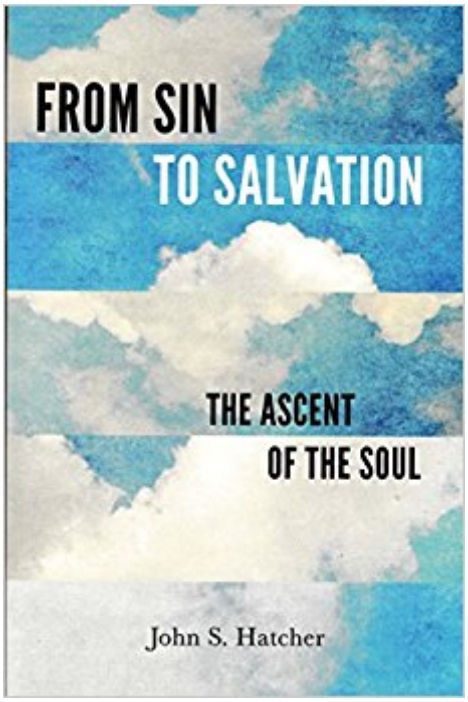
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Synopsis

Exploring traditional concepts of sin and salvation, heavenand hell, Satan and evil, this remarkably accessible work focuses on how thesoul can escape from sin and advance spiritually, even in the afterlife and evenif one has lived a life of sin and unbelief.From Sin to Salvation: The Ascent of the Soul examines the BahÃ¡'Ã- viewsas expressed in the authoritative BahÃ¡'Ã- texts regarding the origin and natureof sin and evil and the power of the individual soul to recognize and combatthese forces. In exploring these weighty concepts, author John S. Hatcher discusseswhat constitutes sin, analyzes how sinful acts affect our lives, both here andhereafter, and, most significantly, reviews what the BahÃ¡'Ã- writings say about theattainment of salvation, even for those who enter the next world without havingexercised due diligence in monitoring their spiritual well-being.In addition to these broader theological and philosophicalquestions, Hatcher analyzes specific religious practices dealing withcontrition, atonement, penance, and salvation. Briefly, From Sin to Salvation does not dwell too long in the realm ofabstraction, but deals with very practical concerns, such as whether or notguilt is an unhealthy institutionalized invention--as many believe--or, instead,a valuable source of information whereby we can take charge of our spiritualprogress through a systematic review of our actions in relation to ourexpectations. Perhaps most critically, Hatcher attempts to resolve the age-olddilemma as to whether "sinners" ultimately do more harm to themselves than theycan ever inflict on others.

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John S. Hatcheris a professor emeritus of English Literature at the University of South Florida.He is the author of more than twenty-five books, many of which deal with BahÃ¡'Ã- theology, philosophy, and scripture. He has also authored novels, books ofpoetry, and books translating poetry from Arabic and Persian verse into English.Some of his works have been translated into German, French, Spanish, Italian, andChinese. He lives with his wife Lucia on a small farm in Plant City, Florida.

Wonderful Dr Hatcher thank you for this thorough insightful profound look at subjects like heaven hell sin salvation and the like -answered many questions I have had for many years-thank you!

Started a new book club and this was the third book selected for the club members. Very interesting reading a lot of food to chew on; information-packed in!

I bought this book in the hopes that it would be an eye-opening read for some of my evangelical friends. After reading it myself, I realized that is not quite the target audience - I recommend it for those already acquainted with some Baha'i teachings. Nevertheless, I found it a tremendously well-reasoned and valuable read. It doesn't shy away from any of the BIG TOPICS: heaven, hell, Satan, judgement of the soul, the End Times and the Return... Plus, a lighthearted tone makes the philosophical discussions accessible. In particular, the description of how to use self-examination to prevent spiritual stagnation was extremely helpful. Many thanks to the author for putting these thoughts on paper!

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