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## Analysis of the Purgatory World in Ibn Arabi's thought

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Abstract: Purgatory world has been one of the fundamental religious teachings that has been debated and talked about a lot in different aspects of theological, philosophical and mystical points of view since long ago. Ibn Arabi divides Purgatory world into two realm; descending section (the distance between the World of intellect and Natural Objects) and ascending realm (Purgatory world after death). He believes that the ascending purgatory is physical like the corporeal world, but unlike this world is empty of any material or elemental mass, and only contains the material attributes and supplies such as appearance, limit, quantity, quality and Accidents. He believed that this world is made of a Substance that on the one hand is similar to the material Substance and on the other hand is similar to intellectual Substance and is a genuine existence in which any inconceivable gets conceivable. Another property of the Purgatory world is that anything that is potential in human soul in this world will get actual in the purgatory world. All Accidents will be self-reliant in the Purgatory World. In Ibn Arabi's opinion quality of possession of the soul over the Purgatory body is that soul thoroughly possesses the Purgatory body like that of material body; the soul in Purgatory world possesses the body Voluntary while the soul in this world possesses the body forced and natural.

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