

# THE TRIPARTITE BEING CALLED MAN

## INTRODUCTION

The being called Man has been a form of mystery to the rest of creation and even to Mankind itself (**Ps 8:4; Rom 8:19**) for quite some time. He is a masterpiece of the creations of God in the heaven and earth realm of creation (**Gen 1:1; Ps 139:14**). The precise format or procedure that the creation process assumed before Man came into being in the form called a living soul has been obscured and shrouded in assumptions and ambiguity to some of us. Generally there is a dearth of in depth written insight in Christian circles focusing on the composition of Man, his makeup, constituent parts, their relationship with each other, their abode in Man and so on. These things have been taken on mere face value and for granted thereby breeding ignorance. And by reason of this fundamental glitch or shallowness there have arisen loads of false doctrines concerning the nature of Man in so many ways.

A lot of Christians find it hard to explain what happens to a Man when he dies. Where does he go to thereafter? How does he function in the afterlife or world beyond? Who is the real Man among his component parts? How was Man composed at creation? What was his nature in the garden? etc. And as long as these questions are not clearly answered but left hanging or to mere deductions/assumptions then errors in understanding would persist and erroneous foundations laid on scriptural interpretations and doctrines that many religious sects hold. This had created open doorways for the enemy to sow falsehood, discordant tunes in spiritual understanding concerning Man still having him shrouded in mystery as it were.

This literature is our humbly contribution towards dispelling some of the confusion established concerning the mystery called Man. As usual, we shall stick to exploring biblical truths in our literature looking critically into what our Master and Lord Jesus Christ specifically had to say and teach concerning Man in order to bring out the spiritual insights and understanding needed for our Christian faith to stand on the wisdom and power of God, not on the wisdom of men.

## THE PHASES IN THE COMING FORTH OF MAN

It is generally accepted that Man is not just one whole mass/lump but a tripartite being, made up of three (3) distinct constituent parts – spirit, soul and body that were put together by God and called a living soul which the Bible affirms the veracity of severally. **Gen 1:26-27; Gen 2:5-7; Isa 57:15-16; Gen 6:3; Gen 3:17-19; Eccl 12:7; Ezek 18:4**

**Hebr 4: 12** For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow [*comprising the body*], and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

**I Thess 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.

The question is when and how did God bring forth and put together these three parts that make up the whole Man and what nature/form were they? The first man Adam's beginning was of a creation, formation and making process comprising of separate phases rather than a one-off thing. How? Adam was first created with a spirit in the image and likeness of His Creator, God, who is a Spirit (**Jn 4:24**) in **Gen 1:26-27** before his body was formed from the dust of the ground and the breath of life was introduced in him for him to become a living soul (**Gen 2:5-7**) and subsequently his formed immortal body was made a mortal body for the suffering of physical death in the world. **Gen 5:5; Ps 89:47-48**

God created man's spirit from heaven, but formed man's body and soul out of the earth; for there is a difference between create, form and make, which understanding have eluded many even till date. It is a vital key to unlocking the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven as contained in the Holy Book, the Bible. We shall throw some light on it herein but in greater details in subsequent literatures. **Mtt 13:9-11; Mtt 16:16-19**

**Isa 43:7** Even every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him.

### Creation Phase

God is a Spirit and whatever He creates He does so as spirit first before forming and making it subsequently as He pleases. Spiritual things are created before they can be formed and made as it were. That is why the spiritual superintends the physical meaning that there is nothing done, found or that happens in the physical realm without it having been established or taken place in the spiritual first. The spiritual precedes the physical in all things always. So the

creation phase is for the coming forth of the spiritual, celestial and heavenly things. **I Cor 15:35-40; Ps 139:15-16**

**Gen 1: 27** So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

When God created Man, He created him with a spirit (for God is a Spirit – **Jn 4:24**) in truth even in His own image and likeness. And who is the image and likeness of God the Father that was with Him at the creation of Adam? **Jn 1:1-2**. He is the only begotten Son of God, Jesus Christ, the last Adam. **Hebr 1:2-3**

**Colo 1:12-19 (Vr.15)** Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:

**2 Cor 4:4** In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

The first man Adam was created in conformity to Jesus Christ, the image of God at the beginning. Man was created by the Father through the Son at the beginning (**Colo 3:10**) and was to live by him having the Spirit of life indwelling - **Jn 6:56-58,63**. And therefore from the teachings and nature of the last Adam we are able to deduce how the nature of the first Man was at creation and formation and the nature that we, the redeemed of the Lord, shall return back to after our resurrection from the dead at the last day. **Lk 20:35-36**

**Gen 3: 22** And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us (*which one of us? the Father or the Son?* **Jn 1:1-2**), to know good and evil: (**Isa 7:14-16; Num 23:19**)

As the nature of the created and formed Adam was at the beginning, typified by the resurrected last Adam the firstfruit, so shall we the resurrected saints of the Lord be restored unto in order that with Christ we shall carry out the original divine mandate of God as contained in **Gen 1:26,28** and captured in **I Cor 15:19-28; Rev 2:25-28**

**Rom 8: 29** For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

**Colo 3:10** And put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:

**Eph 2: 10** For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Adam is called the first man, while Jesus Christ is called the second man and the Son of man. God the Father is neither a man nor the son of man. **Num 23:19; I Sam 15:29; I Cor 15:45-47; I Tim 2:5; Rev 5:1-7**

Jesus Christ was made a quickening spirit at his ascension into glory in the heavens to be seated at the right hand of the Father of spirits, but he was seen on earth by his disciples after his resurrection from the dead for forty days in the form of an angel and not a spirit as it were. **I Cor 5:45; Jn 5:21; Lk 24:36-43,51; Acts 1:1-3,9-11; Hebr 1:7,9**

**Mk 10: 6** But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female.

**Gen 5: 1** This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God (*which is Christ*) made he him; **Vr.2** Male and female created he them; and blessed them, and called their name Adam, in the day when they were created [as spirit].

