

A dramatic landscape featuring a bright sunburst breaking through a thick layer of golden clouds. Below the clouds, a lush green hillside slopes down towards the right. The sky above is a deep blue with scattered white clouds. The overall scene is bright and uplifting.

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Basic Concepts

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οὐρανός

Ouranos (Heaven)

Now Christ has gone to heaven (ouranos). He is seated in the place of honor next to God, and all the angels and authorities and powers accept his authority. [1 Peter 3:22 NLT]

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Sky

Ouranos =

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Sky

Ouranos = Universe

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Ouranos = Universe

God's Home

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Death: Since Christ destroyed the power of death through his resurrection, believers need not be afraid of death, the last enemy. Christ's followers go to be with the Lord when they die. When Christ returns, they will be raised and receive new bodies. Believers who are alive at Christ's coming will be transformed and will also receive new and glorious bodies, fit for life in God's eternal kingdom.

[MB Statement of Faith]

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BODY

Σάρξ = sarx

Σῶμα = soma

SOUL

Ψυχή = psyche

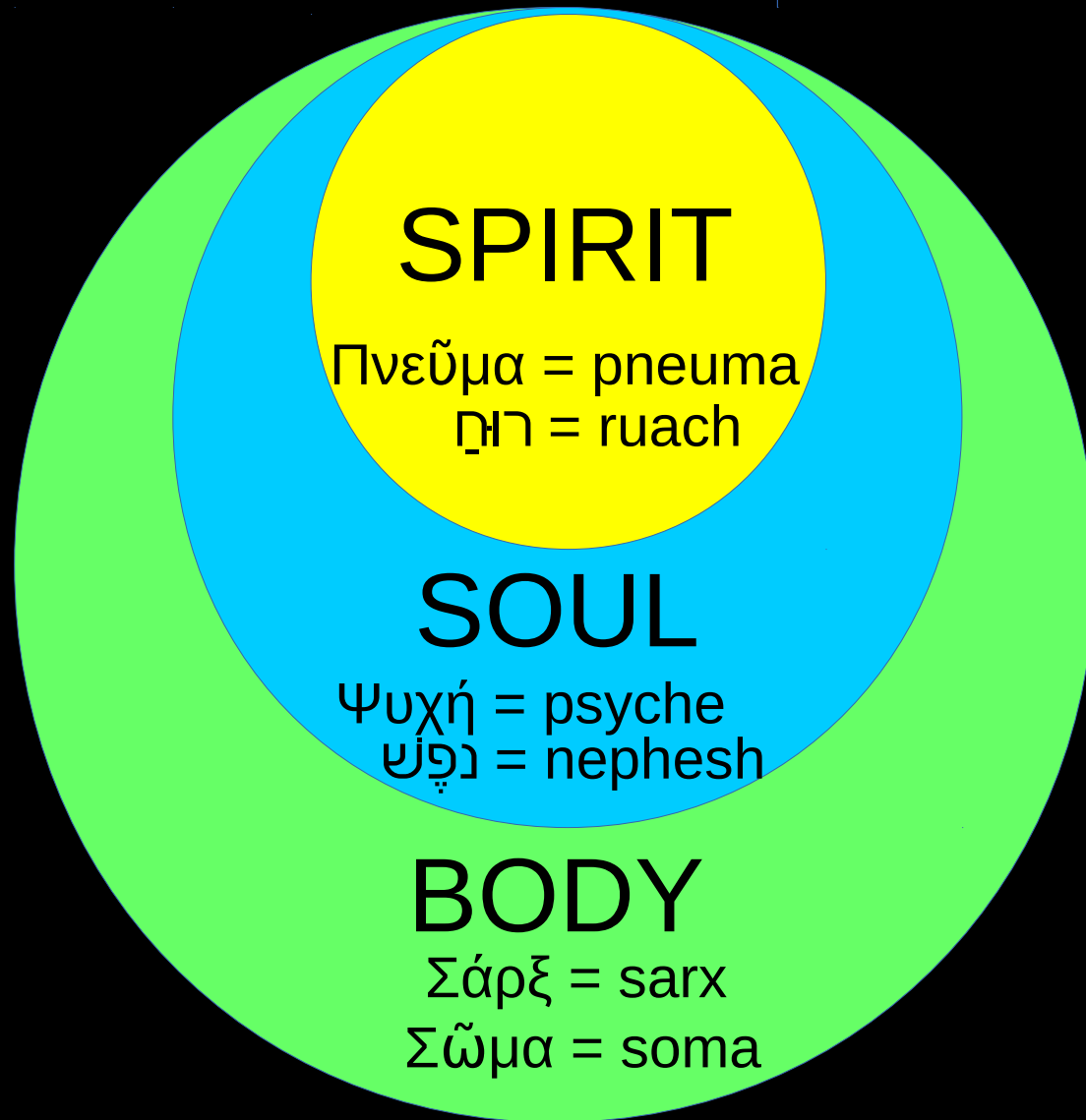
נֶפֶשׁ = nephesh

SPIRIT

Πνεῦμα = pneuma

רוּחַ = ruach

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When they arrived at the house, Jesus wouldn't let anyone go in with him except Peter, John, James, and the little girl's father and mother. The house was filled with people weeping and wailing, but he said, "Stop the weeping! She isn't dead; she's only asleep." But the crowd laughed at him because they all knew she had died. Then Jesus took her by the hand and said in a loud voice, "My child, get up!" And at that moment her life (pneuma) returned, and she immediately stood up!

[Luke 8:51-55 NLT]

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Then he said, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but now I will go and wake him up.” The disciples said, “Lord, if he is sleeping, he will soon get better!” They thought Jesus meant Lazarus was simply sleeping, but Jesus meant Lazarus had died. So he told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead...”

[John 11:11-14 NLT]

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Intermediate State

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*Yes, only God knows whether I was in my body or outside my body. But I do know that I was caught up to paradise (**paradeisos**) and heard things so astounding that they cannot be expressed in words, things no human is allowed to tell.*

[2 Corinthians 12:3-4 NLT]

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I'm torn between two desires: I long to go and be with Christ, which would be far better for me.

[Philippians 1:23 NLT]

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So we are always confident, even though we know that as long as we live in these bodies (soma) we are not at home with the Lord. For we live by believing and not by seeing. Yes, we are fully confident, and we would rather be away from these earthly bodies (soma), for then we will be at home with the Lord.

[2 Corinthians 5:6-8 NLT]

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Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up.

[Hebrews 12:1-3 NLT]

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When the Lamb broke the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls (psyche) of all who had been martyred for the word of God and for being faithful in their testimony... Then a white robe was given to each of them.

[Revelation 6:9,11a NLT]

