

SOUL ESSENCE

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When God created man in His Image it was “soul image” (Genesis 1:26, 27; 2:7; Psalms 42:1).
Our soul is eternal, but temporarily dwells in the body.

The real you is your soul – the immaterial part of your being. Our soul (Psuche) in the Koine Greek is in the feminine meaning *responder*. We are designed to respond to God. God as Creator is the aggressor. Mankind (Homosapien) by God’s design is the responder.

When God originally created the soul, he created it with certain characteristics or *essence*.

ESSENCE OF THE SOUL

- 1). Soul-Life or self-consciousness - came from God when God breathed life into Adam’s nostril. Self-consciousness means: We are aware we exist (Genesis 2:7).
- 2). Mentality – We think.
- 3). Volition – Freedom to choose, to make decisions – I will; I won’t. (Acts 3:23).
- 4). Conscience – We inherently know what is right – Norms and standards (Acts 24:16; Romans 2:15; Romans 9:1, 2).
- 5). Emotion – We appreciate – we respond (Song of Solomon 1:7; Luke 12:19; John 12:27; 2 Peter 2:8)
- 6). Human Spirit - For fellowship and worship of God (Job 32:8; John 4:24).

The Bible distinguishes between soul and spirit (Hebrews 4:12). Jesus made the same distinction in his conversation with Nicodemus in John 3:3-7, when he said “you must be born again.”

Man was originally created trichotomous – body, soul and spirit. A study of Genesis 2:17 reveals that the word “die” is in the plural and should have been translated as “two” deaths. It should have been rendered “dying (spiritual) thou shalt die (physically). Adam did not die immediately. He lived to be 930 years of age. Man is created with an eternal soul and a physical body as shown above. Man also originally had a spirit. So, we can easily deduce that when Adam died (dying) it was spiritual.

Because Adam ate of the prohibited tree of “Knowledge of Good and Evil” he died spiritually and began to die physically. Every generation since Adam begins to die at birth because of the sin-nature we inherit from Adam. From Adams children to our children the curse of death is passed down and we are all born “Dichotomous” (body and soul) and therefore must be born again (Genesis 2:17; John 3:3-7; Romans 5:12; 1 Corinthians. 15:22; Ephesians 2:1 &5).

The sin-nature or our nature to sin (Romans 5:12) is passed down through the male (each father). This is the reason for the “Virgin Birth.” Christ had no human father, therefore no sin nature. He came in “likeness” of human flesh which means that he having no human father was still true humanity but without the nature of fallen man (Romans 8:1-11; Philippians 2:6-8). He was without sin (sin nature) and therefore qualified to go to the cross for the entire human race.

Thank you Father for sending Jesus Christ to rescue us from the certainty of eternal separation from you because of our spiritual death as a result of Adam's transgression. You sent Jesus, the second Adam, to set us free from sin and death. Thank you Jesus for your courageous death in our place so that we can be with you forever. We are and always will be eternally grateful. In Jesus Name, Amen.