Adam was created at the beginning having a spirit without a body and soul before he was formed. Spirits are invisible and immortal in nature. Adam as male and female was of the creation phase, while Man having body and soul introduced was of the forming phase. **Gen 2:7, 21-23; I Tim 2:13**

**Lk 24:39** for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have.

**Jn 3: 6** That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. **Vr.7** Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. **Vr.8** The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

**Gen 2: 4-5 (Vr.5** And every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew: for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was not a man to till the ground [*but Man had already been created having a spirit but yet to be formed – Ps 139:16*].

We can also understand the creation phase of Man in the coming forth of Jeremiah the Prophet in

**Jer 1:4** Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, **Vr.5** Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee [*as a spirit creation first*]; and before thou camest forth out of the womb [*the making of the flesh*] I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.

### **Formation Phase**

Things that are formed usually take place in the spiritual realm of the earth region. The formation stage is the period that Man having a spirit already was then given a body in the form of flesh and bone and received the breath of life into his nostrils in order now to be called a living soul as it were. There is nothing that is formed that was not first created as spirit or in the

spirit in the heavenly realms as it were. The Woman was made from the Man that was created and formed already. **Gen 2:20-23; Ezek 37:1-6,13-14; Jer 1:4-5; I Cor 15:38-39; I Tim 2:13**

**Gen 2: 4** These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, **Vr.5** And every [*created*] plant of the field before it was (*made*) in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew: for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was not a man [*formed yet*] to till the ground. **Vr.6** But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground. **Vr.7** And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul [*before now what was he? As a spirit*].

**Lk 24:39** for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have.

**Gen 2:20-23 (Vr.23** And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man [*Adam was flesh and bone*].

Man was created with a spirit, but he was formed as flesh and bone and became a living soul, celestial, heavenly, immortal, incorruptible, and spiritual in nature like the angels, but not an angel, and that is the form that we shall revert to at the resurrection of the dead- as it was in the beginning so shall we become at the end. If you can know how it shall be at the end then you would have a good understanding of how it was at the beginning before the fall of Man.

**Lk 20:35-36 (Vr. 35** But they which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage: **Vr.36** Neither can they die any more: for they are equal unto the angels [*as Adam was in the garden of Eden*]; and are the children of God, being the children of the resurrection.

Angels have bodies that are flesh and bone, that is, without blood and can eat. That was what the Lord demonstrated to his disciples when he appeared unto them after his resurrection to differentiate him from a spirit (**Lk 24:13-31,36-43; Gen 18:1-8; Ps 78:23-25**). Angels can and do transform into spirits. Spirits cannot be seen by the physical eyes but angels can when they make themselves visible from their invisible realm of operation. Jesus Christ did not come down into the world as an angel but he ascended into heaven as one. **Hebr 1:7,14; Hebr 2:14,16; Lk 24:16-17,30-31; Jn 16:28; Acts 1:9-11**

Adam as God's original creations was celestial, immortal and incorruptible even as the angels of heaven before the fall and that was how he was able to dwell in the Garden of Eden, the paradise of God which was in the spiritual realms as it were. **Ezek 31:7-10; Rev 2:7**

The soul and body of Man was formed in the lower parts of the earth. They were formed spiritual and immortal at the beginning and joined with the spirit of Man to become the living soul.

**Ps 139:13-16 (Vr. 13** For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother' womb. **Vr.14** I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well. **Vr.15** My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth . **Vr.16** Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them.

**Isa 42:5** Thus saith God the LORD, he that created the heavens, and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it [the body and soul of Man comes out of it]; he that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein:

**Gen 2: 4** These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, **Vr.5** And every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew: for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was not a man (*formed yet*) to till the ground. **Vr.6** But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground. **Vr.7** And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground [*in the lower parts of the earth*], and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

From the foregoing it is indicative that the flesh was taken from the dust of the earth and the soul was formed in the lower parts of the earth and unto those regions each shall return at death also before they shall be raised up to face judgment on the last day. The soul of Christ went there at his death also and preached by the eternal Spirit the gospel to the dead, the captives of all ages past, unto the opening of the prison doors. **Mtt 27:50-53; Lk 4:18-19; Lk 16:19-31; Eph 4:8-10; Acts 2:25-32; I Pet 3:18-20; I Pet 4:6; Isa 42:5-7; Isa 61:1-2**

The living soul was not formed to experience death or to die, but was made subject to death and became a dying soul by reason of disobedience in the Garden of Eden. The righteous living soul shall be restored to its original state and intent by God that made it so, while the wicked dying soul shall end up in death even the second death eventually with the devil and his angels. **Mtt 25:41; Rev 20:10-15**

## **Making Phase**

We refer to this phase as commencing from the period in which the Woman was made from the Man and subsequently they being found in trespass were punished by God and made carnal with the resultant eviction from the garden of God into the physical world corrupted by reason of iniquity and sin in order to begin giving birth through the Woman.

**Gen 2: 21** And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; **Vr.22** And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. **Vr.23** And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.

**Ps 89: 47** Remember how short my time is: wherefore hast thou made all men in vain? **Vr.48** What man is he that liveth, and shall not see death? shall he deliver his soul from the hand of the grave?

Yet God made provision for the restoration of Man through the slaying of the Lamb of God from the foundation of the world (**Rev 13:8; I Pet 1:18-20**). The God “made” Man continues unto death and ushers in the resurrection from the dead and the time of the regeneration thereafter unto the coming of the new heaven and the new earth. All these are predestined processes at work presently.

The Making phase is the period of the transformation of the created and formed things into a terrestrial, natural and “made” state; from the spiritual to the natural/carnal state. This is why one can learn about the spiritual things from the natural things that God had made as nature.

