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# Chapter 1

## Previous preparations before reading

### Let's keep our concepts clear

Sometimes concepts are not clear in our mind **because we have never answered for ourselves, categorically, the questions that arise.** To help keep our concepts clear, I have presented the following questionnaire to be answered before reading.

**In order to express a rather cloudy concept, we sometimes have made-up phrases or words.** This concept we have stored in our minds, and in spite of the fact that we don't have it clearly established, we want others to understand it and accept it **without defining it or proving it.**

Before reading this book it would help for the reader to answer for himself the questions I ask in the questionnaire. This, I do in order that the reader has his ideas and concepts about the soul clearly and well defined.

Since the questionnaire will not leave his hands, the reader can be honest in answering. This will help him greatly in later reasoning. **Here is the questionnaire.**

### Previous and Pre-reading and Private questionnaire to clear up the reader's own concept on the soul

**Mark with an "X" the answer that most resembles your concepts, or write it out if required. You may have to mark more than one line in one question.**

36 **1-What is the human soul:**

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38 \_\_\_ It is a spiritual entity that lives in a flesh body.

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40 \_\_\_ It is the entire body of the human being when it  
41 has the God given breath of life.

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43 \_\_\_ None of the above. The soul simply does not  
44 exist.

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46 \_\_\_ The soul is the following:

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50 **2-Where do human feelings, such as love and**

51 **hate, live.**

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53 \_\_\_ In the person's brain.

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55 \_\_\_ In the person's kidneys.

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57 \_\_\_ In the soul, which is the spiritual entity living in  
58 a body of flesh.

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60 \_\_\_ In the heart.

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62 \_\_\_ They live in the following:

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65 **3- Could you meet with a person who does not**  
66 **really exist, like Snow White?**

67 Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Don't know \_\_\_

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72 **4-If someone would tell you he met with a**  
73 **relative of yours, you automatically assume that**  
74 **relative exists.**

75 Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Don't know \_\_\_  
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78 **5-Do you believe that a non-existing thing could**  
79 **meet with another non-existing thing?**

80 Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Don't know \_\_\_  
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83 **6-What does the word "spirit" mean?**

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85 \_\_\_It is the power that fuels matter on all living  
86 things, from a microbe to an elephant or a man.  
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88 \_\_\_It is the air we breathe, thus the Greek is used  
89 the word "pneuma", which means "air".  
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91 \_\_\_Soul and Spirit are one and the same.  
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93 \_\_\_The Bible sometimes uses "spirit" when  
94 referring to a non-carnal being, and some other  
95 times in place of the word "soul".  
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98 **7-What is the human being**

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100 \_\_\_It is a flesh and bones being just like animals, no  
101 different than they, with the exception of being  
102 more intelligent.  
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104 \_\_\_It is a spiritual being living in a body of flesh.  
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107 **8-Do you believe that the human being ceases to**  
108 **exist when the body dies, or do you believe that**  
109 **his soul continues living.**

110 \_\_\_Ceases to exist \_\_\_Continues to exist  
111 \_\_\_Don't know

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114 **9-Is the soul indestructible?**

115 Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Don't know \_\_\_

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118 **10-Do you believe that the souls of the dead can**  
119 **help or benefit the living?**

120 Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Don't know \_\_\_

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123 **11-What is the breath of life?**

124 \_\_\_Simple breathing

125 \_\_\_The soul of a person

126 \_\_\_Don't know

127 \_\_\_The spirit of the living

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130 **12-Does it make sense to say that a non-existing**  
131 **being is at work?**

132 Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Don't know \_\_\_

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135 **13-Does it make sense to say that a non-existing**  
136 **being is resting?**

137 Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Don't know \_\_\_

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140 **14-Do you believe that the souls of the dead can**  
141 **talk to the living?**

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**What are the main affirmations of those who deny the existence of soul as a spiritual being living in a body of flesh?**

The doctrine that denies the existence of the soul also denies that such doctrine denies it. Since the word “soul” is in the Bible so many times, and that doctrine **cannot deny** it, these people maintain they do believe in the soul, but instead they change the meaning of the word “soul”, and say that it means the coming together of the body and the breath. In other words, to this doctrine any living person is a soul, and when this person dies the soul disappears, ceases to exist, just as if it had never existed.

When one points out the passages that talk about **a soul speaking with a live being**, as in the case of the transfiguration, they allege that it is merely a vision and did not really occur. The same applies to the rich man and Lazarus, and with everything that is shown to them.

**When asked how a human being will resurrect** if he has no soul at the time of death, this erroneous doctrine says that God keeps them in his memory.

According to this heretic belief, possibly inherited from those who believe in evolution, **the human being is no different than the animals**, except that it is more intelligent.

The anti-soul doctrine alleges that if the unbodied soul existed it would be an injustice, because some souls would suffer more than others, since one who died three thousand years ago would have suffered more than one who dies today.

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**Summary of this book and its thesis**

This book deals exclusively with the existence of the soul as a different entity, apart from the flesh body. In other words, the soul is a spiritual being living in a flesh body. What this book contains is the Bible passages and the reasoning that prove that the human soul, as an entity of its own, apart from the body, does exist. It also refutes the false argument of the anti-soul doctrine.

