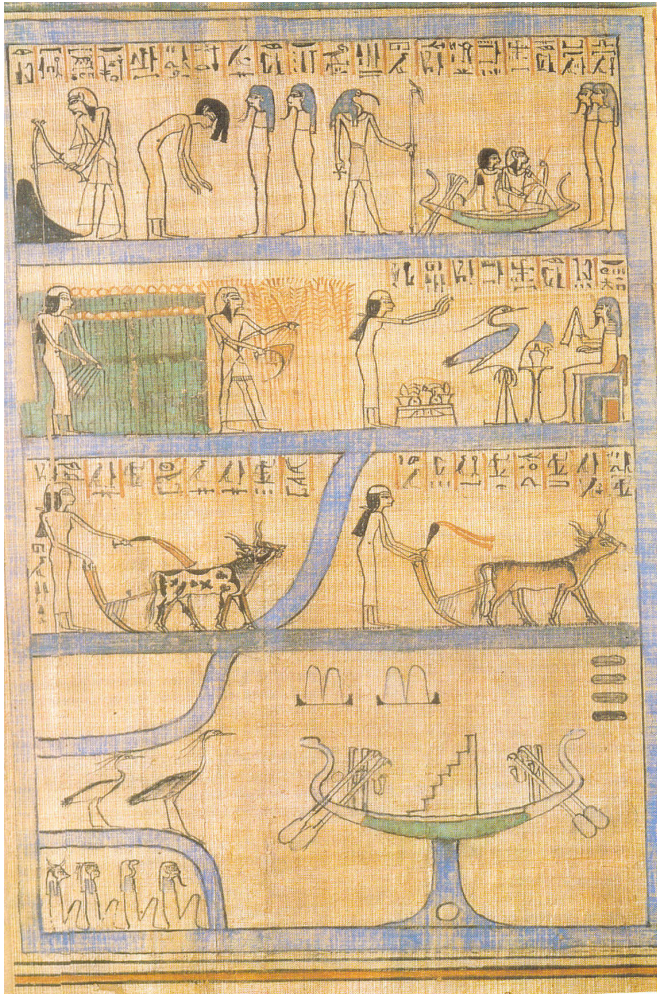


CHAPTER NINE

Visions of Heaven and the Afterlife



'The Field of Rushes,' An Egyptian view of the afterlife.



One portion of an Egyptian Heaven.



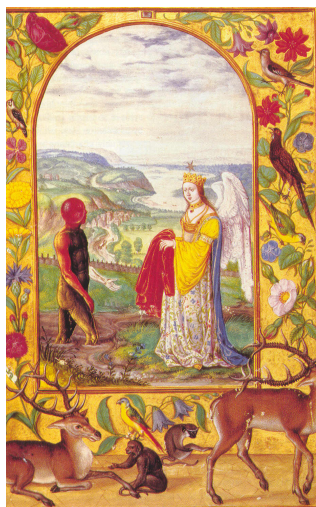
A Hindu view of Heaven.



Hindu perception of the afterlife, 18th Century.



The Heavenly Jerusalem of Judaism.



'Splendor Solis,' rebirth of the soul according to Alchemy.



Buddha entering Nirvana.



Buddhist Heaven.



Chinese Christian rendering of Heaven.



Blake's stairway to Heaven.



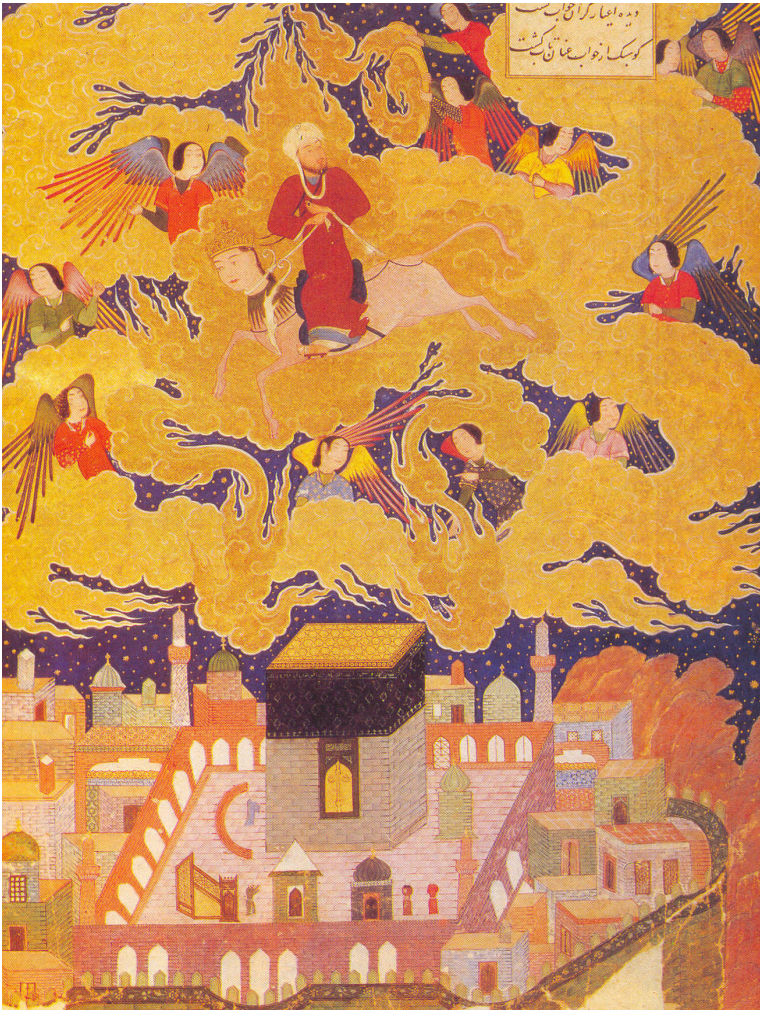
Christian Heaven.



Heavenly City.



15th Century Christian vision of Heaven.



Islamic Prophet Muhammad's 'Night Journey' to Heaven.



Modern 14-year old girl's Near Death Experience of Heaven.



The ascent into the empyrean Heaven, a typical description given in modern Near Death Experiences.



20th century depiction of the Resurrection.



The Second Coming of Christ, a popular view.