I. DECOMPOSITION

1. Introduction. Descent from the Cross.

2. The prophesy. ‘We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed – in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye.’

3. The corpse starts to cool. The body releases the gases, hydrogen and ammonia.

4. Haemolysis. Release of haemoglobin into the plasma due to the destruction of red blood cells. Release of hydrogen sulphide, the green discolouration over the skin of the right iliac fossa spreads throughout the body, gradually darkening to a brownish green.


6. Putrefaction phase. This occurs over the next two or three months. All the organs turn soft, the skin slips, the eyes sink into the head, the alae of the nose collapse and the head becomes bald.

7. Period of skeletal reduction. The soft parts of the body gradually disappear due to the effect of germs that come to deposit eggs in them. The larvae eat the corpse. Appearance of Calliphoridae, the ‘bluebottles’ of putrefaction.

8. Complete disappearance of all the corpse’s organs until complete skeletonisation is reached after five years. End of the material part of the body.

9. Where is your victory, Death? (Effect nullification)

II. JOURNEY OF THE SOUL

10. The fixing of the volatile. Invocation to the spirit so it will allow us to depict it. Ideas fly and need to be secured to the Earth.

11. The soul is freed from the body. This freeing occurs in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, when earthly life ends.

12. Psychostasis phase. The heart of the soul is weighed and the soul is led to the spirit.

13. The soul bathes in water to restore its purity.
III. THE SPIRIT

14. Appearance of the spirit, the divine intelligence that animates and moves the living beings and things of the universe.

15. Earthly explanation of the spirit in physics formulae.

16. Triumph of the spirit and descent of the soul to Earth.

17. Multiplication of goods once the descent is completed.

18. Expectant humankind. This phenomenon took place before their eyes, though they did not see it.


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