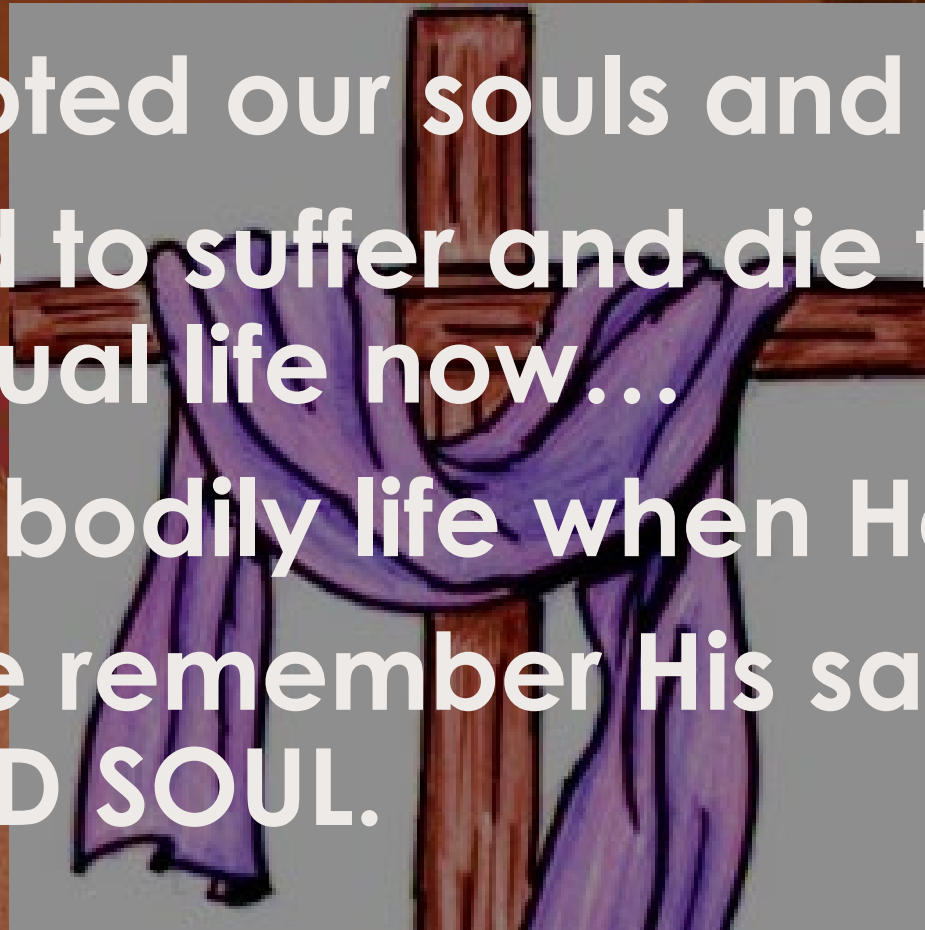
Discussion

1. Are you glad that there will be a resurrection?
2. Does knowing that you will get a new body make you want to take better care of your body now?
3. What do you look forward to doing (as a person with a body) in the New Age (Eschaton)?



Back to LENT

- Sin corrupted our souls and bodies.
- Jesus had to suffer and die to bring us new spiritual life now...
- And new bodily life when He returns.
- In Lent we remember His sacrifice for our **BODY AND SOUL.**



Next Week: **“The Life Everlasting”**

“But for them it was only the beginning of the real story. All their life in this world and all their adventures in Narnia had only been the cover and the title page: now at last they were beginning Chapter One of the Great Story which no one on earth has read: which goes on for ever: in which every chapter is better than the one before.”

(C.S. Lewis, closing of *The Last Battle*)