**Rom 1:19-20; Hebr 11:3**

**Gen 3:14-24 (Vr.14** And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: **Vr.15** And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel. **Vr.16** Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee. **Vr.17** And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; **Vr.18** Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; **Vr.19** In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return. **Vr. 20** And Adam called his wife' name Eve; because she was the mother of all living.

The effect of the fall of Adam to his tripartite composition was that his immortal celestial body that was flesh and bone was made to become a mortal terrestrial corruptible body that is flesh and blood subject to sin and physical death in the world that shall also pass away (**Hebr 9:27; I Jn 2:15-17**). Man's soul remained immortal but was now made subject to the second death if still found in sin after the physical death in the world (**Ezek 18:4; Gen 2:17; Mtt 10:28**). The Spirit of life, the light of life, was withdrawn/taken from the spirit of Man and darkness flooded in opening the doorway for the trafficking of unclean spirits in Man (**Gen 6:3; I Sam 16:14; Mtt 12:43-45**). By this process, Adam was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of physical death in this world even as the last Adam had to be made in order to rescue men from this present evil world and captivity. From hence Man began to bring forth "fruit of the womb" through a birth process involving woman, which is a making process- "from making love to making babies". To be born of woman is a making process and not a creation process as it were. Why? Because it is of blood according to the will of flesh, the will of man. **Jn 1:13-14; Gal 4:4; Mtt 11:11; Gen 3:16,20; Gen 4:1-2; Gen 5:3; I Cor 11:7-12; I Tim 2:14-15**

**Hebr 2:5-17 (Vr.9** But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man. **Vr.14** Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; **Vr.16** For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham.

That which is made is shakable and moveable, therefore is meant to pass away but not that which is created, this shall endure forever. Nothing that is made shall enter the kingdom of God but is strictly for worldly purposes. Those things that are made terrestrial are carnal in natural and are not meant for the spiritual realms like they things that are created and formed. **I Cor 15:50; Hebr 1:8-12; Hebr 12:25-28; Mtt 24:35; Jam 1:10; 2 Pet 3:10; Lk 21:28**

For the terrestrial Man to become heavenly again at the very end he must compulsorily have to pass through the born again process while in this present world. How? through belief and obedience to the gospel of salvation. He must become a new creature in Christ Jesus. **Jn 3:3-9; I Cor 15:35-54; 2 Cor 5:17; I Pet 1:23-25**



## THE CONSTITUENT PARTS OF THE MAN

Man was first and foremost created having a spirit and later on he was formed with flesh as a body and given a soul in order to become one complete Man called a living soul. Why the various parts of Man in order to make up the whole and not just one whole part only? We shall try to answer these questions by looking at the various distinct parts of Man's makeup as follows:

### THE SPIRIT OF MAN

The spirit of Man is the only component of the tripartite man that was created and came down from God the Father out of heaven above, while the soul and flesh were formed and came from the earth. The creation and forming of Man as a living soul was done by God while the heaven and earth was yet in its spiritual and uncorrupted state. God is the Father of spirits, the God of the spirit of all flesh and He created and formed the tripartite Man good, celestial and blessed as it were. **Num 16:22; Hebr 12:9**

**Jam 1: 17** Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

**Gen 1:26-31 (Vr.26** And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. **Vr.27** So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. **Vr.31** And God saw everything that he had made, and, behold, it was very good [*every good gift cometh from above*]. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

God is a Spirit; so when God said in

**Gen 1:26** And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: **Vr.27** So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him [*with a spirit*]; male and female created he them.

Adam (Man) was created with a spirit, in truth and righteousness (**Eph 4:24**). Man was created to be a true worshipper of the Father from the beginning, so he was created with a spirit and in truth. Every man has his own individual spirit that is personal to him alone but we, in Christ, have the same Spirit of truth in common. **I Cor 12:13**

**Jn 4:23** But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. **Vr.24** God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. [*Adam was created to worship God in Christ and therefore was created in spirit and in truth from the beginning- Lk 4:8*]

So the spirit of a man is the image and likeness of God in the tripartite man, and that is why at death, the spirit of a man returns back to God who gave it in the first place (**Eccl 3:21; Eccl 12:7; Acts 7:59**). Also even when both the body and soul were made subject to death due to Adam's transgression yet the spirit of man was not made so but liveth unto God always; for God is not the God of the dead but of the living as it were. And that is why every spirit that God had given to all living souls on the earth returns back to him at death whether they are that of sinners or saints, but it is the spirits of just men made perfect that are found in the general assembly and the church of the firstborn in heaven. **Hebr 12:22-23; Lk 23:46-47; Lk 20:37-38; I Pet 4:5-6**

In order to have a good understanding or spiritual perspective of the nature of the spirit of man you must view it as a candle that can be lit or put off, which can be placed on a candlestick when it is lit in order to give light to its surrounding (**Mtt 5:14-16**). God is the Father of lights and the good gift from above that He put in Man was the spirit of man, which is His candle, meant to be illuminated (or lit up) by the Spirit of His Son indwelling in the Man as it were. **Jam 1:17; I Tim 6:16; 2 Tim 1:9-10; Jn 8:12; Rev 1:20; Rev 21:23; Ps 34:5**

**Prov 20:27** The spirit of man is the candle of the LORD searching all the inward parts of the belly.

The spirit of man is the inward man. **Rom 7:22; 2 Cor 4:16; I Cor 2:10-11**

The carnal man, the fallen man has this candle within him put off and is in darkness (**Job 21:17; Prov 24:20**). Adam was said to have "died spiritually" by the Church as an organization or as a business (CAO) when he disobeyed God in the garden, but this conveys a wrong impression in understanding because spirits do not die nor are the subject to death, rather the correct Biblical language is that Adam was made carnally minded (**Rom 8:5-7**), the light of the candle of God in him was withdrawn and darkness befell him within; and also his body was made carnal cum mortal (**Rom 8:8; Hebr 2:9,14**). And in that fallen state Adam began to give birth to or begat sons in his own likeness, after his own image outside of the garden in the world, bearing children of the world and not children of God unlike how he was created and formed from the beginning by God being a son of God. **Gen 5:1-3; Lk 3:38**