**To believe in the existence of the soul** as a separate spiritual entity, apart from the body, **does not mean that one believes that the soul is indestructible**, for Jesus himself says it can be destroyed in Gehenna.

**To believe in the existence of the soul does not mean that one believes that the soul of a dead person can communicate with a living person.** That is prohibited by God and therefore God will not allow a soul that is in the justly place he deserves (Heaven or Hell) to leave such place.

As per those who say can communicate with the dead, more than 99.9...% is pure talkativeness, and in the very rare rest, they are demons acting through certain persons that lend themselves to it, as in the case of the medium from Endor.

**In spite of being such a clear reality, the anti-soul doctrine pretends to understand** that those who believe in the existence of the soul as a separate spiritual entity, also believe in the communication between the living and the dead. They pretend to believe it because it is the only way to “prove” that they have a good argument against the belief that the soul exists.

**The souls that are in heaven cannot see or hear what happens on Earth**, and much less in a

215 selective way, as in knowing what is happening to  
216 their family at a given moment. They know what is  
217 happening on Earth only by what they are told by  
218 the new souls arriving, and that, if among the great  
219 multitude of souls arriving there, they can detect  
220 one who knew their loved ones, friends, town,  
221 country, etc..

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225 **What is wrong with believing that the soul does**  
226 **not exist**

227 To start, every false doctrine is of satanic origin.  
228 The truth is from God; lies were invented by the  
229 Devil. That is enough for any Christian to seek the  
230 truth about whether the soul is the same flesh body  
231 with breath, or if it is a separate spiritual entity  
232 living in a body of flesh.

233 Another reason is that this doctrine makes the  
234 individual believe that his sins are only punishable  
235 by death, in other words, ceasing to exist.  
236 **According to this belief, there is no Hell to pay**  
237 **for what one has done.** But since the word “Hell”  
238 appears so many times in the Bible, this false  
239 doctrine also changes its meaning, saying that Hell  
240 is nothing but the tomb. They deny the existence of  
241 Hell, because they admitted it they had to admit also  
242 that soul does exist.

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246 **Which steps we will take to prove that the soul**  
247 **exists apart from the body**

248 a) I will demonstrate that our Lord Jesus Christ,  
249 who himself was a spiritual being alongside his  
250 Father God, introduced himself in a human body. If

251 a human being is only flesh, the Lord would not  
252 introduce himself in someone else's body, as  
253 demons do. Chapter 2.

254 **b)** God is not the God of the dead but of the  
255 living. Therefore, when the Bible says that God is  
256 the God of people who have died, it is saying that  
257 those people still live in spite of their bodies having  
258 died, which shows that the soul exists. Chapter 2.

259 **c)** I will introduce several passages which show  
260 that the soul is something different than the body,  
261 and under no circumstance should we say that the  
262 living body is the soul. Chapter 3.

263 **d)** Right in the book of Ecclesiastes, which is the  
264 basis which the anti-soul doctrine uses to back their  
265 heretic belief, we can prove that the spirit is not the  
266 air we breathe. Chapter 3.

267 **e)** We will reason on the reality that those beings  
268 that do exist cannot meet with beings that do not  
269 exist. Much less beings that do not exist could meet  
270 with other non-existing beings; which prove that the  
271 soul exists as a separate entity form the body.  
272 Chapter 4.

273 **f)** We will see how God's prophets considered  
274 Him the God of spirits, not the God of bodies.  
275 Chapter 5.

276 **g)** By the way the biblical characters speak we  
277 can tell that all of them believed in a non-material  
278 soul living in a flesh body. Chapter 5.

279 **h)** In this section I will demonstrate that if the  
280 soul did not exist, if the human being would be only  
281 matter, we would have to conclude that the bad  
282 "chemical" feelings of a person would not be their  
283 fault, since they know nothing about chemistry.  
284 Chapter 6.

285 **i)** On the issue of Christ's Second Coming we can  
286 also show that the soul does exist, since our Lord

287 Jesus Christ brings them with Him. In order to  
288 negate these realities these sects have to use a sort  
289 of juggling of words that makes no sense. Chapter  
290 7.

291 **j)** Since the Bible says clearly that the souls that  
292 do not accept Jesus' forgiveness will end up in Hell,  
293 we see that the soul does live apart from the body it  
294 inhabited. Chapter 8.

295 **k)** Peter says that Christ preached to those that  
296 had been dead before the crucifixion, therefore the  
297 soul exists. To deny this, the anti-soul doctrine  
298 invents a fairy tale about angels marrying human  
299 females. Chapter 9.

300 **l)** One of the pseudo arguments used by the anti-  
301 soul doctrine refers to Paradise and the thief at the  
302 cross. I will demonstrate in this section the error in  
303 this belief. Chapter 10.

304 **m)** I will show the absurdity of believing that the  
305 dead rise with their own previous personality  
306 because they were in God's memory, and not  
307 because their soul existed. Chapter 10.

308 **n)** The original sin affects only the flesh of human  
309 beings, not their souls. Chapter 11.

310 **o)** The difference between the soul and the spirit  
311 is comparable to that between human beings and  
312 animals. Chapter 12.

