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SUPPLEMENTARY NOTES

- (A) A further consequence was that the defect which consists in corruption was experienced in the body, and so man incurred the necessity of dying; his soul was no longer able to sustain the body forever by conferring life on it. Thus man became subject to suffering and death, not only in the sense that he was capable of suffering and dying as before, but in the sense that he was now under the necessity of suffering and dying. (St. Thomas Aquinas, Light of Faith, p. 223)
- (B) Death is a consequence of sin. The Church's Magisterium, as authentic interpreter of the affirmations of Scripture and Tradition, teaches that death entered the world on account of man's sin. Even though man's nature is mortal, God had destined him not to die. (CCC 1008)
- (C) But this spiritualization of the body does not mean we will become pure spirits, identical to angels – otherwise the resurrection of the body would be meaningless...Spiritualization of the body refers rather to the definitive triumph of "life according to the Spirit" over "life according to the flesh" in man. It signifies the restoration of harmony between the spiritual and the physical in us. Spiritualization means not only that the spirit will dominate the body, but that it will fully permeate the body... (Fr. Walter J. Schu, The Splendor of Love, p.111)