Everyone that Christ gives power to become sons of God (**Jn 1:12-13**) he lights the spirit of such a one with his Spirit in baptism (**Mtt 3:11; Lk 24:48-49; Acts 1:4-5,8**) in order for such to become spiritual and alive unto God again. The CAO says that a man's spirit is recreated at his new birth experience but that is not true rather his candle is lit up when he becomes born of

the Spirit as it were (**Jn 3:3-8**). Christ is the Light of the world, the true Light that lighteneth the candle of the LORD in a man, even the spirit of man, with his own Spirit (**Jn 1:9; Lk 2:32**). We having our personal spirits are all baptized into one body and one Spirit, that of Christ, at the time we get born of water and of the Spirit (**I Cor 6:17; I Cor 12:12-13; Eph 4:4-6**). In the same vein, Paul the apostle said in

**Rom 8: 9** But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his [*and is yet in darkness*]. **Vr. 16** The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: **Vr. 14** For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

**Gal 4:4-7 (Vr. 5** To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. **Vr.6** And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.

**Jn 1:4-9 (Vr. 9** That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

Christ is the Light of the world, while his Spirit is the light of life that he giveth us in baptism.

**Acts 5:30-32**

**Jn 8:12** Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, "I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness (*having his candle put out*), but shall have the light of life (*having his candle lit up by the Spirit*).

The fallen man, the unbeliever having his candle put out by reason of transgression, is in darkness within him and without God in this dark world. The whole world lieth in darkness and wickedness. The redeemed man is admonished not to quench the Spirit any longer. **Mtt 6:23; Jn 11:9-10; Eph 2:12; 2 Cor 4:3-4; Eph 6:12; I Thess 5:19**

**Mtt 4:16** The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up. **Vr.17** From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, "Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

**Lk 1:78** Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us, **Vr.79** To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The spirit of man can also be likened to a spiritual wireless antenna in Man for tuning to the frequency or wavelength of heaven by the Spirit of God within him in order for him to know, understand and hear from God spiritually either audibly and/or visually in the Spirit- to hear the voice of God and see the visions of God. It is by your spirit that you receive faith from the Spirit via the word of God (**Jn 6:63**). The spirit of man is like a beacon or heavenly GSM SIM card that

God hath put in Man to be in sync with heaven from whence it came from at the creation of man. This heavenly GSM SIM card in Man has to be activated by his receiving the Spirit of truth in baptism at his new birth. Now, where the Spirit of the Lord is there is signal, network connection in form of liberty to make unlimited free calls to heaven through the backbone connectivity/access of the Spirit in all manner of prayers and supplications. **Isa 42:5; Jn 3:34; Gal 4:3-7; I Sam 16:13-15; Acts 2:17; 2 Cor 3:17; Gal 5:1; Rom 8:26-27; Eph 2:18; Ezek 36:25-28**

At the creation of Adam his GSM SIM was activated when God breathed into his nostrils and gave him the breath of life with the Spirit of life, while that of the apostles of Christ occurred when Christ breathed into them after his resurrection and at his appearing to them- a restoration of that which was taken away from Adam at his fall; this herald the new creature restoration of Man under the New Testament regime. Therefore, without receiving the Spirit of truth indwelling a man cannot claim to be born again, a new creature in Christ as it were. **Gen 2:7; Jn 20:22; 2 Cor 5:16-17; Acts 2:17-18; Ezek 37:1-6,13-14**

It is with our spirit that we search and seek for God and you can only find Him when guided by His holy Spirit without which no man can find God. And it is not of him that willeth nor of him that runneth but it is of the Lord that sheweth mercy. **Rom 8:14; Rom 9:15-16; Isa 55:6**

**I Cor 2:7-16 (Vr. 9** But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. **Vr.10** But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. **Vr.11** For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. **Vr.12** Now we have received, not the spirit of the world [*to be carnally minded and full of lusts thereof*], but the spirit which is of God [*to be spiritually minded-* **Mtt 16:23**]; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

**Jn 14:15-18 (Vr. 17** Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

It is by the kind of spirit that is witnessing or communicating with a man's spirit that he uses to hear within him, speak thereafter, and see in visions and dreams as it were. You either have received the Spirit of truth in baptism when you got born again (born of the Spirit) or the spirit of error at your natural birth (born of the flesh) into this world. The spirit that is within you is either one that illuminates your spirit or keeps it in darkness as it were. **I Jn 4:4-6; Acts 6:8-10; Acts 7:55-56; Acts 10:9-20; Lk 21:14-15; Mtt 10:19-20; Mtt 16:15-17,20-23; Hebr 10:32; I Cor 2:12; Rom 8:15; 2 Tim 1:7; 2 Cor 4:4**

**Rom 8:14-16 (Vr.16** The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

**Job 32:8** But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding.

The spirit of man is found, operates or is identified with the mind region of man. Biblically speaking, the mind correlates to the spirit as it were. The spirit of man is also called the inward man in the Bible and not “the spirit man” as the CAO in their human wisdom have coined; if not we should also have “the soul man” and “the flesh man” in addition- the wisdom of men at work as it were. So the mind symbolizes the workings of the spirit of a man within him. **2 Cor 4:16; Rom 12:1-2; Colo 3:10; Tit 3:5; Rom 7:22-25**