313 **p)** The theory of a "warehouse" of created souls,  
314 where they are kept until they are sent to bodies  
315 here on earth. Chapter 13.

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### 319 **Why I number my lines**

320 It is my belief that every author that holds a thesis  
321 must be accessible for discussion with those who  
322 disagree on the subject, and should not hide inside

323 an ivory tower so opponents cannot argue and prove  
324 him wrong. Therefore I number each line so that  
325 anyone who wishes to object anything I say can  
326 easily point out where it was said, by just  
327 mentioning the line numbers. For example, this  
328 explanation is between lines 319 and 328.

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332 **Summary of Chapter 1.** This chapter is dedicated  
333 to prepare ourselves to start reading; a reading that  
334 at the same time is a debate. I add a small  
335 questionnaire in order to clear up certain pre-  
336 conceived concepts the reader may have on the  
337 issue.

338 Then there is the section in which I show the main  
339 affirmations of this false doctrine that denies the  
340 existence of the soul as a separate entity from the  
341 body. Later I explain the contents of the book and  
342 what is harmful in believing this doctrine, finishing  
343 up the chapter by saying in a brief way how we will  
344 show the errors of the affirmations of this erroneous  
345 anti-soul doctrine, and why I number the lines in the  
346 books I write.

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## Chapter 2

### We can tell the soul exists by the words of the divine beings

#### Christ would not inhabit the body of another person, demons do that

The anti-soul doctrine says that the human being is but a breathing body; that the living body is in itself a “living soul”; that everything in the human body is physical; that there is nothing spiritual in him.

**According to the anti-soul doctrine the personality of the human being lies in the brain.**

There live, according to this heresy, the feelings, the personality, etc..

If, as the doctrine says, the body is simultaneously a soul, there can't be any doubt that when a body is conceived, so is a soul. **Therefore, at any given moment in which a pre-existing being enters a human being, that body is home to two personalities.**

*“And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called JESUS, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb”*

(Lk 2:21)

Jesus existed in Heaven before being introduced in the body of the baby conceived in the belly of the Virgin Mary. How then, can a pre-existing being enter a living soul (the body of the baby that Mary had) that has already a brain, and therefore a personality? In other words, according to this heretic doctrine there were two different beings, two personalities inside that body. One would be the

391 personality of the “living soul” or conceived body  
392 within Mary, and the other would be the personality  
393 of the Christ that came from Heaven.

394 They could not negate this duality because  
395 according to this doctrine the body is a living soul  
396 in itself, while Jesus came from the outside.

397 So as we can see, to assume the **non** existence of  
398 the soul leads us to the absurd thought of imagining  
399 Jesus inside the body of another being who is at the  
400 same time a “living soul” with its own personality,  
401 feelings and thoughts.

402 **Christ existed before the world was.** When he  
403 **came** to Earth the only thing he did was to “clothe”  
404 himself in flesh, but his “self”, his personality, his  
405 thoughts and feelings were still the same he brought  
406 from Heaven.

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408 *“And now, O Father, glorify thou me with*  
409 *thine own self with the glory which I had with*  
410 *thee **before the world was**”.* (Jn 17:5)

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412 Therefore, we must conclude that this anti-soul  
413 doctrine is mistaken. The truth is that Jesus, the  
414 man, the person of Jesus Christ, had a flesh body,  
415 and his own “self”. In other words, that person  
416 everyone saw had the body born of Mary and the  
417 spiritual being come from Heaven.

418 He had a body of flesh; and living inside that  
419 body was the sacred spiritual being that had come  
420 from Heaven. So if Jesus was a spiritual being  
421 “clothed” in flesh, why not us?

422 If Jesus was more than just flesh, his personality,  
423 his “self”, was not in the flesh, because he existed  
424 before coming to the flesh he inhabited. In other  
425 words, his feelings, his knowledge, his way of being  
426 and thinking, in a word, his personality, did not live

427 in the flesh in which he was clothed, nor in its brain,  
428 but in the spiritual being that came to live in it.  
429 Furthermore, it is evident that the flesh, including  
430 the brain, is not what gives a person his feelings,  
431 thoughts, personality, etc.. If a breathing body is a  
432 soul, then when Jesus resuscitated and ascended to  
433 Heaven, He would go there riding into the soul of  
434 someone else. Consider how many absurdities you  
435 have to accept when you believe those heretic  
436 doctrines.

437 Why then, do so many deny the existence of the  
438 soul? God created our soul and it comes to live in a  
439 body of flesh when God sends it. Our feelings, our  
440 thoughts, our inclinations, in other words, our  
441 “self”, and our personality is not in our brains, is not  
442 in the flesh that rots. It is in the soul, in the entity  
443 which is not a carnal entity and comes to live in our  
444 flesh when God sends it.

445 **If it were not so, we would have to assume an**  
446 **enormous blunder:** that there were two people in  
447 the body of Christ: one that was formed by the flesh  
448 and its brain, which according to this doctrine  
449 makes a “living soul”, with its feelings, thoughts,  
450 etc.; and the other, Christ, who introduced himself  
451 in that body. In other words we would have to admit  
452 the foolishness that Christ lived in one body with  
453 two personalities: one, that of Christ that came from  
454 Heaven; the other, the human body that when  
455 developing its own brain, heart, kidneys, etc., would  
456 have its own personality, different than that of  
457 Christ’s.

