

Story Inspiration

Inspiration Source

"The Priest's Soul"

*An Irish short story
inquiring as to whether or
not humans have a soul.
(10 min read)*

Discussion ✦ Leading Questions

This story is very Irish and reveals a lot about how Medieval Irish people saw the world and where they determined truth came from. The emergence of the butterfly is cute, but is not the focus of the story. A lot of its core themes still relate to our present culture.

What good is all the intelligence in the world if we delude ourselves of basic truths?

If someone can "logically" prove to you that you ought to deny reality or commit a heinous crime, ought you listen? Or stand fast and say "you are wrong" even though you can't intellectually defend yourself?

If you stand strong, does that mean intelligence is not the highest form of authority?

If so, what is?

Are immaterial things real? We may doubt in objective truth, and some even doubt love exists. But what about civilization? What about Law? By what canon should we judge whether an immaterial thing is real or not?