**Eph 4:22-24 (Vr.23)** And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;

**Rom 8:26-27 (Vr.27)** And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

## **THE SOUL OF MAN**

The Soul was put in Man by God to enable him exercise freewill, the ability to choose and to believe. With the Soul, Man exercises his will to choose good or evil, life or death. It is with the soul that we believe but it is with the spirit that we receive faith from God. The soul is responsible for the actions/deeds of the flesh. God put Adam in the Garden of Eden in order to test this soulish ability of his to choose to believe or disbelieve God’s word cum commandment and Adam failed the trial woefully as it were. **Gen 2:15-17; Gen 3:9-12,17-19**

By reason of the fall of Adam, the living soul was made subject to death even the second death. The soul that sinneth shall die; the wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life. Adam missed out on the gift of God only to receive the wages of sin instead. **Ezek 18:4; Rom 6:23; Rev 16:3; Mtt 10:28**

**Gen 2:15-17 (Vr. 17)** But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

Man is called a living soul and not “a spirit man”, because the soul is the critical part of the tripartite man. It is the soul that defines Man as unique and distinguishes him from the other living things that were created and made by God to dwell on the earth such as the animals and plants. It is by the decisions that the soul makes that the body acts; so God shall judge our works at the end by judging the soul of man, but animals are not judged nor are they said to sin. The righteousness or wickedness of a man is ascribed to the state of his soul. **Hebr 9:27; Ezek 18:4,20; Rom 6:13; 2 Cor 5:21; I Jn 3:4-10**

The soul of a man resides in the heart region of the man. Biblically speaking, the heart correlates to the soul though it is not the soul; for they are yet distinct, rather the soul is the hidden man of the heart. The heart is of a dual nature viewed both as unseen and seen. The heart as unseen is the seat of emotions but as seen it is the physical vital organ of the body. The heart is the engine that receives the breath of life from a man's nostrils and circulates it to the whole body of the man through the blood system. Remove the heart, which is the carnal and mortal nature of the body of man, from within the man and the soul takes its leave. The heart is symbolic of the soul and they are used interchangeably in the Bible, but as we have seen they are distinct but interrelated. Whatever happens to the heart affects the soul whether positively or negatively. **Gen 2:7; Gen 9:4-6; Prov 14:30**

**Lev 17:10-16 (Vr. 11)** For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.

**I Pet 3:4** But let it be the hidden man of the heart [*the soul*], in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit [*the inward man*], which is in the sight of God of great price.

**Ps 51: 6** Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts [*the spirit*]: and in the hidden part [*the soul*] thou shalt make me to know wisdom.

The desires and lusts of a man stem from his soul or heart inwardly and are made manifest outwardly by the actions of his flesh. A man covets with his soul whether carnal or spiritual things. He hungereth and thirsteth therewith. **Mtt 5:27-28; Exo 20:17; Rom 7:7; I Cor 12:31; I Cor 14:1,39; Deu 12:20-21; Deu 14:26**

**Isa 26: 8** Yea, in the way of thy judgments, O LORD, have we waited for thee; the desire of our soul is to thy name, and to the remembrance of thee. **Vr.9** With my soul have I desired thee in the night; yea, with my spirit within me will I seek thee early:

**Ps 42: 1** As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God. **Vr.2** My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God? (**Jn 7:37**)

**Mtt 5:6** Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst [*with their soul*] after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

**Mtt 6:32-33 (Vr.33)** But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

It is with our soul, heart, mind and strength that we love and obey God when we have found Him. **Deu 4:29; Deu 6:5; Deu 10:12**

**Mk 12:28-34 (Vr.30** And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.

## THE BODY OF MAN

**Gen 2:5-7, 21-23 (Vr.7** And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, **Vr.21** And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs [*bone*], and closed up the flesh instead thereof; **Vr.22** And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. **Vr.23** And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.

When God formed the body of Adam from the dust of the ground after his creation, the ground then was blessed and spiritual; his flesh was then like that of the angels, flesh and bone without blood. Adam had an immortal, spiritual and incorruptible body for that is how God formed it to be at the initial and that is the state that the saints shall be restored unto after the resurrection of the last day (**Phil 3:20-21; Lk 20:35-36; I Cor 15:35-54; Job 19:25-27**). But by reason of sin being found with Adam, God cursed the ground from whence man was formed; the result was that his immortal celestial body that was flesh and bone was made to become a mortal terrestrial corruptible body that was flesh and blood subject to sin and physical death in the world. Our body became a vile thing, sinful in nature as it were. Before the fall, the life of Man was not tied to blood because he was not formed with blood but rather to the Spirit (of Christ); for it is the Spirit that giveth life. But praise be to God who hath sent his Son to redeem and restore us back to Himself at the end. **Hebr 9:27; Rom 6:6; Rom 8:3,10,23; 2 Cor 3:6; Jn 6:50-58; Hebr 2:14-16**

**Gen 3:17-19 (Vr.17** And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; **Vr.19** In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return. **Vr. 14** And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:

Satan, as the serpent, was cursed and condemned to eating the dust of the cursed ground from whence the flesh of man was to be made henceforth through the woman in child birth. He began to have dominion over the fallen man due to sin in the flesh as it were. So wherever flesh is at play the Devil, being the chief servant of sin, would always be found there stirring up all manner of the works of the flesh that is unto evil. Therefore for you to be free from sin this body has to die and a new body received. **Gen 3:16; Rom 6:3-7,12; 1 Cor 5:5; Gal 5:15-21,24; Hebr 2:14; I Jn 3:8; I Pet 4:1-2**

The body and its various members are called flesh and are meant for doing or executing whatever the soul believes, desires and the mind instructs. It is for producing fruits/works/deeds/actions whether of righteousness or of sin. Sin is found in the body (flesh) of the fallen man because he is sold under sin. It is with the flesh (the members of the body) that we commit sin as it were. **Rom 7:5,14; I Jn 2:15-17; Eph 2:1-3**

**Mtt 5:29-30 (Vr.29** And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.**Vr.30** And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.

