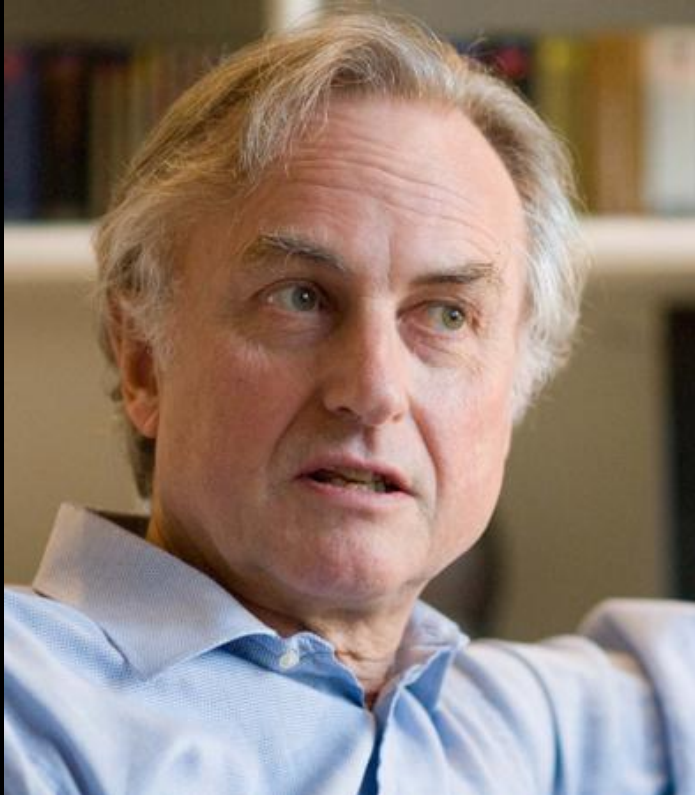


“Resurrection bodies”

1 Corinthians 15:29-58

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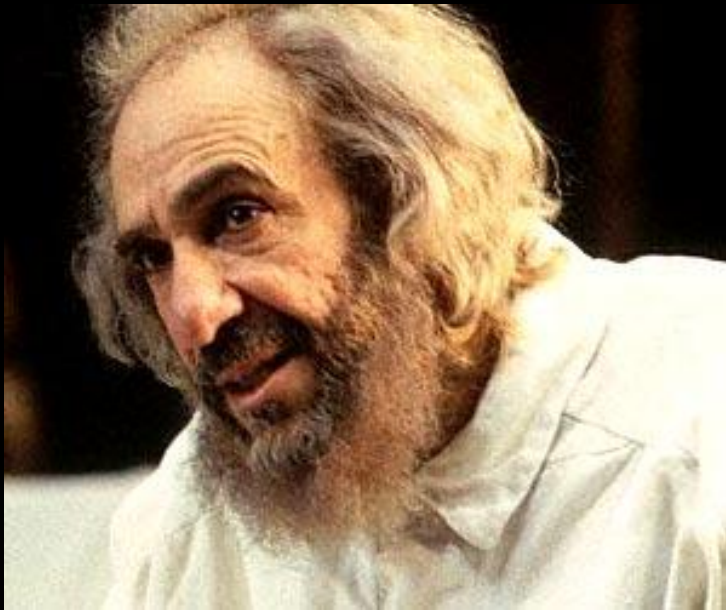
“You prepare for it [death] by facing up to the truth, which is that life is what we have and so we had better live our life to the full while we have it, because there is nothing after it.”