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Eternal State

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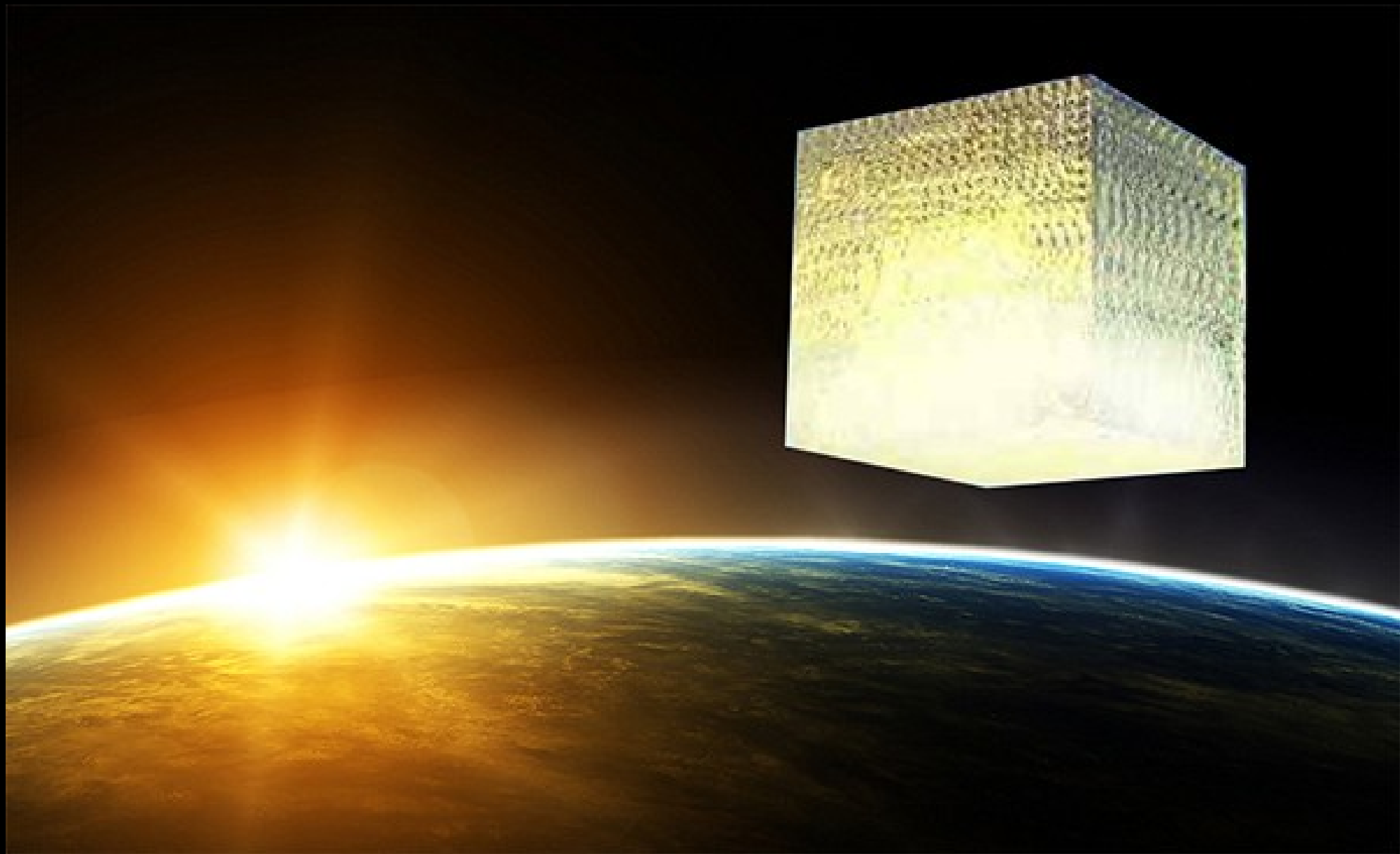


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But the day of the Lord will come as unexpectedly as a thief. Then the heavens will pass away with a terrible noise, and the very elements themselves will disappear in fire...On that day, he will set the heavens on fire, and the elements will melt away in the flames. But we are looking forward to the new heavens and new earth he has promised, a world filled with God's righteousness.

[2 Peter 3:10,13 NLT]

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So he took me in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and he showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God...When he measured it, he found it was a square, as wide as it was long. In fact, its length and width and height were each 1400 miles [12000 stadia, 2220 kilometers].

[Revelation 21:10,16 NLT]

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ἀθανασία

athanasia = deathless, immortal

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ἀφθαρσία

aphtharsia = inperishable, incorruptable

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But let me reveal to you a wonderful secret. We will not all die, but we will all be transformed!...For when the trumpet sounds, those who have died will be raised to live forever. And we who are living will also be transformed. For our dying bodies must be transformed into bodies that will never die (aphtharsian); our mortal bodies must be transformed into immortal bodies (athanasian).

[1 Corinthians 15:51-54 NLT]

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Many of those whose bodies lie dead and buried will rise up, some to everlasting life and some to shame and everlasting disgrace. Those who are wise will shine as bright as the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness will shine like the stars forever.

[Daniel 12:2-3 NLT]

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ἐγείρομαι

egeiromai = to rise/stand up

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ἀνάστασις

anastasis = to resurrect

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It is the same way with the resurrection (anastasis) of the dead. Our earthly bodies are planted in the ground when we die, but they will be raised (egeiromai) to live forever. Our bodies are buried in brokenness, but they will be raised in glory (doxa). They are buried in weakness, but they will be raised (egeiromai) in strength (dynamis).

[1 Corinthians 15:42-43 NLT]

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Death

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Death

Body lays down

“Sleeping”

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Death

Resurrection

Body lays down
“Sleeping”

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Death

Body lays down
“Sleeping”

Resurrection

Body rises up
“Awakening”

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The Lord God made all sorts of trees grow up from the ground—trees that were beautiful and that produced delicious fruit. In the middle of the garden he placed the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. [Genesis 2:9 NLT]

Then the angel showed me a river with the water of life, clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb. It flowed down the center of the main street. On each side of the river grew a tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, with a fresh crop each month. The leaves were used for medicine to heal the nations.

