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Description

MAN: A Tripartite Being Composed of Spirit, Soul and Body

In the Light of the Old Testament

It may be asked, What do we know of the origin of spirit, soul and body? It is right that we should seek to know the meaning of what God has seen fit to write in His Word. Neither intellect nor science can answer this question. These notes from Scripture on this subject have helped the writer; they may also help and interest the reader.

Man, as God's creature, is made up of these three distinct parts. Like men, the animals are said in Scripture to possess both soul and body, but not spirit. In the Word of God (Gen. 1), where alone we can read anything of the origin of this present creation, God has been pleased to instruct us as to this matter. "Let the waters bring forth ... the moving creature that hath life [or, in Hebrew, nephesh, soul]" (ch. 1:20); and again, in verse 21, "Every living creature that moveth [or, every living soul - the same word]." So also in verse 24, "Let the earth bring forth the living creature [or, living soul] after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so." God thus created them, by His word, living souls [ghahy nephesh] upon the earth; and verse 30 tells us that that class wherein there is soul [nephesh] includes

To deny the immortality of the soul or spirit, and the resurrection of the body, or, in a word, the eternal existence of the man whom God has formed, is to deal treacherously with ourselves and with God.

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