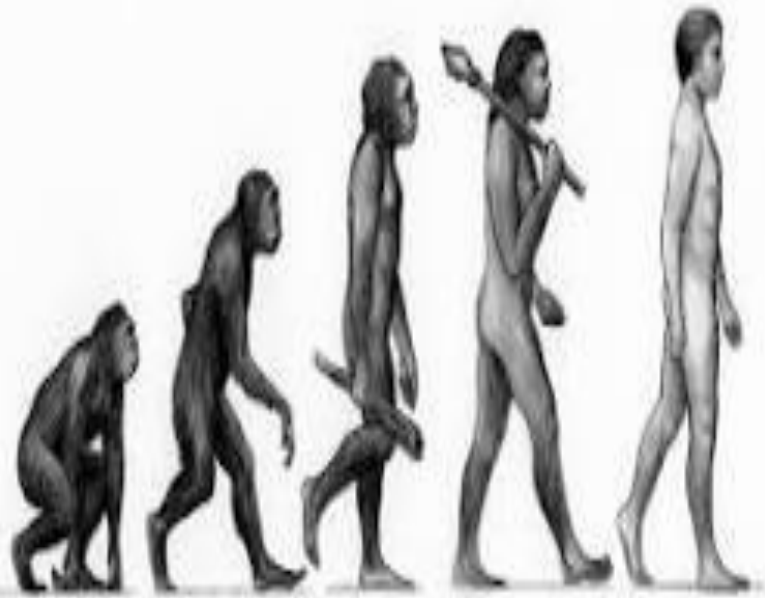


Following the Scriptural Trail





OR



**Is man just another
'animal' in the line of
evolution OR are we a
special unique
creation of God?**

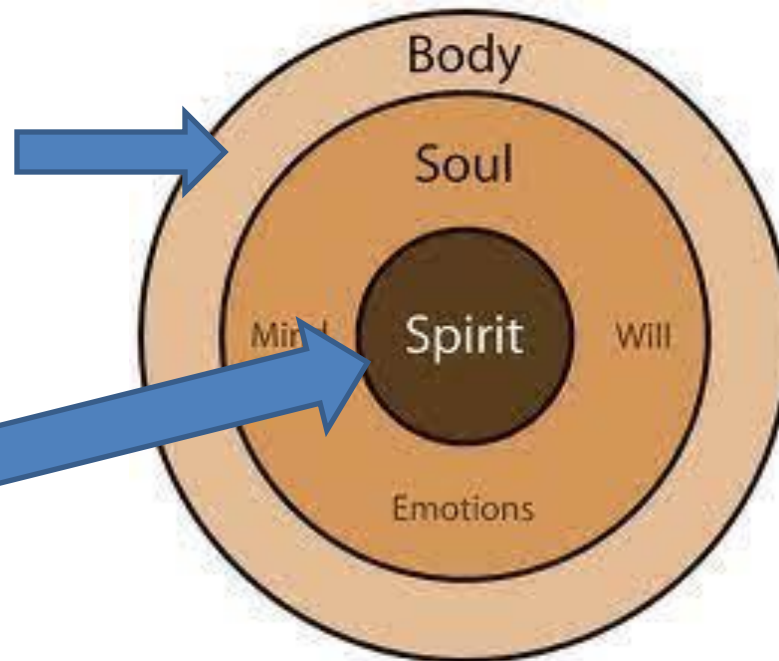


2 Corinthians 4:16-18

Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. ¹⁸ So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

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**Inward-
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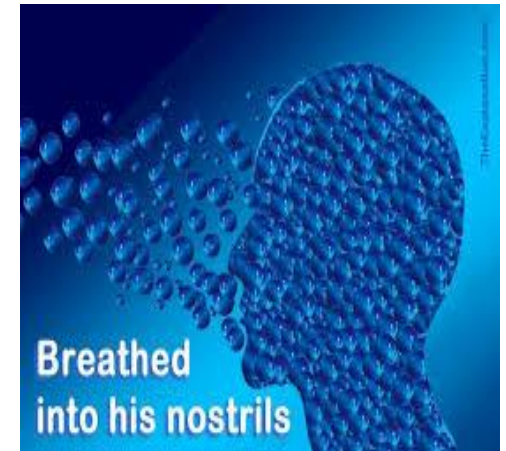
Genesis 1:26-27

Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.” So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

God created us with an ‘unseen’ spiritual part and with a specific purpose in mind -

Genesis 2:7

Then the LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living soul.