458 If according to this heretic doctrine the feelings,  
459 thoughts, and all of the human being lives in the  
460 brain, then we have to foolishly reach one of two  
461 conclusions: either Christ inhabited someone else’s  
462 body, just as demons do, or the body of Christ did

463 not have a brain, which is where this doctrine places  
464 the personality, thoughts, feelings, etc., which is an  
465 even more foolish conclusion.

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469 **God is not the god of the dead, but of the living,**  
470 **therefore souls exist**

471 God is the God of the living souls, not of the dead  
472 bodies. The Sadducees did not believe in the  
473 existence of the soul. Neither do their modern  
474 homologous.

475 If the soul did not exist apart from the body, then  
476 Abraham, Isaac and Jacob did not exist anywhere at  
477 that moment **when the angel at the burning bush**  
478 **told Moses, in present tense**, that God was the God  
479 of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. But they did exist at  
480 that moment because the angel tells him in present  
481 tense that God was the God of those patriarchs, and  
482 here, in the following passage, **Jesus himself says**  
483 **that God is not the God of the dead, but of the**  
484 **living**

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486 *“<sup>31</sup> But as touching the resurrection of the*  
487 *dead, have ye not read that which was spoken*  
488 *unto you by God, saying: <sup>32</sup> **I am** the God of*  
489 *Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God*  
490 *of Jacob? **God is not the God of the dead, but***  
491 ***of the living”**. (Mt 22:31-32)*

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493 If after saying that, Jesus reassures that his Father  
494 is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, that is  
495 because they existed and not because they had  
496 ceased to exist. Since these patriarchs’ bodies had  
497 decomposed in their tombs, the only thing to which  
498 Jesus could refer to as living, as existing, was their

499 souls. **Therefore the soul exists**, apart from the  
500 body, as a spiritual entity.

501 If, as stated by this heretic doctrine, the soul did  
502 not exist, the patriarchs that had died could not  
503 exist, because their decomposed bodies were in  
504 their tombs. And if they did not live at that moment  
505 when the angel was speaking, then God could not  
506 be their God, for **Jesus says that God is the God of**  
507 **the living, not of the dead.** How then, could God  
508 say “I **am** the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob?”

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510 *“Moreover he said: I **am** the God of thy*  
511 *father, the God of Abraham, the God of*  
512 *Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid*  
513 *his face; for he was afraid to look upon God”.*

514 (Ex 3:6)

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516 In the passage with the burning bush, God does  
517 not say, “I **will be** the God of Abraham, Isaac and  
518 Jacob when they resurrect”, and He does not say, “**I**  
519 **was their God when they were alive**”. He clearly  
520 said that He was, right at that moment when he  
521 spoke, the God of the three patriarchs. Therefore  
522 they were alive then, in spite of their decomposed  
523 bodies. Therefore, the soul does exist.

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527 **The Holy Spirit would not give useless**  
528 **instructions to non-existing beings**

529 The instructions given below by the Holy Spirit  
530 would only be useful for the martyrs of the Great  
531 Tribulation; **if not for them, these instructions**  
532 **were totally useless.**

533 If the souls under the altar really did not exist, as  
534 the anti-souls say, then it is absurd to believe that

535 the Holy Spirit is giving useless instructions to  
536 people that do not exist. This is the kind of  
537 foolishness and absurdities that the fanatical  
538 sectarianism leads to.

539 The existence of a soul apart from the body, as  
540 something that really is the true personality of the  
541 human being, is clearly defined in this passage  
542 shown below. **Those who do not want to believe**  
543 in the existence of the soul, say that the human  
544 being is in itself “a soul”. In other words, the body  
545 plus the “breath of life”, as they call it, constitute a  
546 soul. That is what they say, makes “the soul”. So, **if**  
547 **that flesh rots, that “breath of life” cannot think,**  
548 **or feel, or communicate with God nor anything.**  
549 However, according to this passage the soul does  
550 exist as a spiritual entity separate from the flesh  
551 body it lives in. Let’s see.

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553 *“9 And when he had opened the fifth seal, I*  
554 *saw under the altar the souls of them that*  
555 *were slain for the word of God, and for the*  
556 *testimony which they held. 10 And they cried*  
557 *with a loud voice, saying: How long, O Lord,*  
558 *holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge*  
559 *our blood on them that dwell on the earth? 11*  
560 *And white robes were given unto every one*  
561 *of them; and it was said unto them, that they*  
562 *should rest yet for a little season, until their*  
563 *fellow servants also and their brethren, that*  
564 *should be killed as they were, should be*  
565 *fulfilled”.* (Rev 6:9-11)

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567 We see that John **sees** the souls; therefore the soul  
568 is something that can be seen in the spiritual realm.  
569 **If the soul did not exist, John could not have seen**  
570 **them, they simply did not exist. John would not**

571 **make up something that did not exist, for it**  
572 **would confuse the readers; and much less would**  
573 **the One who inspired the visions: the Holy**  
574 **Spirit.**