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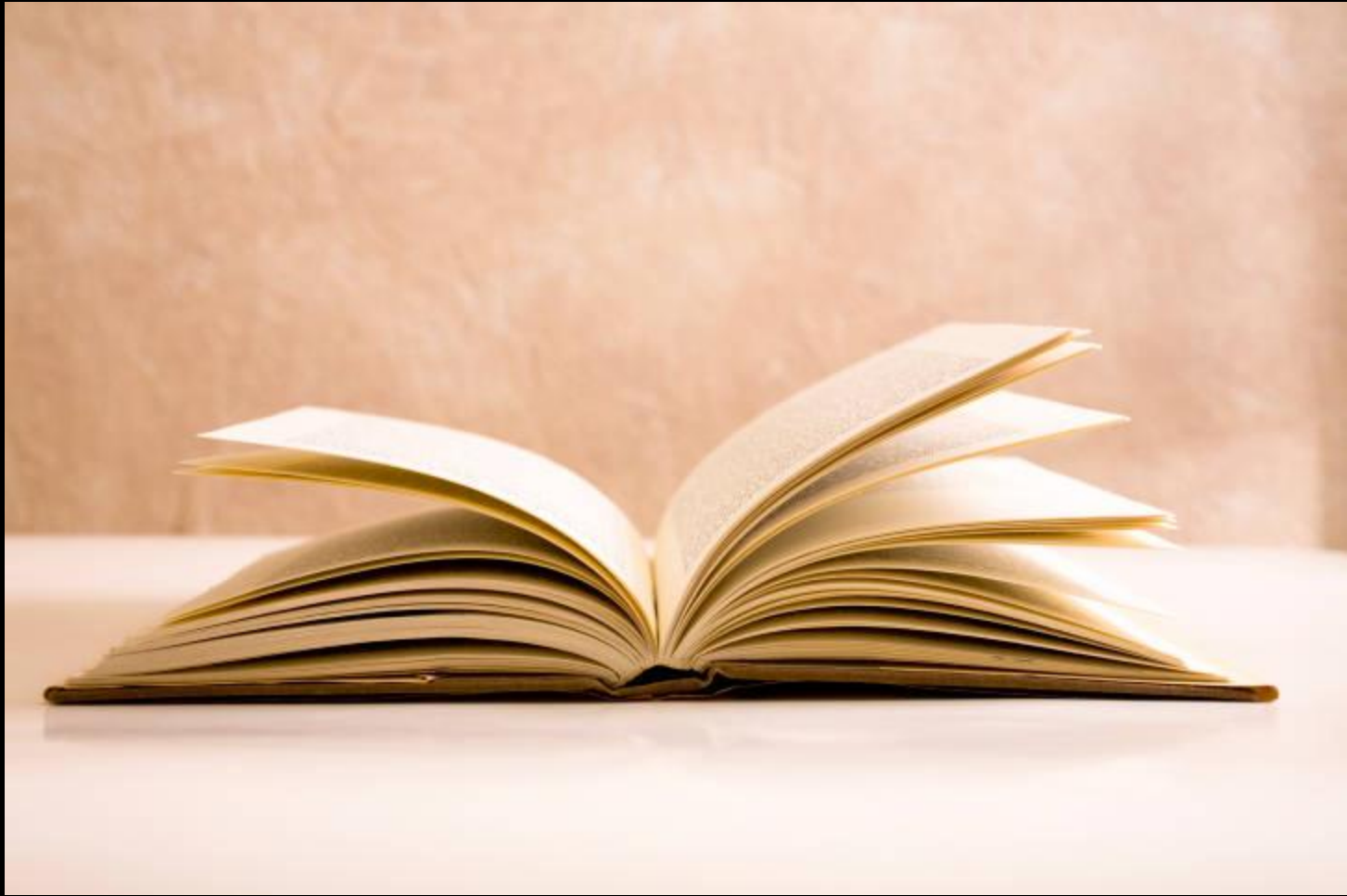


“Religion teaches the dangerous nonsense that death is not the end.”

Leo Tolstoy



“My question...was the simplest of questions, lying in the soul of every man... It was ‘What will come of what I am doing today or tomorrow? What will come of my whole life? Why should I live, why wish for anything, or do anything?’ It can also be expressed thus: Is there any meaning in my life that the inevitable death awaiting me does not destroy?”



The surprise of Christian thinking on life after death...

- Its basis: not argument or mysticism but *history*
- Its vision: not just 'spirits rising' but resurrection of the body

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- Believing the resurrection (29-34)
- Understanding the resurrection (35-49)
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 - Jesus body was *transformed*

Phil 3:20-21

“Our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Saviour from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will *transform* our lowly bodies so that *they will be like his glorious body.*”

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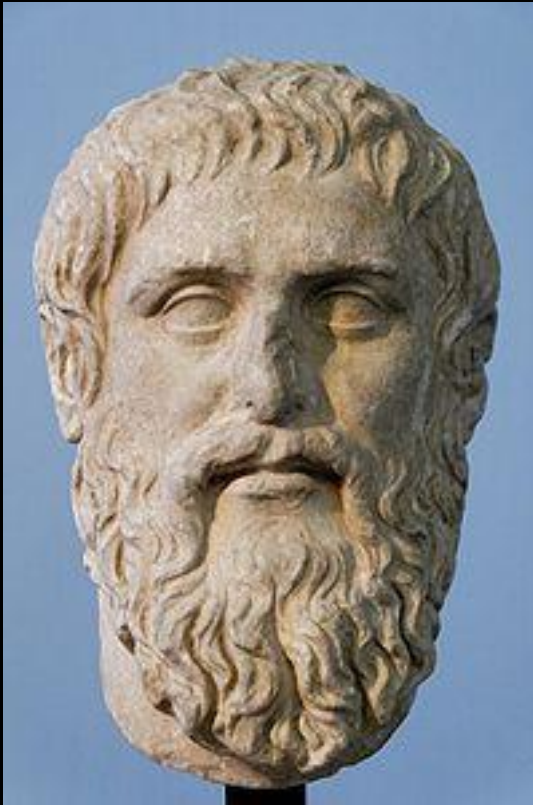
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 - Perishable → Imperishable (42)
 - Dishonoured → Glorious (43a)
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 - Natural → Spiritual (44a)

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Plato



“Must not all things at the last be swallowed up in death?”

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Steve Jobs – founder of Apple



“Remembering that I’ll be dead soon is the most important tool I’ve ever encountered to help me make the big choices in life”

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