**Rom 6:12-14,16-23 (Vr.16** Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? **Vr.17** But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. **Vr.19** I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness. **Vr.21** What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death. **Vr.22** But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

**Rev 2:23** And all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works.

The body of man is called the outward man and it is destined to pass away being as grass. It is subject to afflictions, infirmities, pain, sufferings, sorrows, etc as long as it is flesh and blood, whether you are a saint or a sinner. **Mtt 8:16-17; Rom 15:1; 2 Cor 12:9-10; I Tim 5:23; Hebr 4:15; Phil 2:25-30; Mtt 25:34-40**

**2 Cor 4:16** For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.



**Rom 8:18-23 (Vr. 22** For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. **Vr.23** And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.

## **THE CORRELATION BETWEEN THE VARIOUS PARTS OF THE MAN**

A question arises, Why did God have to create and form man of these three parts-spirit, soul and body rather than just one whole part? It stems from the divine pattern already at play in His creations. How? heaven and earth, day and night, sun and moon, land and sea, plant and animals, the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (**Gen 2:8-9**),etc. So we have for the living soul called Man, spirit and body – the spirit came from above from our heavenly Father, while the body came from beneath from the dust of the earth. Why? It is with the spirit that man receives faith (the Word/commandment) from God, with the soul he either believes or disbelieves faith and with the members of his body (the flesh) he carries out what his soul believes or disbelieves as it were. It is with the soul that man makes decisions, thereby exercising his God given freewill to choose what he wants to do, but the decision that the soul takes is influenced by either the workings of his spirit or the workings of his flesh within him. God holds the soul accountable and responsible at the end of the day for any action that the man takes as it were.

When God created man with a spirit it was very good (**Gen 1:31; Jam 1:17**). And when God formed Man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life He also gave him the Spirit of life by which his soul should live and be guided as it were (**Jn 1:1-4; Jn 6:57; Jn 20:21-22**). Adam was put in the Garden of Eden by God for trial purposes to determine whether he would choose to live and walk by the Spirit in obedience unto eating the tree of life in righteousness and live forever thereof in fulfilling the purpose for which God had created him (**Gen 1:26-30**) or choose to live and walk in the flesh after the lust thereof in disobedience unto eating the tree of knowledge of good and evil in sin. Unfortunately, Adam was made to lust after flesh in seeking for Woman- the bone of his bone and the flesh of his flesh (**Gen 2:20-24; Jam 1:12-17**) unto his fall at the end. **Gen 3:9-13, 17-19; I Tim 2:12-14**

So the spirit and flesh portion of Man was given to him as part of his soul's choice influencing tools in line with his ability to exercise choice or freewill. The flesh was meant to be in subjection to the spirit from the initial establishing a harmonic synergy by which Man would live in life and peace (**Rom 8:6; Mal 2:5-6**). Also, the spirit and flesh of man were made subject to external influences (**Acts 2:17-18**). Man's spirit was to be influenced in righteousness by the Spirit of truth to cause his soul to crave for the things of the Spirit, while his flesh was liable to

be influenced by Satan to cause his soul to lust after flesh and the things of the flesh if he yields to it anyway (**Gen 3:14; Job 2:4-10; Eph 4:22**). When the flesh is contrary or rebels against the Spirit (**Gen 6:3,5-6; Rom 8:7-8**) then the works of the flesh generated thereof are of disobedience and evil causing the man to become a transgressor (**Gal 5:19-21**), while the fruit of the Spirit is found in the soul/heart of a saint that keeps his flesh under subjection as he walks according to the dictate of the Spirit. **Gal 5:22-26; I Cor 9:27**

Those that walk after the flesh produce the deeds of the flesh that are evil and corrupt which are then deposited in the soul, while those that walk after the Spirit produce the fruit of the Spirit that are of righteousness which are deposited into the soul. Whichever has influence and dominance over the other, that is, between the flesh and the spirit, rules over the soul and determines its state, whether of righteousness or of sin. **Mtt 12:33-35**

**Gal 5:16** This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. **Vr.17** For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

**I Pet 2:11** Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;

**Rom 8: 12** Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. **Vr.13** For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die [*even as Adam did*]: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body [*even as Christ, the last Adam did*], ye shall live. **Vr.14** For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God [*Christ, as the only begotten Son of God, showed us the example of this by his lifestyle on earth*].

Unfortunately, Adam listened to the voice of his flesh rather than to the voice of the Spirit by which God gave him faith to obey before putting him in the garden to tend and keep it (**Gen 2:15-17; Rom 10:17**). So Adam fell into sin by reason of disobedience, and the Spirit of truth was taken from him causing him to become carnally minded. Subsequently, he was cast out into the world to begin to live according to the flesh in sin as it were (**Rom 8:5-8; Rom 5:12,14**). By disobedience Man was sold under sin to be living and walking after the flesh unto death and thereafter the judgment of the soul (**Gen 3:17-19; Rom 5:16-19; Rom 7:14; Hebr 9:27**), but God made provision for the option of the deliverance and salvation of Man through the shedding of the blood of the Lamb from the foundation of the world (**Rev 13:8; Gen 3:21**). So the living soul that was meant to live by the Spirit of life in the spiritual realms began to live by blood in the terrestrial realm of the earth with the weak flesh superintending over the spirit of man(**Gen 9:4; Lev 17:11; I Cor 15:40; Mtt 26:40-41**).

