

Wednesday 27 January 2021 at 6.30 pm

Polish Club 1st Floor Room or by Zoom

From the Abyss to Light with Dante and Botticelli - An Extraordinary Journey -

Lecture by Dr Alessandro Scafi

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**The Lecture is given by one of the world's experts
on Dante the creator of the Italian language**

How has a medieval poem managed to survive for so long? In his *Divine Comedy* Dante Alighieri (1265-1321) tells the story of a journey to the afterlife: to hell, where the wicked are punished, to purgatory, where the repentant make satisfaction for their sins, and to paradise, where the blessed stand in the immediate presence of God. But how can a poet who wrote 700 years ago be relevant to us in the twenty-first-century?

From the Abyss to Light with Dante and Botticelli is an invitation to join Dante in

his extraordinary journey from the dark wood of sin to the stunning glory of heaven, as illustrated by Sandro Botticelli, one of the greatest and best known of Florentine Renaissance artists. Botticelli's illustrative cycle will be introduced to the audience as a great work of art and Dante as a guide and companion – still today – for all those in search of salvation and significance.



Botticelli: Drawings from his Divina Commedia

Cost: Members and Friends: £20; Others: £25

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