

# What is the Doctrine of the Two Worlds? -In search of its prototype-

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Usually the doctrine of the two worlds is characterized by the dualistic view of intelligible cosmos and sense-perceptible one, or of soul and body. This kind of formulation, however, is not sufficient to reveal the real nature of the doctrine. Let us ask following questions for example: can we trace its origins back to Plato who in the *Timaeus* draws a distinction between the intelligible Living Creature and the sense-perceptible one? Or is Philo of Alexandria the representative of the two worlds doctrine as he probably was the first to introduce the term *kosmos* in his two worlds system? These questions have received almost no direct attention. Accordingly, our study should deal with the exact understanding of the teaching; what is its philosophical or metaphysical kernel?

In this perspective, the present author has carried out investigation into the steps of quest which Justin, Philosopher and Martyr, marked in his youth. Justin before his conversion belonged to a Middle Platonist school and the philosophical ideas he held in these days could be identified with the doctrine of the two worlds. Our research has shown that the concept of the sense of sight, shared in common by young Justin and Middle Platonists, had the central meaning in the doctrine in its primitive form.