

The Body, Soul, and Spirit of Man

Gen 1:26 — Elohim — “Let *us* make man in *our* own image.” Elohim created man as a triune unity, consisting not of three persons, but one person in three distinct parts: body, soul, and spirit (Gen 2:7). 1 Ths 5:23 — Our Father is committed to the preservation of all three parts of our own “trinity” or tri-unity.

So Adam consisted of body, soul, and spirit. Man must have spirit as well as soul, which dwells in his body, which elevates man above animals. Man is spirit and soul manifested in his body — through all the parts of his body: brain, eyes, ears, nose, mouth, and all other bodily parts.

Man has spirit, which elevates him to the potential and possibility of communing with God, who is Spirit. We recognize His Spirit in those who have God’s Spirit in them (Mt 10:40-42; Jn 13:20; Rom 10:17).

In Gen 1:26 is man, male and female. By man’s body he was allied with the earth. Man’s body chemically does not differ one bit from the ground he was taken out of. Man’s body consists of 85% water, hydrogen and oxygen, plus calcium, sodium, iron, nitrogen, phosphates, arsenic, and other elements we learned in chemistry class. So this allies man with creation.

By man’s soul he is allied with other members of the human race. Man is a social being.

By man’s spirit he is allied with the spirit world, having the knowledge of good and evil. It is through man’s spirit that he knows God in the natural sense (Rom 1:19-21). Ps 14:1 — Only a fool denies Divinity, or does not want to know God (2 Ths 1:8-9). Only by one’s spirit can he know God intimately, by conversion into a spiritual creature with a human body and soul.

Before Adam fell, he had spiritual communion with Divinity, but not in its fullness, since neither he nor his wife ever ate from the tree of life, but he was tested in

his natural senses of spirit and soul. God's Spirit had not yet taken up residence in man before man fell. Adam only had human spirit, which could commune with divine Spirit even in contact with his spirit.

Isa 53:10 — Our Master's *soul* went into death (Lk 16:28). His spirit was committed to His Father. His soul was human, the seat of His feelings, emotions, etc. His spirit was human, but in constant communion with Divinity, who is Spirit, who had to forsake Him in His humanity at His last breath on the cross. His spirit and soul went into death, but without the communion with divine Spirit — "Into Your hand I commit My spirit." The Father's Spirit was divided from His Son, as the Father forsook Him before He went into death, so He could go it alone, forsaken in death (Acts 2:24; Isa 53:10-11; Jn 19:30; Lk 23:46; Mk 15:37; Mt 27:46; Ps 22:1).

Adam/man was allied to his Creator in his spirit. It was with his spirit that he knew Him, as his spirit was breathed into him by his Creator, who is spirit. He breathed into Adam a human spirit, by which all mankind would be able to know God. Only in one's spirit can one conceive to come to know Him in his soul.

Faith is spirit, the persuasion of the Spirit, received, conceived into the heart of man (Rom 10:9-10,17). The Spirit must lead the way, although 2 Cor 11:4 says that there can be *another* spirit or persuasion that deludes you as it deluded the believers of Corinth, and as in the world today (2 Cor 11:13-15 — Billy Graham).

The word *transforms* means spiritual transformation into an angel/spirit of light, a false light, illuminating one's spirit to deceive. 2 Cor 11:13 — This is spiritual deception by counterfeits, deceitful workers, masquerading as special messengers of Messiah, as Satan himself masquerades as an angel or spirit of light. So Satan's servants can also do the same thing. But the appeal or persuasion is to one's spirit first, even by a different (2 Cor 11:4, *another*) spirit.

Our own body, as Messiah's Body, the edah, is as 1 Cor 12:12 — the instrument of expression for its soul. The Body of Messiah expresses only what He, the Head of His

Body, wants to say. We are His Body on earth. Without discerning this essential clarification, we are condemned (1 Cor 11:27-31). Our own personal body is a member of Him, of His Body, and we express what He expresses to each one of us.

The soul is the seat of one's feelings, emotions, love, sorrow, and sympathy, as Miriam said, "My soul magnifies Yahweh and my spirit rejoices in Elohim my Savior." Here both soul and spirit were involved together in magnifying her God and Father. The spirit in us is the seat of the knowledge of Elohim (1 Cor 2:11). It is only through the spirit in us that we can have fellowship with Deity, and it is only through the spirit that we can approach Him, and when the channels are clogged up our fellowship with Him is rendered impossible.

This is the redeemed manhood: spirit, soul, and body — the whole man — made whole in every aspect of our physical being (Eph 4:15) — spiritual, mental, social, emotional, and physical — spirit, soul, and body.

Yahshua was a human being. He was completely human. He had a body, soul, and spirit who was and is the last Adam. When Messiah died on the cross, His body was placed in a tomb, and His spirit and soul descended into death/Hades (Lk 16:28; Acts 2:24,27-31; Mt 12:40), after He committed His spirit to His Father. He had a body, a soul, and a spirit.

Body, soul, and spirit — the very place God Himself wants to dwell in man. What is man (Ps 8:4)? Deity chooses to dwell in His dwelling place, His temple, in our bodies, souls, and spirits — in all three rooms.

Seat means the center of authority (Mt 28:18), the capital place, abode, residence.

Rev 21:3 is His Body eternally, as His bride was made like Him in every respect because He was first made like her in every respect, that is, so as to be her Redeemer (Heb 2:17).