So all those that come to truly believe by faith in the blood sacrifice of Jesus Christ by the Father shall be justified, made righteous by Him having their soul saved from sin (**Jn 1:29; Jn**

**3:14-15**), while the Son shall baptize them with his Spirit of life by which they shall live and walk in sanctification unto receiving eternal life at the end; for Christ shall give them to eat of the tree of life on that day. **Rev 2:7; Rev 22:12-14; Gen 3:22-24; Mtt 3:11**

**Rom 8: 9** But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. **Vr.10** And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. **Vr.11** But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

**Gal 5:24-26 (Vr.24** And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. **Vr.25** If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

**Rom 10:8-11 (Vr.9** That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. **Vr.10** For with the heart [*soul*] man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth [*the body part*] confession is made unto salvation.

**Mtt 5: 27** Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery [*with thy body*]: **Vr.28** But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart [*soul*]. **Vr.29** And if thy right eye offend thee [*body parts*], pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell [*with thy soul*]. **Vr.30** And if thy right hand offend thee [*body parts*], cut it off, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell [*with thy soul*].

Sin in the flesh always moves the soul to sin thereby causing the flesh to produce the works of the flesh that are sinful, but the Spirit in your spirit cum mind mortifies the deeds of the flesh in order that your flesh might do righteousness. **Rom 7:14-25; Rom 8:1-4; 2 Cor 10:2-7**

**Colo 3:5** Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:

## THE SOUL OF MAN IS THE TRUE MAN

It has been said and preached in religious circles that it is the spirit of a man that is the real (true) man but that is not true. Why? Because it is the part of man that shall be judged on the last day that is the last man standing, the “real” man as it were. Unfortunately, the CAO teaches that “the spirit man” is the real man and not the soul but this is a lie still meant to keep men in ignorance of what the enemy is really gunning at or targeting in a man. **Lk 4:5-8; Mk 8:36-37**

Therefore the CAO ministers of the people (MOPs) define man as “a spirit housed in a body that has a soul” rather than “a soul housed in a body that has a spirit”- subtlety at work. Man is not called a spirit but rather a soul instead. Throughout the Bible, man is never called a “living spirit” or “living body” but rather a living soul as it were. Christ did not change this term cum definition at his first coming, but the CAO MOPs, as usual, out of their own human wisdom that is from beneath have altered the divine definition of man. By reason of having the Spirit of Christ indwelling you can be in the Spirit but not that you are spirit by definition. **I Cor 15:45; Rev 1:10; Rev 16:3**

**Gen 2: 7** And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

**Lk 12:31-21 (Vr. 19)** And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. **Vr.20** But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee [*it is the soul that God requires of a man not his spirit or body*]: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?

**Mtt 16:24-27 (Vr.26)** For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

It is the soul that sinneth that shall die not the spirit. The primary focus is on the soul of man, its repentance, forgiveness, remission and sanctification. Why? Because destination of the spirit and flesh of man is already known and pre-determined from the beginning, but not that of the soul until the very last day of his existence on the earth as it were. The judgment of man on the last day is for the soul of man and not for his spirit. **Hebr 9:27; Rom 3:23; Rom 6:23; Ezek 18:4**

Man is a soul that is housed in a body (the flesh) and has a spirit. The soul that yields to the flesh or that is subject to the flesh shall die, but the soul that is subject to the Spirit shall live. The war within a man is set between the flesh of the man and the spirit of the man. Satan (unclean spirits) stirs the flesh lustfully against the spirit, while the Spirit of Christ empowers the spirit against the flesh. The battlefield of this warfare is the mind of a man and the result is seen physically in his actions. **2 Cor 10:3-7; Eph 6:10-18; Mtt 7:15-20**

**Rom 8: 13** For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. **Vr.14** For as many [*souls*] as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

God is a Spirit, but Man is a soul, but has the image and likeness of God in him by reason of the spirit that God gave unto him with cannot die. All souls are the LORD's. **Isa 42:5; Jn 4:23-24; I Cor 2:12; Gal 4:4-6; Rom 8:9; Ezek 18:4**

**Mtt 10:28** And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

God did not send His only begotten Son to be crucified on the cross for the salvation of our spirit or body but rather for the salvation of our soul which is precious in His sight. Christ came to save our souls from sin and to preserve it by his Spirit, the another Comforter that he giveth us in baptism to dwell within us forever, unto inheriting the heavenly kingdom. Therefore we are admonished not to quench or grieve the Spirit with which Christ has sealed us unto the day of redemption. **Jn 1:29; Jn 14:15-19; Eph 4:30; I Thess 5:19**

Christ is the Shepherd and Bishop of our soul (not our spirit or flesh) and he does that through his Spirit that he baptizes us with. The Spirit witnesseth with our spirit in order to keep the soul in righteousness producing the fruit of the Spirit outwardly with the flesh crucified. All the same whatever happens to your body and spirit is geared towards affecting your soul as it were. So you have to be mindful of them because God purchased the entirety of your being, soul, spirit and body by His redemptive work in Christ Jesus; for they are God's if you have been redeemed. **I Cor 6:19-20; Rom 8:12-16,26; 2 Cor 1:21-22; Eph 1:12-14; Eph 4:29-32**

**I Pet 2:25** For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.

**Mtt 3:11** I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:

Christ came to put to death sin in the flesh of man and cleanse our soul from sin with his blood and thereafter secure the soul in righteousness to the end by the Spirit he seals us with as it were. Do not be deceived by the CAO MOPs that try to water down the vital importance of the soul of man referring to it as merely the seat of your emotions and feelings only and erroneously teaching you that the man is the spirit, that is a lie. The truth is that man is a soul and the spirit stands as a guard over it. A man is defiled when his soul is defiled within him before it manifests later on by the actions of his flesh. If your soul is defiled then you cannot worship/serve/love God in spirit and in truth. **Mk 12:28-34**

**Mtt 15:1-20 (Vr.18** But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart [*the soul*]; and they defile the man. **Vr.19** For out of the heart [*the soul*] proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies: **Vr.20** These are the things which defile a man: but to eat with unwashen hands defileth not a man.

