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BEING A SOUL

The **belief** permeates many religions and popular culture, that when you die, an invisible, insubstantial entity departs your body and ascends or descends to a region of bliss or terror. The soul is assumed to be an inevitable consequence of latent immortality, the notion that eternal conscious existence is native to the human condition. In other words, one can never really be dead.

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CHRIST'S SECOND ADVENT

In that day they will say, 'Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the LORD, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation' (Isaiah 25: 9).

Jesus intended His disciples to understand that for some purpose, in some manner, and at some time, He would come again. Though at His departure He had promised to be with them always, and through His Spirit and Word has indeed guided and comforted the Church, He certainly referred to a future *personal* coming.

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In the Rear-View Mirror – 1969

'It is not by chance that the vogue word Establishment derives from the Church of England. With the monarch its titular head, and a largely pagan parliament responsible for its governance, this curious body has hitherto been one of the main props of the social and economic *status quo*. Nominally, it remains so still, but the actual support it offers proves on examination to be largely illusory, like one of those painted pillars one sees on Italian Renaissance buildings. Though the Archbishop of Canterbury may take precedence at ceremonial functions over other officers of the crown, like the prime minister, his effective authority, such as it is, scarcely reaches beyond the ramshackle institution over which he presides. In matters like divorce, homosexuality, and the so-called "New Morality," the tide is flowing strongly against the traditional Christian position, often with the connivance of eminent churchmen.'

– *Jesus Rediscovered*, Malcolm Muggeridge (Doubleday & Co., Inc., 1969), p. 139.

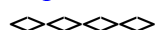
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