Breath => **'Pneuma'** – Spirit (God put an eternal spirit into the man)

Soul => **'Nephesh'** – life (Man became a living 'life' – an eternal being who exists in a physical body now)

1 Corinthians 2:11

For who knows a person's thoughts except **their own spirit within them**? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.

God gave us an eternal spirit that we might know Him.

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John 4:24

God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in Spirit and in truth."

We too are 'eternal spirit beings', made 'in His Image' and so we are to become like Him 'in spirit and truth' .

Luke 23:46

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‘into your hands’ => into your care, not directly back to God in heaven

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(paradise is a part of Hades, the waiting place of Spirits)

Hebrews 12:9

Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of spirits and live!

He is the one who gives us our spirit and He has the authority over our spirit -

Zechariah 12:1

The LORD, who stretches out the heavens, who lays the foundation of the earth, and who forms the human spirit within a person, declares:



Isaiah 44:2

This is what the LORD says— he who made you, who formed you in the womb, and who will help you:



Psalms 139:13

**For you created my inmost being;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.**

Note: we receive our spirit in the womb – SO a unique person is formed at 'conception'.

Genesis 3:19

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Acts 2:31 Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that **he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay.** (he was raised after 3 days)

James 2:26

As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.





Genesis 2:16-17 And the LORD God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; ¹⁷ but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will **certainly die.**”

Certainly die – ‘literally’ - **dying you will die.** In the Bible ‘death’ means separation, so what God is telling Adam is that violating God’s command will cause your eternal spirit to be separated from your physical body (first death) and also your spirit to be separated from God eternally (2nd death - in punishment of hell)

Jesus came to pay the sin price so we could escape the 2nd death !

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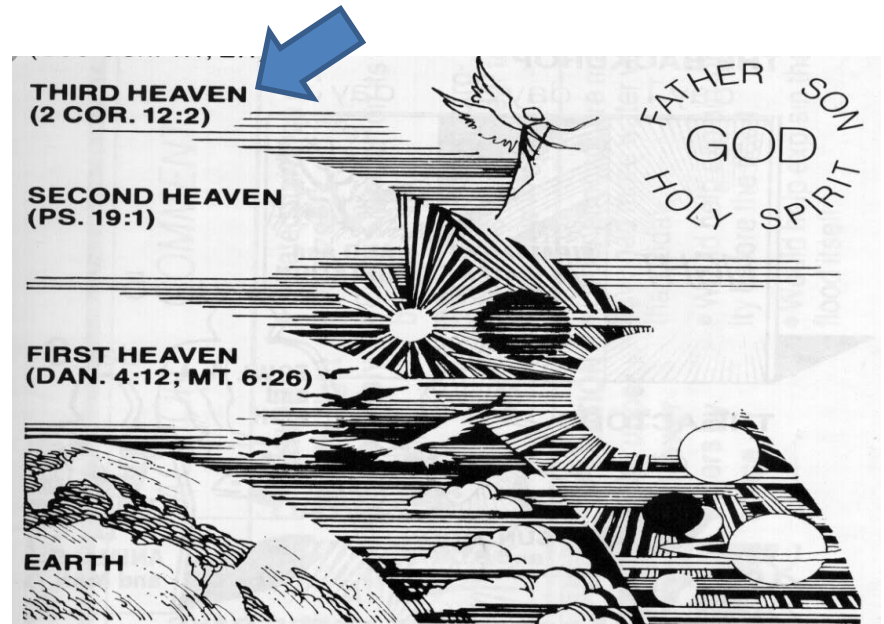
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Ecclesiastes 12:7

and the dust returns to the ground it came from, and the spirit returns to God who gave it.

2 Corinthians 12:3-4

And I know that this man—whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, but God knows—⁴ was caught up to paradise (third heaven) and heard inexpressible things, things that no one is permitted to tell.



2 Corinthians 5:1-8

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands.⁴ For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. ⁵ Now the one who has fashioned us for this very purpose is God, who has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

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Philippians 1:21-24

For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. ²² If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! ²³ I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; ²⁴ but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body.



