

“TRICHOTOMY OF MAN”

1 Thessalonians 5:23 - And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and [I pray God] your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ

Preface: The body, which houses the soul and spirit of man, is made of dust and will return to the dust (Gen. 2:7; Psa. 146:4; Eccl. 3:19-21). When the spirit (James 2:26) and/or soul (1 Kings 17:21-22) depart from the body, it is called asleep or dead. The soul and spirit of man are nonmaterial. God “formeth the spirit within man” (Zech. 12:1), and the spirit is that part of man that communicates with God; for the **natural man** (*psuchikos*, i.e. soul) receives not the things of the **spirit** [*pneuma*; (1 Cor. 2:14 Cp. 1 Thes. 5:23; Heb. 4:12)]. Nor can it understand the spirit’s prayers (1 Cor. 14:14). So the conscience cleansing of the New Birth is spiritual (John 3:3-8; 1 Pet. 3:21) Note: The body of beasts are/does exactly like that of man: both die when the breath [*ruach*] leaves (Eccl. 3:19). The only difference is that the spirit [*ruach*] of man “goeth upward” when he dies; while the spirit [*ruach*] of beasts “goeth downward” (Eccl. 3:21).

BODY – BASAR בָּשָׂר

Flesh – [S:1320 בָּשָׂר Basar (*baw-sawr'*); from S:1319; flesh (from its freshness); by extension, body, person; also (by euphem.) the pudenda of a man: KJV - body, [fat, lean] flesh [-ed], kin, [man-] kind, nakednessself,, skin] and thy Body – Gen. 2:21 Note: The 1st use of S:1320 is Genesis 2:21, “and closed up the **flesh** [S:1320] ...”

Resh ר		Shin ש		Beth ב	
Letter	Picture	Letter	Picture	Letter	Picture
	 Head, Man's Head		 Teeth [Devouring, Destroying]		 House
שר = Prince				ב = House	

SOUL – NEPHESH נֶפֶשׁ

Genesis 2:7 - And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, **and breathed** [waYipach יָפַח S:5301 Naphach נָפַח] into his nostrils **the breath** [Nishmat נִשְׁמַת S:5397 Neshamah] of **life** [Chayiyim

לנפש S:2416 Chay חַי]; and man became a **living** [Chayah חַיָּה S:2416 Chay חַי] **soul** [לִנְפֶשׁ S:5315].

Soul – [S:5315 נֶפֶשׁ Nephesh (*neh'-fesh*); from OT:5314; properly, a breathing creature, i.e. animal of (abstractly) vitality; used very widely in a literal, accommodated or figurative sense (bodily or mental): KJV - any, appetite, beast, body, breath, creature, dead (-ly), desire, [dis-] contented, fish, ghost, greedy, he, heart (-y), (hath, jeopardy of) life (x in jeopardy), **lust** (Exo. 15:9; Psa. 78:18), man, me, mind, mortally, one, own, person, pleasure, (her-, him-, my-, thysself-), them (your)- selves, slay, soul, tablet, they, thing, (X she) will, would have it] – Gen. 2:7

Shin שׁ		Pey פּ		Nun נּ	
Letter	Picture	Letter	Picture	Letter	Picture
	 Teeth [Devouring, Destroying]		 Mouth		 Seed [Life, Activity]

Note 1: Strong's No. 5315 [S:5315 נֶפֶשׁ Nephesh (*neh'-fesh*)] is used 754 times, first as “creature” (Gen. 1:20, 21, 24), “life” (Gen. 1:30), “soul” (Gen. 2:7) and “soul” lusteth after and desireth (Deut. 14:26), “person(s)” (Num. 5:6), even as “mind” (Gen. 23:8) and desire of his “mind” (Deut. 18:6), “heart” (Exo. 23:9) and setteth “his heart” upon (Deut. 24:15), and eat grapes “at thine own pleasure” (Deut. 23:24).

Note 2: The Old Testament Nephesh Soul is the New Testament Psuche (1 Cor. 15:45). The life associated with it is the Individual or Experiences (S:5590 Mat. 6:25; 10:39; 20:28; Mark 8:35; **Luke 12:22-23...**); not necessarily vitality! In contrast, The Life associated with The Old Testament Ruach Spirit is Chay חַי and New Testament Pneuma is Zoe (S:2222 Mat. 7:14; **19:16-17; John 1:4**). ... Cp. **Carnal Mind – Rom. 8:1-7**

SPIRIT – RUWACH רוּחַ

1 Corinthians 2:9-14

Spirit – S:7307 רוּחַ Ruwach (*roo'-akh*); from S:7306; wind; by resemblance breath, i.e. a sensible (or even violent) exhalation; figuratively, life, anger, unsubstantiality; by extension, a region of the sky; by resemblance spirit, but only of a rational being (including its expression and functions): KJV - air, anger, blast, breath, cool, courage, mind, quarter, side, spirit ([=ual]), tempest, vain, ([whirl-]) wind (-y)] – Gen. 1:2 Cp. Eph. 4:23

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Letter	Picture	Letter	Picture	Letter	Picture
	 Fence		 Nail		 Head, Man's Head