575 **If John had known that the soul did not exist,**  
576 **he would not have invented the concept of the**  
577 **soul, nor would he have brought it from some**  
578 **pagan religion, and apply it to a Christian vision;**  
579 **and much less would the Holy Sprit who led him**  
580 **in these visions.**

581 If John would have wanted to mention the dead  
582 Christians on Earth, and believed that the soul did  
583 not exist, he would not have said he saw the souls of  
584 the dead, **he would have said he saw the people**  
585 **that had died.**

586 **If the knowledge that the human being was a**  
587 **soul only while the flesh was alive, was in John's**  
588 **mind structure,** he would not have thought of  
589 calling them "souls" when speaking about those  
590 brethren whose body had separated from their  
591 "breath of life" and had rotten. He would not have  
592 done it because then he would have known that they  
593 **were not a soul now.** He would have known that  
594 they did not even exist, so he would not just invent  
595 a heretic concept, nor would he bring it from any  
596 pagan religion. That is what those who don't  
597 believe the soul does exist say is done by those who  
598 believe in the existence of soul. Neither would he  
599 say that they spoke, thought, remembered, and felt,  
600 because these would be, in his mind structure,  
601 attributes of the flesh.

602 For the same reason he would have never said  
603 they were given white robes, because the "breath of  
604 life" cannot be clothed, **like angels do, and other**  
605 **spiritual beings. Neither would anyone have**  
606 **spoken to them to answer their question or give**

607 **them instructions, because they did not really**  
608 **exist.** And those instructions would not apply to  
609 other brethren. In other words, these instructions  
610 were not even good to teach others.

611 **Those who do not believe in the existence of the**  
612 **soul imagine that the Holy Spirit gave useless**  
613 **instructions to people that did not exist.**

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617 **The Lord Jesus Christ says you can kill the body**  
618 **but not the soul**

619 The anti-soul doctrine says that the human being  
620 does not have a soul, but is in itself a soul. It says  
621 that the soul is the result of the union of body and  
622 the breath. In this verse, **Jesus Christ himself**  
623 **marks the difference between the soul and the**  
624 **body.**

625 If this heretic doctrine is right, and the body and  
626 the soul are the same thing, it would be illogical for  
627 Jesus to mention the possibility for a human being  
628 to be able to destroy the body of a Christian, but not  
629 his soul. If a person were merely body and breath,  
630 by destroying the body they would destroy the soul.  
631 But we see that, evidently, it is not the case. The  
632 best part of this argument is that the Russellist  
633 translation of this verse has not been altered.

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635 *“And fear not **them which kill the body, but***  
636 ***are not able to kill the soul;** but rather fear*  
637 *him which is able to destroy **both soul and***  
638 ***body in Hell**”.* (Mt 10:28)

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640 Those who deny the existence of the soul say that  
641 the person does not have a soul, but is a soul. If that  
642 were true when we kill a human being we kill a

643 soul; **there would be no way for someone to**  
644 **destroy a body without destroying the soul at the**  
645 **same time.** So as we can see, Jesus, who knew  
646 more than all the anti-souls put together, clearly  
647 says that someone can kill a human body but he  
648 can't kill a human soul.

649 If a human being, instead of being a soul living in  
650 a flesh body, would be a soul, then another human  
651 being could kill a soul, because that is what the  
652 person being killed is. Every time someone commits  
653 murder a soul would be destroyed. But Jesus says  
654 that **no one, only God** can destroy a soul.

655 One other thing that can be assumed from this  
656 verse is that **Christ placed more importance on**  
657 **the soul than on the body.** Therefore the soul is the  
658 real person. The body is nothing but the clothing of  
659 the soul, the clothing of the person.

660 **We can also see here that souls are not going to**  
661 **suffer eternally in Hell,** but they will be destroyed  
662 at some point; **I suppose** after they pay for the  
663 suffering they caused others. I think that because  
664 the Lord says clearly that God can destroy the soul  
665 in Hell.

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### 669 **Christ differentiates between body and soul**

670 Here Jesus makes a difference between body and  
671 spirit. He says the spirit is willing, or ready. We can  
672 see that, what Jesus calls "spirit" is not a simple  
673 "breath of life", but something that wants to be  
674 ready, but lives in a fleshly body that gets in the  
675 way or derails it.

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713 soul did not exist, if the human being were only a  
714 body, what would be thrown into Gehenna after he  
715 has been stripped of his life and his “soul” has been  
716 destroyed? If they have taken his life, the only thing  
717 left is the cadaver. What would Herod care, who  
718 died centuries ago, if his body is thrown into  
719 Gehenna, given that he is no longer existent; he  
720 does not feel or hurt.

721 If when the body dies, the person ceases to exist,  
722 (because they say that soul don’t exist), then, what  
723 is cast into Gehenna after death? If the human being  
724 has no soul but is only body, and man is cast in  
725 Gehenna, then, what is Gehenna, just an incinerator  
726 of corpses? Remember that this passage says that  
727 “after being killed they are thrown into Gehenna. If  
728 there is no soul, only the body remains.

729 If on the other hand Gehenna (or Hell) is the  
730 tomb, as some claim, why should we fear (as the  
731 verse states) to be thrown into the tomb after we are  
732 dead? After all, both the righteous and unrighteous  
733 end up in the tomb anyway. **And if the soul did not**  
734 **exist**, why fear more peril even after death?

