

THE TRIUNE 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**).

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 beginning of the first man Adam 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**. Afterwards, a body was formed from the dust of the ground for him and the breath of life was introduced for him to become a living soul (**Gen 2:5-7**). And subsequently at his fall, he was clothed with a body for the suffering of physical death in the world wherein he was cast out to. **Gen 5:5**

Gen 3: 21 Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.

God created man from heaven, but formed man out of the earth and made man in the world; 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. **Mtt 13:9-11; Mtt 16:16-19**

THE OUTWARD MAN

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, mortal, whether it is that of a saint or a sinner. **Mtt 8:16-17; Rom 15:1; 2 Cor 12:9-10; I Tim 5:23; Hebr 4:15**

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

I Pet 1:24 For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away:

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 truly, 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, that is, he executes the works of faith.

It is with the soul that man makes decisions, thereby exercising his God's given will to choose what he wants to do. But the decision that the soul makes 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. **Rom 7:22-25**

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.

Mtt 26: 41 Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

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 subsequently, God formed him a body which was immortal to house the spirit and the soul. After the fall of Man, this body was made mortal and corruptible for the suffering of physical death in this world. And that is the body that is now known as the outward man.

THE INWARD MAN

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; Jn 8:12; Rev 21:23; Ps 34:5**

Jn 1:8-9 (Vr.9 That was the true Light, which lighteth [*the spirit of*] every man that cometh into the world.

The spirit of man is the candle of the LORD searching all the inward parts of the belly. **Prov 20:27; Rom 7:22; 2 Cor 4:16; I Cor 2:10-11**

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. So the mind symbolizes the place of the working of the spirit of a man within him. **2 Cor 4:16; Rom 12:1-2; Colo 3:10; Tit 3:5**

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.

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

Rom 7:22-25 (Vr.22 For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: **Vr.25** ...So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God;

The spirit of man is called the inward man as it were.

THE HIDDEN MAN

Man is called a living soul 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. Such are called instead living creatures and not living souls as men are. **Gen 2:7,19**

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 that initiates them, but animals are not judged nor are they said to sin by their actions. The righteousness or wickedness of a man is ascribed to the activities of his soul. **Hebr 9:27; Ezek 18:4,20; Rom 6:13; 2 Cor 5:10**

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. Physically speaking, 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 the two words are used interchangeably in the Bible, but as we have seen they are distinct but interrelated. Whatever happens to the heart affects the soul spiritually speaking, whether positively or negatively. **Gen 2:7; Gen 9:4-6**

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.

Prov 14:30 A sound heart is the life of the flesh:

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

The hidden man is the one that shall be judged by God at the end of the day. And shall determine where a man shall end up in the world to come. Therefore, guide your heart diligently. **Prov 4:23; Ezek 18:4**

CONCLUSION

The Many know about the inward and the outward man, but the Few are taught in addition about the hidden man. The former are taught that it is the inward man that is the real you as the spirit man. But by the grace of God, in this literature we have gotten to know that the true man is the hidden man of the heart. Christ was made the Shepherd and the Bishop of our soul, the hidden man. He was sent into the world by our heavenly Father to give life to our dying soul.

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

Ezek 18:4 Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth it shall die.

Rom 3:23-25 (Vr.23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; **Vr.24** Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

The Triune Man is the Outward + Inward + Hidden Man. At the death of the triune man, the outward man shall return to the dust from whence it was taken and the inward man shall return to God who gave it in the first place. But the hidden man shall descend to the lower parts of the earth to await the resurrection and judgment. **Eccl 12:7; Isa 42:5; Acts 2:26-27,31**

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 Jesus make known unto you the ways of life; keep and guide you until that glorious day in Jesus name. Amen

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