**Prov 4: 23** Keep thy heart [*soul*] with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

The old man is a dying soul that has a body of sin (a body of death) and a spirit whose light has been quenched and is in darkness within, but the new man is a restored living soul that has a body of righteousness with his spirit lit again as a candle becoming the light of the world which shineth in darkness and the darkness comprehendeth it not.

When the mortal body dies, it can be resurrected again immortal; also the light of the spirit that is quenched can be lighted again, but if your soul dies by reason of judgment, it cannot be remedied, resurrected or restored ever again. The soul is the true (real) man as it were and you should guard it jealously by all means possible.

## **WHAT HAPPENS TO THE BODY, SPIRIT AND SOUL OF A MAN AT DEATH?**

We shall take cue from what happened to Christ our Lord at his own death and from the scriptures also. Where did the soul, body and spirit of Christ go at his death? His body was kept in the tomb, his soul went to the lower parts of the earth, the paradise beneath called Abraham's bosom and his spirit returned back to the Father which art in heaven. There are several portions in the lower parts of the earth (called collectively as hell sometimes) that are referred to also as "grave" severally in the Bible- sinners go to the hell fire area, the saints go to Abraham's bosom area, while the fallen angels are kept in chains of darkness in the pit area. **Lk 16:22-23; 2 Pet 2:14; Jud 1:6; Isa 14:9-11,15; Rev 17:8**

**Lk 23:46** And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit [*not my soul*]: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost. **Vr. 43** And Jesus said unto him, "Verily I say unto thee, To day [*the day of his death*] shalt thou be with me in paradise [*Where? In the lower parts of the earth in Abraham's bosom besides hell fire portion-Lk 16:25*].

**Mtt 27:57-61 (Vr 57** When the even was come, there came a rich man of Arimathaea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus' disciple: **Vr.58** He went to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered. **Vr.59** And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, **Vr.60** And laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock: and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed.

**Acts 2:23-36 (Vr. 23** Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain: **Vr.24** Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden [*held captive as the rest of the dead of all ages*] of it. **Vr.26** Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope [*in the dust of the earth*]: **Vr.27** Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell [*in Abraham's bosom portion of it*], neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption [*in the grave as per his flesh/body becoming dust*].

**Mtt 27:50-54 (Vr.50** Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost. **Vr.52** And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose [*of the Old Testament era*], **Vr.53** And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.

**Eph 4:8-10 (Vr.8** Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. **Vr.9** (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? **Vr.10** He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)

**1 Pet 4:5** Who shall give account to him that is ready to judge the quick and the dead. **Vr.6** For for this cause was the gospel preached also to them that are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit.

The CAO are ambiguous in their teaching on this and therefore their adherents grossly ignorant about it as a result. But they generally say that the soul of the saint rests in the bosom of the Lord in heaven at death but this is not true. It is the spirit that ascends into heaven unto the Lord but the soul goes down to the lower part of the earth to await the resurrection of the dead at the last day for those that sleep in Christ to face the judgment seat of Christ, while the rest dead sinners shall arise at the end day to face the Great white throne judgment of God as it were. **Acts 7:55-60; Hebr 12:22-23; Jn 11:23-26; Rev 20:4-6,11-15**

**Jn 5:21,24-29 (Vr.28** Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves [*not in heaven*] shall hear his voice, **Vr.29** And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

**1 Thess 4:13-17 (Vr. 14** For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again [*from where? Acts 2:23-32*], even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him [*How?*]. **Vr.16** For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first [*from where? Hell-lower part of the earth/Abraham's bosom; not descend from heaven to pick their dead bodies from the grave as some CAO teaches today- they shall rise/ascend not descend*]: **Vr.17** Then we which are alive

and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

On the resurrection day, those that sleep in Christ (the dead) do not descend but rather ascend to meet with Christ in the air first before the descent takes place subsequently for the Millennial reign era commences.

At death, every component of the tripartite man returns to where it was taken from at its creation, forming and making. The spirit came from heaven and returns to the Father of spirits that gave it, the body returns to the ground as dust, while the soul goes to the lower parts of the earth to await the resurrection and judgment at which time it shall be clothed with an immortal body/flesh. The tribulation saints shall have a unique deal in the Lord concerning this in their time. **Acts 2:25-32; Eccl 3:20-21; Ps 89:48; I Cor 15:53-54**

**Gen 3:17-19 (Vr.19** In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art , and unto dust shalt thou return.

**Eccl 12:7** Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.

**Ps 16:10** For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

**Ps 139:15** My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.

**Job 34:13-16 (Vr.14** If he set his heart upon man, if he gather unto himself his spirit and his breath; **Vr.15** All flesh shall perish together, and man shall turn again unto dust.

## CONCLUSION

There is so much to discuss about the tripartite Man but space and time would fail us. God had made Man fearfully and wonderfully in all his parts and that is why He is so mindful of us to the envy of the angels in heaven. God is accomplishing His divine plan on earth for our restoration to Him via His Son Jesus Christ and this shall eventually manifest on the redemption day. **Ps 139:14; Ps 8:4; Lk 21:28**

**I Jn 3: 1** Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. **Vr.2** Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we



know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. **Vr.3** And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

Therefore we beseech you Men and brethren be thou reconciled with God through His Son Jesus Christ that ye may be born again (born of water and of the Spirit) and experience the reverse engineering (regeneration) process required for you to undergo before the Son shows us the Father on that day.

It has been said by some CAO that the spirit of man is recreated at the new birth but this is not true, rather Christ lights up our spirit that is the candle of the Lord when he baptizes us with his Spirit, the light of life. By his grace we shall discuss on this issue in details in subsequent literatures- what happens to the new man- his spirit, soul and body in the new birth process on earth?

**I Thess 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. **Vr.24** Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.

May the good Lord keep you until that glorious day in Jesus name. Amen

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