

Seattle University

ScholarWorks @ SeattleU

Manuscripts, ca. 1921-ca.1966; n.d., Edwin
Mortimer Standing

Series II: Literary Productions, ca. 1919-1979;
n.d.

July 2022

Box 07, Folder 34 - "Heaven is Our Destination" (E.M.S.?)

Edwin Mortimer Standing

Follow this and additional works at: <https://scholarworks.seattleu.edu/standing-manuscripts>

Recommended Citation

Standing, Edwin Mortimer, "Box 07, Folder 34 - "Heaven is Our Destination" (E.M.S.?)" (2022). *Manuscripts, ca. 1921-ca.1966; n.d., Edwin Mortimer Standing*. 27.

<https://scholarworks.seattleu.edu/standing-manuscripts/27>

This Article is brought to you for free and open access by the Series II: Literary Productions, ca. 1919-1979; n.d. at ScholarWorks @ SeattleU. It has been accepted for inclusion in Manuscripts, ca. 1921-ca.1966; n.d., Edwin Mortimer Standing by an authorized administrator of ScholarWorks @ SeattleU.

C

17

Heaven is our Destination (Heavenly)
~~Disk #5?~~

So we see that the whole aim of human existence according to Christianity is to prepare ourselves for that life which is to come in one of the many "mansions" in Our Father's house, that is to say in Heaven. ^{But} There is no suggestion anywhere in Christ's teaching that, after death, we shall lose our own personalities and be changed to something or somebody else. For instance when Christ was on the Cross one of the thieves, that was being crucified on each side of Him, realizing from the way He acted who Christ was, that He was God, in spite of the humiliating position in which He was in, said to Our Lord, "Remember me Lord when Thou comest into Thy Kingdom". From His cross Christ replied to the ^{penitent} ~~repentent~~ thief, "This day thou shalt be with Me in Paradise". No question here ~~is~~ ^{of a} ~~the~~ change in personality, or re-incarnation into any other form ^{of life.}

The whole Christian doctrine of the Communion of Saints, in which we, who are on Earth, pray to the Saints in Heaven to intercede for us, takes for granted that each individual, after death, carries on ^{into} ~~the~~ the next world in ^{of} complete continuity of personality. St. Peter will remain St. Peter, St. Paul - St. Paul and St. Mary ^{and so on} ~~Mary~~ ^{Mary} Magdalen will remain the same person? Catholic Doctrine of Purgatory (Heavenly)

All Catholic's, as a matter of course, pray for the souls of their dear departed who are still in ^{and they do so} Purgatory, for they know that they are still the same persons whom they knew and loved on earth.

Perhaps it might be well at this point to ^{interpolate} ~~say~~ a few words on the Catholic doctrine of Purgatory; for it is one that really bears on our general discussion, and in the following way. Most ^{Catholics} ~~Catholic's~~ and I think most Hindu's would agree on this point, ^{namely} ~~mainly~~ that the majority of persons that die on this earth are not sufficiently advanced in their spiritual development to enter either Heaven or Nirvana straight away. The Hindu would say that these souls would therefore have to come back to earth and go through more purifying experiences ^{and} in further reincarnations, before they were ready for the final state of Nirvana.

Catholic's would say that these souls are not ready for Heaven yet ^{and for that reason} ~~because they~~ have to go through further purification through suffering ^(in Purgatory) till - as the ghost in Hamlet says - "crimes done in the state of nature are burnt and ~~purged~~ ^{purged} away". Protestants by the way do not believe in Purgatory, and this is one of the reasons why Catholicism appeals

took to Himself a material body. In this body made up of the very ~~material~~ stuff of the universe, He lived worked, taught, suffered on the Cross and died. But that was not the end of the story. In this same material body He rose again from the dead, and He still retains that human body ^{in Heaven} and will have it forever. ^{ally} ~~Incidentally~~ this great historic fact, of the Ressurrection of Christ in His human Body, is the foundation of the Christian belief in the general resurrection of all our bodies on the ~~Last Day~~ ^{Then} when our own materials bodied will be returned to us ^{but} in a perfect state, without any possibility of any suffering and decay, ~~and~~ ^{and} thus in our souls ^{and} in our bodies will be united in Heaven forever.

That ^{His} Our Lords body, after ~~the~~ resurrection, was a real material body was made quite clear from some of the incidents mentioned in the New Testament. ^{Thus} When Our Lord appeared to a group of His ^{disciples} ~~disciples~~ after His death they took fright, and thought He was a spirit ~~and~~ ^{whereupon Christ} He said, "Don't be frightened, come here and touch me. A spirit has not flesh and ~~blood~~ ^{|| F} as you see me to have, ^{before them he ate} further more He asked them to give Him some food and ~~He had~~ ^{clear} some boiled fish and honey, to make it ~~quite a bit clearer~~ ^{clear} to them that it was a real resurr- ^{material} ~~ection~~ and that He was still clothed in a ~~mater~~ ^{in His life} body, as He had done before His death.

more naturally to the Hindu, since the doctrine of Purgatory seems to them more in line with the doctrine of Karma.

18

In any case the final ~~consummation~~ ^{Consummation} Christian soul is to dwell forever- raised to a state of glory- in the presence of God and in the society of the other Saints, living forever in the State of perfect happiness.

The Final State of the Material Universe

It would be worth while to pause here for a moment here to note more particularly though we mentioned it before how different are the ideas in the East and the West with regard to the nature of matter and of the whole material universe. ~~as was said above~~ For the Buddhist, the whole material world, ^{an} is as it were a mistake & illusion, ~~made~~ ^{Deliberately} but in the Christian outlook the whole material world was ~~definitely~~ ^{it} created by God. ~~In fact we can say the whole material universe was created (by God) in order to be the vehicle of man's spiritual soul in the course of its development, as it rises to ever more spiritualized forms of matter. In this connection the most important fact of all to remember is that the Eternal God came down from Heaven, (in the second Person of the Holy Trinity), and- without ceasing to be God (which would be impossible)~~