

Synesius' treatise *On Dreams* (early 5th cent. AD) contains a Neoplatonic conception of the so-called *pneuma* (called also 'vehicle', 'luminous body' *etc.*) that, among its other functions, 'represents' the immaterial Neoplatonic soul in the material universe. As against the other Neoplatonic texts from Late Antiquity, the author's book is relatively concentrated and detailed so that it offers a comparatively full picture of the *pneuma* even though the text is no clear cut self-explanatory piece of writing due to its intended esoteric Neoplatonic readership. In my work I try to discover possible implications for the *pneuma* against the background of other Neoplatonic conceptions of the earlier and also of slightly later time. Synesius' views of the *pneuma* are not always identical with those of the earlier thinkers. As he switches backgrounds it is often hard to tell whether what he has in mind is identical, like or different from them. I address predominantly – beside contextualization of *On Dreams* and efforts to solve individual small-scale problems in the text – questions of physical existence of the *pneuma* before, during, and after reincarnation chain of individual souls, further I discuss the interface between materiality and immateriality of this component of the human being, including the *pneuma*'s 'composition', or relations between intellect (*nous*), soul, *pneuma* and body.