

CHAPTER EIGHT

Visions of the Soul Leaving the Body

Throughout the ages, people from all walks of life have contemplated what it will be like when our soul leaves our body at death. And lucky for us, many of these people captured their fleeting visions in art.



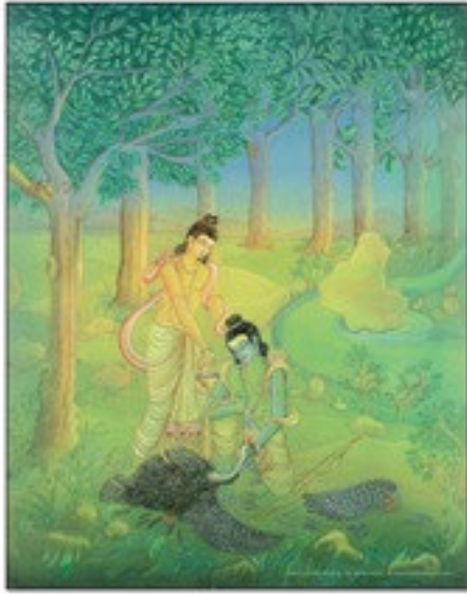
Egyptian image of the soul leaving the body at death.



Egyptian 'Ka' (soul) leaving the body, 1500 B.C.



Coffin lid of Ba depicting his 'Ka' (soul) leaving the body at the time of death.



Soul leaving his body at death, a Hindu vision of death.



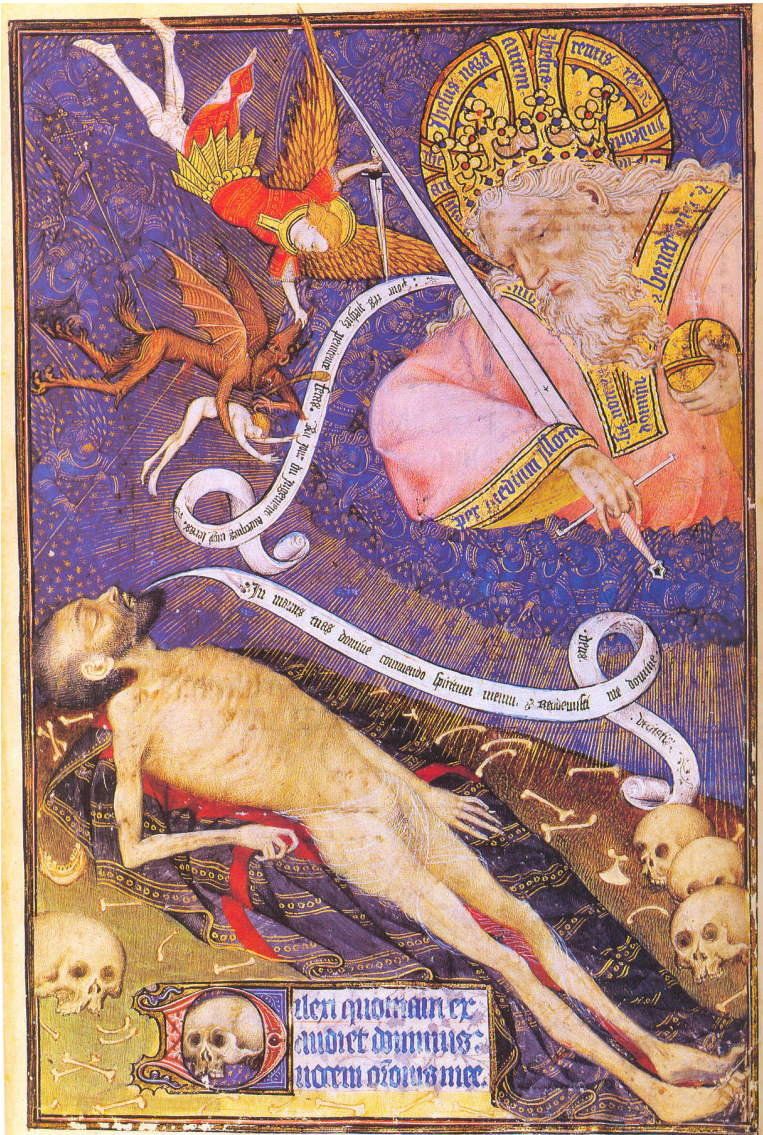
Zarathustra (Prophet of Zoroastrianism) pictured with his soul above his head as he prepares for death.