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738 **Summary of Chapter 2.** The anti-soul doctrine  
739 teaches that the personality and emotions of a  
740 person are in the brain. Since Christ came from  
741 Heaven to inhabit a conceived body in the womb of  
742 the Virgin Mary, this doctrine would have to admit  
743 the absurd fact that the Lord lived in a stranger’s  
744 body, like demons do. That is blasphemy.

745 From the mouth of Christ himself we know that  
746 God is the God of the living, not of the dead. So if  
747 He is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, it is

748 because their souls existed at the moment it was  
749 spoken.

750 According to Rev 6:9-11 we can conclude that  
751 there is a soul, since the Holy Spirit would not give  
752 useless instructions to people that do not exist.

753 The Lord Jesus himself says we can kill the body  
754 but not the soul. Therefore, they are both different.  
755 He makes the same difference between body and  
756 soul when He says that the spirit is willing, but not  
757 the flesh. Also when He says we should fear he  
758 who, can cast us into Gehenna after having been  
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## Chapter 3

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**Let us see some passages that prove that  
the body is different than the soul**

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**If the soul leaves the body, then the body cannot  
be the soul**

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According to the doctrine that denies the  
existence of the soul, the human being is not a  
spiritual being that lives in a body of flesh, but  
rather for the human being, his body is his soul.  
**This doctrine says that the flesh, plus the breath  
of life that God gives, is the soul in itself.** It is to  
say that matter plus breathing is soul; therefore,  
animals are also souls.

Water can't spill from an empty bottle. In order to  
say with authority that water spilled from the bottle,  
such bottle has to have had water inside.



819 the place. In other words, the soul is something  
820 different than the body and not the body. If the body  
821 were the soul, the soul could not leave the body.

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823 *“<sup>21</sup> And he stretched himself upon the child*  
824 *three times, and cried unto the LORD, and*  
825 *said: O LORD my God, **I pray thee, let this***  
826 ***child's soul come into him again.** <sup>22</sup> And the*  
827 *LORD heard the voice of Elijah; and **the soul***  
828 ***of the child came into him again, and he***  
829 *revived”.* (I K 17:21-22)

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831 It can be assumed here that the personality and the  
832 conscious of the human being is in the soul, because  
833 when it came back to the boy's body, he regained  
834 consciousness. As long as the boy's body had no  
835 soul he was nobody, but when the soul returned to  
836 the body, the boy recovered his personality.

837 Not yet have the Russellists distorted this verse, it  
838 seems it escaped from them. Russellists, both in  
839 English and in Spanish, translated the same as in  
840 King James or Reina-Valera. Verse 22 repeats the  
841 idea that the soul returns to the body, implying that  
842 before it was not in the body, therefore  
843 demonstrating that the body and the soul are two  
844 different things.

845 If we listen carefully to the conversations of the  
846 biblical characters we will indirectly learn many  
847 things; because even if at any given moment they  
848 are not talking about a certain issue, we can know  
849 what they are thinking about that issue, by what  
850 they are saying.

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854 **Even in their counterfeit translation, Russellists**  
855 **still recognize the existence of the soul**

856 I am sure that Isaiah had better revelations and a  
857 more sound doctrine than the Russellist “Governing  
858 Body”. Here, the prophet makes a clear  
859 differentiation between the soul and the flesh.  
860 However, Russellists affirm that the human body is  
861 a living soul, or, the body is the same as the soul.  
862 They say that Adam came to be a living soul, trying  
863 so to prove that both body and soul are the same  
864 thing. If body and soul were the same, Isaiah would  
865 not point to that difference here, **even so in the**  
866 **Russellist version**, which they have not realized to  
867 twist yet.

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869 *“And shall consume the glory of his forest,*  
870 *and of his fruitful field, both **soul and body,***  
871 *and they shall be as when a standardbearer*  
872 *fainteth”.* (Isa 10:18)

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874 As we can see in this verse, a difference is made  
875 between body and soul. If the breathing body were  
876 at the same time the soul, Isaiah would not have  
877 said what he said.

878 The same is true in the Russellist translation of Lk  
879 12:22. Here is the actual text:

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881 *“Then he said to his disciples: On this*  
882 *account I say to you, Quit being anxious*  
883 *about your souls as to what you will eat or*  
884 *about your bodies as to what you will wear”.*  
885 (Lk 12:22 Russellist version)

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887 As we can see, to their sadness, they have left a  
888 few passages without twisting them.

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**If Paul gives up flesh but not soul it is because they are two different things**

We know that the anti-soul doctrine affirms that the soul does not exist as a spiritual being apart from the body, but that they call the flesh “soul” when it has the breath of life. In other words, according to this heretic teaching the soul is composed of flesh plus breathing.

*“To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus”.*

(I Co 5:5)

In this verse we clearly see that what Paul considered needed saving was the spirit, not the flesh. By saying this he shows that he was calling “spirit” to what in other instances he called “soul”; in other words, the real being that lives inside a flesh habitation.

If Paul had believed that the breathing body was the soul, and that the breathing flesh was most important, he would not have given the body over to Satan, but he would have tried for the flesh to be saved on the day of the Lord. He would not have thought of saying “for the spirit to be saved”, for if the spirit were the air, the breathing, as this doctrine says, the air would not need saving.