[Revelation 22:1-2 NLT]

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*“Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches. To everyone who is victorious I will give fruit from the tree of life in the paradise (*paradeisos*) of God.*

[Revelation 12:7 NLT]

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And then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea. They sang:

“Blessing and honor and glory and power belong to the one sitting on the throne and to the Lamb forever and ever.”

[Revelation 5:13 NLT]

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No longer will there be a curse upon anything. For the throne of God and of the Lamb will be there, and his servants will worship him. And they will see his face, and his name will be written on their foreheads...And they will reign forever and ever.

[Revelation 22:3-5 NLT]

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Pondering

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“If we find ourselves with a desire that nothing in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that we were made for another world.”

[C.S. Lewis, "Mere Christianity"]

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Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the old heaven and the old earth had disappeared. And the sea was also gone. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven like a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, "Look, God's home is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever." [Rev 21:1-3 NLT]

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- What is the difference between 'soul' and 'spirit'?
- What if Adam & Eve had never sinned?
- Was the Garden of Eden 'Heaven'?
- What about pets in Heaven?
- No time or un-ending time in Heaven?
- What activities will occur in Heaven?

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Millennial State

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Messiah Clause

Upon the coming of the messiah, tenants agree to vacate the apartment within 15 days.

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Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven with the key to the bottomless pit and a heavy chain in his hand. He seized the dragon—that old serpent, who is the devil, Satan—and bound him in chains for a thousand years. The angel threw him into the bottomless pit, which he then shut and locked so Satan could not deceive the nations anymore until the thousand years were finished. Afterward he must be released for a little while.

[Revelation 20:1-3 NLT]

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Then I saw thrones, and the people sitting on them had been given the authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their testimony about Jesus and for proclaiming the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his statue, nor accepted his mark on their foreheads or their hands. They all came to life again, and they reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

[Revelation 20:4 NLT]

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This is the first resurrection. (The rest of the dead did not come back to life until the thousand years had ended.) Blessed and holy are those who share in the first resurrection. For them the second death holds no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him a thousand years.

[Revelation 20:5-6 NLT]

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In that day the wolf and the lamb will live together; the leopard will lie down with the baby goat. The calf and the yearling will be safe with the lion, and a little child will lead them all. The cow will graze near the bear. The cub and the calf will lie down together. The lion will eat hay like a cow. The baby will play safely near the hole of a cobra. Yes, a little child will put its hand in a nest of deadly snakes without harm. Nothing will hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain, for as the waters fill the sea, so the earth will be filled with people who know the Lord.

[Isaiah 11:6-9 NLT]

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*The Lord will mediate between nations
and will settle international disputes.
They will hammer their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks.
Nation will no longer fight against nation,
nor train for war anymore.*

[Isaiah 2:4 NLT]

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*I will bring them to my holy mountain of Jerusalem
and will fill them with joy in my house of prayer.
I will accept their burnt offerings and sacrifices,
because my Temple will be called a house of
prayer for all nations.*

[Isaiah 56:7 NLT]

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Soul Sleep

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Calvin...(1544), counts the Anabaptists as one of the groups believing in the sleep of the soul, which is, however, obviously an error... Also Friedrich Spannheim asserts that the Mennonites held the belief in the sleep of the soul; the assertion is vigorously refuted by Maatschoen. Karl Müller, the church historian of Tübingen, thought the doctrine was definitely held by the Anabaptists in the Romance countries. The fact is, there is no convincing evidence that such a belief was held by the Anabaptists or Mennonites anywhere.

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And ye, in putting them [the departed souls] in heaven, hell and purgatory, destroy the arguments where with Christ and Paul prove the resurrection...And again, if the souls be in heaven, tell me why they be not in as good a case as the angels be? And then what cause is there of the resurrection?" [William Tyndale, 1530]

Salomon judgeth that the dead are a sleepe, and feele nothing at all. For the dead lye there accompting neyther dayes nor yeares, but when they are awoken, they shall seeme to have slept scarce one minute. [Martin Luther, 1573]

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Silliness

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