

Ch.3 Presentation

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Sensory Description

Sense of Touch

"His flesh shrank together as if it felt the approach of the ravenous tongues of flames, dried up as it felt about it the swirl of stifling air." (p132)

"His brain began to glow. Another. His brain was simmering and bubbling within the cracking tenement of the skull. Flames burst forth from his skull like a corolla..." (p132)

Sense of Smell-

"The candles on the high altar had been extinguished but the fragrance of the incense still floated down the dim nave." (p147)



Sensory Descriptions

Sense of Sound-

"As he crossed the square, walking homeward, the light laughter of a girl reached his burning ear. The frail gay sound smote his heart more strongly than a trumpetblast..." (p123)

"A soft whispering noise floated in vaporous cloudlets out of the box. It was a woman: soft whispering cloudlets, soft whispering vapor, whispering and vanishing." (p149)

Methods Stephen uses to avoid Guilt or Punishment

- Stephen's primary method to avoid guilt for his sins is the sacrament of confession.
- "Confess! He had to confess every sin. How could he utter in words to the priest what he had done? Must, must. Or how could he explain without dying of shame? Or how could he have done such things without shame? A madman! Confess! O he would indeed to be free and sinless again! Perhaps the priest would know. O dear God!" pg. 122
- He feels overwhelmed with the guilt of his sins, and the most surefire way to cleanse himself and avoid further guilt is by confessing, most importantly his encounters with prostitutes.

Methods Stephen uses to avoid Guilt or Punishment

- Another method Stephen used was to try to simply ignore the fact that he sinned, and suppress his guilt willingly.
- "Was it possible he had done these things?...
When the agony of shame had passed from him.."
pg. 102



Stephen's violation of each of the Seven Deadly Sins

- Once Stephen commits the sin of lust with the prostitute in chapter 2, he seems to continue down a sinful path throughout chapter 3
- Gluttony: "He hoped there would be stew for dinner, turnips, and carrots and bruised potatoes and fat mutton pieces to be ladled out in thick peppered flour-fattened sauce. Stuff it into you, his belly counseled him." (p90)
- Greed: Stephen believes he has committed the sin of greed/avarice because he was thinking of going back to the brothels for prostitutes.

Stephen's violation of each of the Seven Deadly Sins

- Envy/Anger: Stephen believes that he is the biggest sinner out of all of his classmates, and as he looks around he thinks that they are all innocent. After this thought, he then believes that he had committed the sin of envy. After feeling envious of his classmates, he becomes angry, which then leads to him believe that he has committed the sin of wrath.



Stephen's violation of each of the Seven Deadly Sins

- **Pride/Sloth:** In chapter 3, Stephen realizes that he has committed many sins, but procrastinates confessing to them in church. Stephen believes that God thought that he was committing the sins of pride and sloth. Stephen rushes over to the Church Street Chapel.



Fall from grace, repentance, and redemption

Fall from Grace:

- "He would pass by them calmly waiting for a sudden movement of his own will or a sudden call to his own sin-loving soul from their soft perfumed flesh."(p90)
- Stephen fell from grace when he went to the brothels in search of a prostitute, and then thought about returning for the same reason.
- Stephen has convinced himself that he has now committed all seven of the deadly sins.

Fall from grace, repentance, and redemption

Repentance/Redemption:

- "He had confessed and God had pardoned him. His soul was made fair and holy once more, holy and happy."
(p127)
- Stephen went to church to confess to the sins that he has been committing. Stephen is made to be a new person now that he has been forgiven and now he is "free".



Turning-Point/ Climax for Stephen

- ***"That was his hell. God had allowed him to see the hell reserved for his sins: stinking, bestial, malignant, a hell of lecherous goatish fiends. For him! For him!"*** (120)