The anti-soul hypothesis is counterintuitive, for if the soul were the breathing flesh, how could he give up the body to Satan and not the air it breathes and is in its lungs?

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**Let's take a look at some of the other characters  
of the Old Testament**

In this passage we see that Job differentiates between the flesh and the soul. Verse 21 says that if the person dies he will not know if his children are honored or humiliated. In other words, he recognizes that at the point of death the person passes on to another dimension different than that in which we live. Of the flesh he says that as long as a human being has his flesh, such flesh will suffer pain; but when speaking of sadness or mourning, which is a feeling, he attributes it to the soul.

*“<sup>21</sup> His sons come to honour, and he knoweth it not; and they are brought low, but he perceiveth it not of them. <sup>22</sup> But his flesh upon him shall have pain, and his soul within him shall mourn”.* (Job 14:21-22)

Here we see: first, that Job differentiates between flesh and soul; second, he considers that physical pain is of the flesh, but mourning or sadness is of the soul; and third, when speaking of the flesh he says, referring to the “SELF”, the phrase “**his flesh upon him**”, thus letting us know that in his mental structure “him” was the true person, and that upon that “him” was the flesh. Therefore, to Job, the flesh and the “him” were two different things.

**Another Old Testament character, King David,** in one of his prophecies, showed the difference between the soul and the body, by marking a difference between Jesus Christ, a spiritual being and his flesh abode, the body. Let's see.



998 If we were to read the above verse giving the  
999 word “spirit” the value that the anti-souls give it, the  
1000 verse would read as follows: “...that she may be  
1001 holy both in body and in breath of life...”; or “that  
1002 she may be holy both in body and in her  
1003 breathing...” It is evident that this meaning that the  
1004 anti-souls give to the word “spirit” is wrong. It is  
1005 absolutely ridiculous to think that someone’s  
1006 breathing can be made holy; it would be like having  
1007 good breath. It is clear that in this case the real  
1008 meaning of the word “spirit” is “soul”, in other  
1009 words, the human being’s true “self”.

1010 Only when we consider that the human being is a  
1011 non-physical soul which lives in a physical body, do  
1012 Paul’s words make sense in this passage. Who has  
1013 ever thought of making holy the air we breathe, or  
1014 the breath of life, or whatever those who wallow  
1015 themselves in their putrid bin of semantic manure  
1016 decide to call the human soul?

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1020 **Filthiness of the flesh and the breathing (or**  
1021 **breath of life)?**

1022 From the Russellist version of this passage we can  
1023 conclude the clear difference between flesh and  
1024 spirit. Here it talks about the **filthiness of the flesh**  
1025 and the **filthiness of the spirit**; therefore, both are  
1026 different, and both can be contaminated.

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1028 *“Having therefore these promises, dearly*  
1029 *beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all*  
1030 ***filthiness of the flesh and spirit**, perfecting*  
1031 *holiness in the fear of God”. (II Co 7:1)*  
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1033 As we can see **Paul is talking about two things**  
1034 **that can be contaminated, one is the flesh and**  
1035 **the other the spirit**, which is, in this case, the word  
1036 he uses to refer to the soul. If the human being were  
1037 only flesh, if the soul did not exist, Paul would not  
1038 say here that it could be contaminated, because  
1039 something that does not exist cannot be  
1040 contaminated. Neither can they allege that the spirit  
1041 is simply a breath of life, the air we breathe,  
1042 because this air cannot become filthy with sin.

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1046 **If one thing battles with another it is because**  
1047 **both are not the same thing**

1048 Some arguments are so obvious that we should  
1049 have no need to use them. It is enough to read what  
1050 Peter says, to realize that he believed there was a  
1051 spiritual entity, which we call “soul” or “spirit”,  
1052 living inside a body of flesh. But since those who  
1053 maintain a religious error do not give up, it becomes  
1054 necessary to mention and explain them.

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1056 *“Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers*  
1057 *and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts,*  
1058 *which war against the soul”.* (I P 2:11)

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1060 **If the fleshly lusts war against the soul, it is**  
1061 **evident that the soul and the flesh are two**  
1062 **different things.** It is a mistake, therefore, to say  
1063 that the soul is the union of the body and a breath of  
1064 life, or breathing, as stated by those who deny the  
1065 existence of the soul as a spiritual being with  
1066 personality, living in a body of flesh. Although the  
1067 Russellists try to alter in their translation of the

1068 Bible anything that goes against their heresies, they  
1069 have not totally twisted this passage.

1070 In this case, the Russellist version reads this  
1071 passage as follows: "... fleshly desires, which are  
1072 the very ones that carry on a conflict against the  
1073 soul ...". **Even here, is the evidence that the flesh  
1074 and the soul are two different things.** Their  
1075 hypothesis is that there is no such thing as the soul;  
1076 and that when the Bible mentions the word "soul" it  
1077 refers to the living body, the flesh plus the  
1078 breathing.