2 Peter 1:13-14

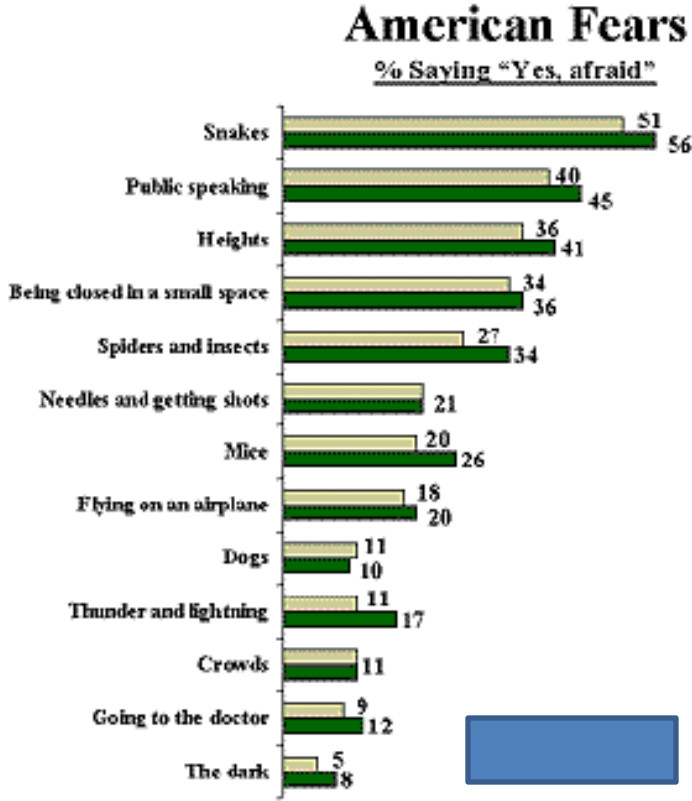
I think it is right to refresh your memory as long as I live in the tent of this body, ¹⁴ because I know that I will soon put it aside, as our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me.

(A tent was not a permanent dwelling !)

It was for a 'traveling' existence.

Matthew 10:28

Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the **One who can destroy both soul and body in hell.**



Matthew 16:24-27

Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. ²⁶ What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? ²⁷ For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father’s glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done.

The same Greek Word is translated as life and/or soul.

Soul and Spirit

In Hebrews 4:12, the writer says: “For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.” The distinction between the soul and spirit is very difficult, yet we are told that the word of God is powerful enough to do it. Most seem to think that the two are the same thing, yet this verse indicates that while they are similar that there is a difference.



According to Nelson's Bible Dictionary – "Soul" has two meanings in scripture: 1) That which makes the body alive (life in the physical body) and example is found in *Gen 35:18 ...* "As her soul was departing – she named her son *Ben-oni.*" 2) The inner spiritual life of a person. An example of this use is *Gen 2:7* "The Lord God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living soul." **The word 'soul' can refer to either physical life or the spiritual life.**

In the verse – Matt 16:25-26 “For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it. What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul?”

The Greek word translated ‘life’ is also translated ‘soul’. In verse 25, it is referring to the physical life, and in verse 26, to the spiritual life.

“Spirit” comes from the Greek *pneuma* which means breath or wind. It refers to the eternal part given by God, the ‘spirit’. It is the part of man that is made in the image of God. It is used in verses like *Gen 2:7 “the Lord God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath (spirit) of life, and the man became a living soul.”* Also see Heb 12:23

The scripture says in James 2:26 “the body without the spirit is dead..” which indicates that although the body may die, the spirit lives on. **The spirit is the part of man that is made in God’s image and lives eternally.** See Ecc 12:7

So the ‘spirit’ is the part of man that lives on, while the ‘soul’ (physical life) can die.

These two words are so closely associated that distinguishing between the two is very difficult. In some passages, the word 'soul' is also used to mean the spiritual life that continues on after death, and not just the physical life.

So it may be said that **the 'spirit' is the eternal part of man, made in the image of God, that will exist forever in either heaven or hell.**

The 'soul' is the resulting life in the body, and may refer to either this physical life or the spiritual life in the new spiritual body (depending on the context).

The body is made 'alive' when given the spirit – the two together make up the soul . *1Thess 5:23 "May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body, be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."*

The **spirit** is given by God And is designed to live forever

The **soul** is the 'life', the combination of the spirit and body that makes you the unique 'you'. (mind, emotions, will)

The **body** may refer to either the physical body in this life or the spiritual body in eternity

All three are united in this life, separated at death, and reunited in eternity in the new spiritual body