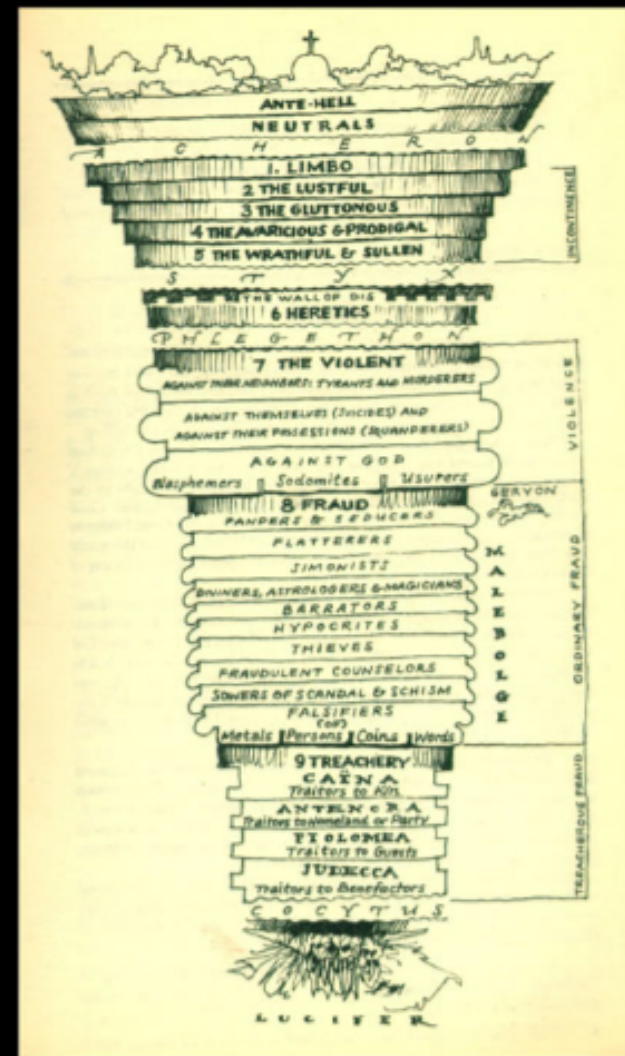
- After hearing Father Arnail's sermon about hell, Stephen is fearful that he will end up in hell because of his sinful acts. Stephen's nightmare also furthers his recognition of his sinful loss of innocence.

- ***"Another life! A life of grace and virtue and happiness! It was true. It was not a dream from which he would wake. The past was past."*** (126)

- Stephen confesses to a priest that he had sexual relations with a women. He is then forgiven for his lustful sin and is filled with feelings of happiness.

Dante's *Divine Comedy (The Inferno)* Summary

- According to Dante, The Inferno (Hell) is divided into 9 circles; The First Circle houses those in Limbo, the Second to those of lust, the Third to those of gluttony, the Fourth to those of avarice (hoarders), the Fifth to those of wrath and sloth, the Sixth to those of heresy, the Seventh to those of violence, the Eighth to those of fraud, and the Ninth to those of treason.
- Satan resides in the Ninth Circle.



Saint Thomas Aquinas

"Saint Thomas, the greatest doctor of the church, the angelic doctor, as he is called, says that the worst damnation consists in this that the understanding of the man is totally deprived of divine light and his affection obstinately turned away from the goodness of God." (p134)

- Born 1225

-Theologian, priest, patron of universities, and received the title as "Angelic Doctor" of the church.

-Attended the University of Paris

-Wrote the *Summa Theologiae*, which contained information on the belief between God and man during the Middle Ages



Seven Deadly Sins

Pride- feeling of superiority, usually considered the worst sin

Envy- desire to possess what other have

Anger/Wrath- feeling of hostility, leading to violence

Sloth- simple laziness or spiritual apathy

Greed- desire for material gain

Gluttony- consuming too much of something, usually food

Lust-desire for physical and sexual pleasure

Seven Deadly Sins

-Attitudes that underlie sins, provides a foundation for self knowledge

-The deadly sins were identified by St. John Cassian, then altered by Pope St. Gregory the Great

- St Thomas Aquinas mentioned these sins in his *Summa Theologiae*, which made the sins widely known



Link to Text- 7 Deadly Sins

"From the evil seed of lust all other deadly sins had sprung forth: pride in himself and contempt of others, covetousness in using money for the purchase of unlawful pleasure, envy of those whose vices he could not reach to and calumnious murmuring against the pious, gluttonous enjoyment of food, the dull glowering anger amid which he brooded upon his longing, the swamp of spiritual and bodily sloth in which his whole being had sunk." (p114)

Stephen believes that just from the sin of lust, he has been tainted by all the other seven sins. By breaking one rule Stephen starts to lose the sense of structure and self-discipline. His confusion and unrest only propels him create more fear towards hell.

Jonah and the whale

God instructed Jonah to go to the evil city of Nineveh and **preach**. Instead of obeying God, Jonah fled on a ship in the opposite direction. During the voyage, a great storm almost destroyed the ship. Realizing his sin might lead to the destruction of the ship, Jonah instructed the sailors to throw him overboard. The storm ceased and the ship was saved. Jonah thought he would drown in the sea. But God wasn't through with him. He commanded a giant fish to swallow him. Inside the belly of the fish, Jonah asked God to forgive him. After three days, the fish spit Jonah onto dry land and he traveled to Nineveh as God had commanded.



