

The Weight of the Soul

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Dr. MacDougall measured the weight of a human soul by placing a man on a sensitive scale just before death and weighing him a second time after.

Correcting for loss of gases and sweat, MacDougall concluded the decrease when the soul departed its bodily home was twenty-one grams, a finding

consistent with glory—or simply dispersion by entropy. It's humbling to admit having less than an ounce of transcendence. I hope it's enough.