Trichotomy: Animal / Beast Example

- A.** The Body of Beasts (& Fowls of the Air): are formed out of the ground – Gen. 2:19 Note: A part of the fowl's life or being originated from the water (Gen. 1:20).
- B.** When a Beast dies, i.e. when the spirit leaves, it returns to the dust – Eccl. 3:20
- C.** Animals Have Souls – Job 12:7-8, **10** Note: Job clearly states that animals have souls (Job 12:10), saying, “in the LORD's hand is the **soul** of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind” (Job 12:10). Every thing includes “beasts”, “fowls of the air” (Job 12:7), and “fishes of the sea” (Job 12:8).
- D.** The **Soul** Is Called “Creature” [נפש nephesh S:5315] – Gen. 1:20-21, 24 Note: If the body of an animal returns to dust (Eccl. 3:20), and its spirit descends (Eccl. 3:21), what part of the animal, the horse, is in Heaven (Rev. 19:14)? **Nephesh**?
- E.** “Every Living Thing” Has A “**Soul**” [nephesh] & “All Mankind” Has “Breath” [ruwach] – **Job 12:10**
- F.** The Spirit of Beasts: is the exact same breath [ruwach] as that of man, but once a beast dies his “spirit [ruwach] ... goeth downward to the earth”; while man's “goeth upward” – **Eccl. 3:21**
- Note**: Difference between man and beast – Psalm 49:20

Trichotomy: Jesus Example

THE JESUS EXAMPLE – Luke 2:52

A. Jesus' Spirit: Luke 23:46 Jesus “gave up [1606] the ghost,” i.e. 1606 *ekpneo* (*ek-pneh'-o*); from 1537 [*ek* - **from, out**] and 4154 [*pneo* (*pneh'-o*); a primary word; **to breathe hard**, i.e. **breeze**]; **to expire**. He **commended** [3908] his spirit to God, i.e. 3908; from S:3844 [*para*; properly, **near; from beside**] and 5087 [*tithemi*; form of a primary *theo* (*theh'-o*) (which is used only as alternate in certain tenses); **to place**]; **to place alongside** Cp. Acts 7:59 [Stephen] said **receive** [1209] my spirit: Signifies "to accept" ...

- Phil. 2:8 - he humbled himself - became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.
13 For it is **God** which **worketh in you** both to will and to do of his good pleasure.
- Mat. 26:39-41 - ... O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt. 40 Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour? 41 Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the **spirit indeed is willing**, but the flesh is weak.
- Luke 22:42-43 - Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done. 43 And there appeared an **angel** unto him from heaven, **strengthening him**.

- Heb 5:7 - Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared ...
- Heb 9:14 - How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

B. Jesus' Soul: Ps 16:10 - For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption. Acts 2:27 - Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption. 31 - He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption. Note: David's body was still in the grave (Acts 2:29). Luke 23:43 - And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise. Eph 4:8 - Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. 9 - (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? 10 - He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.). This was prophesied by Isaiah: "His soul was made **an offering for sin** [S:817 *asham*; *trespass offering*]" (Isa. 53:10, 11, 12).

Jesus died a soul death; not just a physical death. He said, "For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth" (Mat. 12:40). But since the inauguration of the New Testament, the souls of the saints now go to heaven (Rev. 6:9 Cp. 1 Thes. 4:14). In Isaiah 53:10-12 Soul ... "he shall see" (Yireh har[]), of God seeing the sacrifice of Christ, was typified when the ram was substituted/ offered for Isaac (Gen. 22:14) – Note: Though Jesus was and is the "Wisdom of God" (1 Cor. 1:23), He grew both physically and in his mental or natural wisdom (Luke 2:52).

C. Jesus' Body: Mark 15:42 - And now when the even was come, because it was the preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, 46 - And he bought fine linen, and took him down, and wrapped him in the linen, and laid him in a sepulchre which was hewn out of a rock, and rolled a stone unto the door of the sepulchre.

- Rev. 3:14 - the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God
- Heb. 10:5 - he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me
- Phil. 2:7 - made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:
- Isa. 53:2 - he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him

Trichotomy: God Example

THE GOD EXAMPLE – Luke 1:46-48

A. God Has A Spirit – Gen. 1:3; John 4:24

1. The Spirit of God Moved In The Creation – Gen. 1:3

Note: In the Beginning, the Spirit moved and the Word spoke to create and make all things. But the New Testament identifies Jesus as the Creator (Col 1:15-17) and Maker of all things (John 1:1-3).

2. God is a Spirit – John 4:24

3. The Spirit of Christ is The Spirit of God – Rom. 8:9, 14, 16, 27

Note 1: The Holy Ghost/Holy Spirit is the Father named in Jesus' genealogy (Mat. 1:1, 18, 20). He returned in this form at Pentecost (John 7:38-39; 14:16-18, 26). Jesus gave His disciples a foretaste of

the Holy Ghost by breathing on them (John 20:22). Jesus also baptized them (Mat. 3:11; Mark 1:8; John 1:33).

B. God, the LORD, Has A Soul – Jer. 5:9, 29

1. The LORD God said, “my soul shall not abhor you” – Lev. 26:11

2. The LORD said, “shall not **My soul** [napshiy נפשי 5315] be avenged on such a nation as this?” ...

My soul [napshiy נפשי 5315] – Jer. 5:9, 29

3. God said, “**My soul** [napshiy נפשי 5315] lothed them, and **their soul** [napsham נפשם 5315] also abhorred me” – Zech. 11:8

C. God has a Body – 1 Tim. 3:16