Connections

- Stephen sins with the prostitute and Jonah sins by disobeying God
- Stephen gets trapped in a 3 day sermon "The faint glimmer of fear became a terror of spirit as the hoarse voice of the preacher blew death into his soul" and Jonah gets stuck in a belly of a fish for 3 days
- Stephen confesses his sins "I... committed sins of impurity, father" and Jonah prays to God to forgive him "I cried out of my distress to the lord, and he heard me"
Jonah 2:1



Christ Decent Into Hell

"Being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the spirit, by which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison" (Peter 3:18)

"After His death, the soul of Jesus, still united to the divinity, descended into the realm of the dead, which the Creed calls "hell", in the old English usage. It does not mean at all the hell of the damned. He visited what is called the Limbo of the Fathers. For the just, who had died in the state of grace, and had paid all the debt of their sins, were still not admitted to the vision of God until Jesus had died." Fr. William G. Most

The Apostles' Creed states that Jesus, "was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead."



Connections

- Stephen's retreat is three days and Christ decent into hell is also three days.
- The three day retreat helps Stephen picture and experience h
Hell is the centre of evils and, as you know, things are more intense out their centres than at their remotest parts." Jesus actually descends into hell for three days.
- Jesus rose from the dead with the keys to heaven and hell and Stephen escaped his sin by confession.
"A life of grace and virtue and happiness!"

Chiasmatic Structure-refers to the systematic placement of ideas or concepts in a deliberate order or pattern.

"The indices appearing and disappearing were eyes opening and closing; the eyes opening and closing were stars being born and being quenched."

"In a dream he fell asleep. In a dream he rose and saw that it was morning"

"The boys were all there, kneeling in their places. He knelt among them, happy and shy...He knelt before the alter with his classmates..."

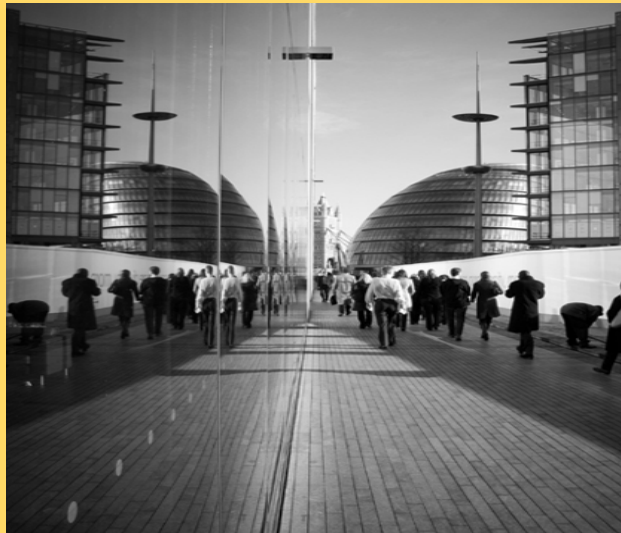


- The book itself is written in chiasmic structure with chapter 3 being the direct middle. The chapters reflect themselves as 2 and 4 end with images of women and 3 and 5 end with images of men.

- This chapter contains 4 sermons and after the second sermon, (which would be the middle) we find chiasmic structure.

"The preacher took a chainless watch from a pocket within his soutane and, having considered its dial for a moment of silence, placed it silently before him on the table"

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quiz questions

- 1.) Name at least 3 of the seven deadly sins?
- 2.) What university did Thomas Aquinas attend?
- 3.) Those guilty of the Sins of Incontinence are contained in the ___ circle through the ___ circle of The Inferno.
- 4.) How did Stephen commit the sin of lust?
- 5.) How did Stephen complete his repentance and redemption?

- 6.) Satan is contained in what circle of The Inferno?
- 7.) How many days did Christ descent into Hell? How many days was Stephen's retreat?
- 8.) Why did God instruct Jonah to go to Nineveh?
- 9.) How did Stephen deal primarily with his guilt?
- 10.) What did Stephen confess to clear his sins?

Answers

1.) Pride, gluttony, envy, greed, wrath, lust, sloth

2.) University of Paris

3.) 2nd, 5th

4.) He was with a prostitute.

5.) He went to church and was forgiven for the sins he had committed.

6.) 9th

7.) 3 days, 3days

8.) to preach

9.) The Sacrament of Confesionnnnnnnnn

10.) He had sex with a prostitute