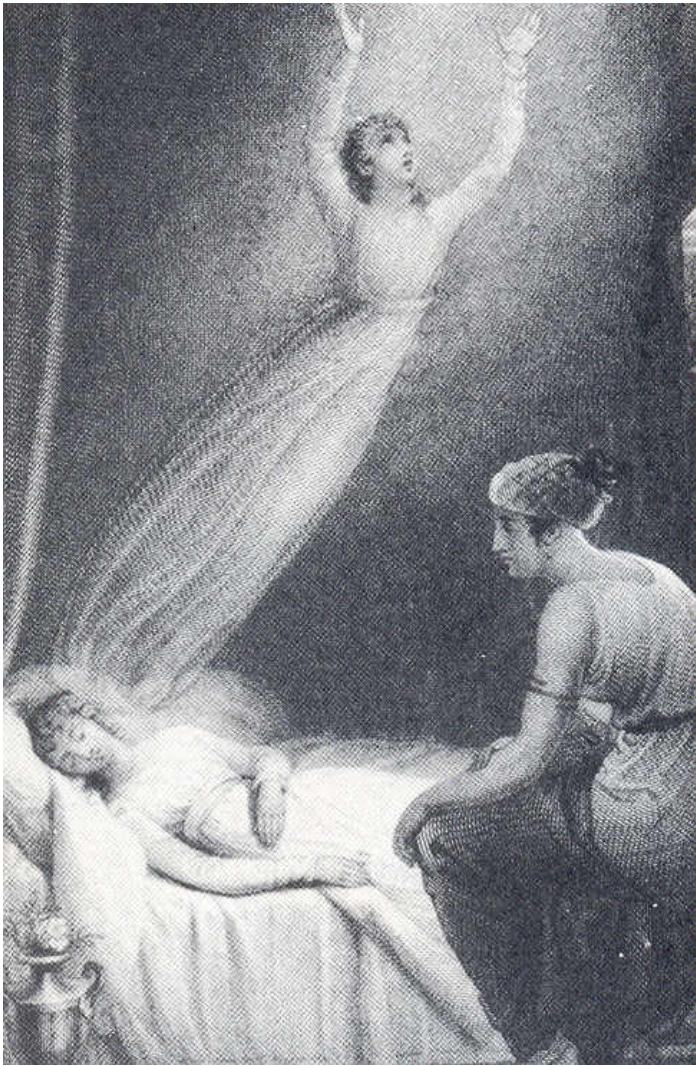
Jewish depiction of the traditional Jewish belief that the Angel of Death arrives to greet the soul and prepare him for his journey at the time of his death.



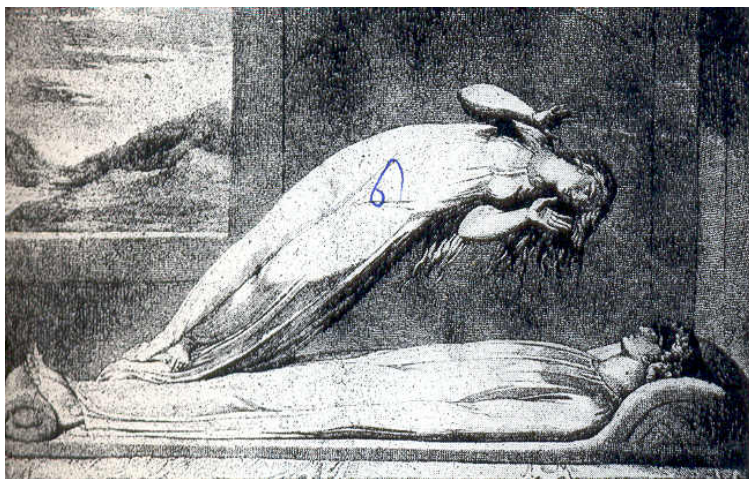
18th century Navajo painting showing the soul of the Navajo circling his body.



From the Christian 'Rohan Book of Hours,' 'A Man Yields His Soul to God.'



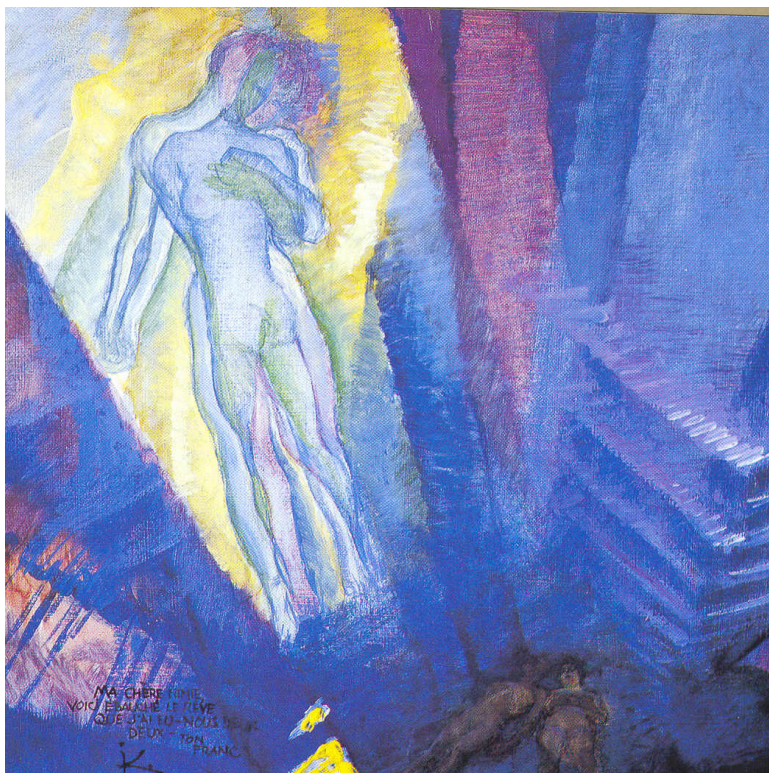
A 19th Century Image of the soul leaving the body at death.



Blake's vision of the soul leaving the body at death.



20th century Irish view of the soul leaving the body at death.



19th century Czech vision of the soul leaving the body at death.