

## **De Profundis**

by Oscar Wilde (1854-1900)

De Profundis (Latin: "from the depths") is a letter written in 1897 by Oscar Wilde during his imprisonment in Reading Gaol, to Lord Alfred Douglas. During its first half Wilde recounts their previous relationship and extravagant lifestyle which eventually led to Wilde's conviction and imprisonment for gross indecency. He indicts both Lord Alfred's vanity and his own weakness. In the second half Wilde charts his spiritual development in prison and identification with Jesus Christ, whom he

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characterises as a romantic, individualist artist. (Wikipedia)

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