1079 If the soul and the breathing body were the same  
1080 thing, then who wars against whom? The fleshly  
1081 desires against the soul? But, is it not the soul the  
1082 same as the breathing body? Should we say that the  
1083 fleshly lusts war against the flesh? Does it make  
1084 sense? If soul and body were the same thing, the  
1085 flesh and the soul could not be at war. It would be  
1086 like saying that the flesh is at war with the flesh.

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1090 **The souls of the Great Tribulation martyrs were**  
1091 **in Heaven, while their bodies were on Earth**

1092 Those who argue that the soul, as a bodiless  
1093 being, does not exist, sometimes say that the soul is  
1094 the blood, while other times they say it is the flesh  
1095 plus the breathing; in other words, that the body, in  
1096 general, is the soul. Thus they consider that all  
1097 animals are souls; they consider a "soul" to be a  
1098 human being, a horse, a rat, a toad, a worm, or a  
1099 microbe.

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1101 *"And when he had opened the fifth seal, I*  
1102 *saw under the altar the souls of them that*



1139 animal goes downward, he also says that **he did**  
1140 **know that spirit and flesh are separate**, and did  
1141 one of two things: either go up or down. **He shows**  
1142 **us that he knew that spirit and flesh were two**  
1143 **different things, and separated at death.** If it were  
1144 all just flesh, then nothing would separate from it,  
1145 because nothing material separates from a dead  
1146 body at death. In order to “prove” that the soul does  
1147 not exist, some of the anti-souls say that the spirit is  
1148 the air they breathe, while others say that the soul is  
1149 the blood. In this passage we see that when using  
1150 the word “spirit” he is referring to neither air nor  
1151 blood.

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1153 *“Who knoweth the spirit of man that **goeth***  
1154 ***upward**, and the spirit of the beast that **goeth***  
1155 ***downward to the earth?** (Eccl 3:21)*

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1157 It isn’t as the anti-souls claim, that the soul of the  
1158 person is the blood itself, for when a person dies,  
1159 his blood does not leave the body; it rots right along  
1160 with the flesh.

1161 But that is not all. **If we go to Eccl 12:7 we see**  
1162 **that Solomon really did know where the spirit of**  
1163 **a human being went; it says that the spirit**  
1164 **returns to God who gave it, so it does not refer to**  
1165 **the blood, since the spirit goes up, for God is up.**  
1166 Therefore the blood and the soul are two different  
1167 things, for the blood stays in the tomb inside the  
1168 body, and both rot, while the spirit returns to God.

1169 Neither is Solomon applying to the word “spirit”  
1170 the meaning of “the air it breathes”, for the breath,  
1171 though separated from the dead body, does not go  
1172 up or down, and does not go to God; it stays on  
1173 Earth.

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1175           *“Then shall the dust return to the earth as it*  
1176           *was; and **the spirit shall return unto God***  
1177           *who gave it”.*                           (Eccl 12:7)

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1179           Since those who deny the existence of the soul  
1180           say that the human being is no more than flesh and  
1181           breath, it would be good if they explained what it is  
1182           that returns to God who gave it, the flesh or the  
1183           breath.

1184           Also, in Eccl 8:8 Solomon shows us that no one  
1185           can postpone his death. Effectively, by using the  
1186           phrase, **“to retain the spirit”, he shows that he**  
1187           **thought that upon death the spirit separated**  
1188           **from the flesh**, and could not be retained. Therefore  
1189           it is evident that he believed there was something  
1190           immaterial, something that was neither blood, nor  
1191           flesh, nor air, and that’s what was important.

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1193           *“There is no man that hath power over the*  
1194           *spirit **to retain the spirit**; neither hath he*  
1195           *power in the day of death; and there is no*  
1196           *discharge in that war; neither shall*  
1197           *wickedness deliver those that are given to it”.*  
1198   (Eccl 8:8)

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1203           **The body is not buried naked and does not**  
1204           **return to the mother’s womb**

1205           In the following passage we see that the **human**  
1206           **being “goes as he came” and “as he came, so he**  
1207           **shall go”**, which implies two things: **a)** that he was  
1208           somewhere before he was born, and **b)** that he will  
1209           leave the same way he came in.  
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1211           “<sup>15</sup> *As he came forth of his mother's womb,*  
1212           *naked, shall he return to go as he came, and*  
1213           *shall take nothing of his labour, which he may*  
1214           *carry away in his hand. <sup>16</sup> And this also is a*  
1215           *sore evil, that in all points as he came, so*  
1216           *shall he go; and what profit hath he that hath*  
1217           *laboured for the wind?”* (Eccl 5:15-16)

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1219           If we were to think that the human being does not  
1220           have a soul, and that Solomon **was not** referring to  
1221           the soul, but to the body, then this statement would  
1222           be false. It would be false because **the human**  
1223           **being comes out of his mother's womb, but**  
1224           **cannot go back to it**; rather it rots in the soil. And  
1225           Solomon, knowing that, would not affirm such  
1226           falsehood. So he could not be referring to the flesh,  
1227           but to the soul, for only the soul could go back to  
1228           where it came from: the spiritual world, outside the  
1229           physical dimension in which we live.

1230           We can equally see that when Solomon says that  
1231           **he who dies returns naked, he was referring to**  
1232           **the soul and not the flesh**. If he had been referring  
1233           to the flesh and not the soul he would be lying  
1234           because those who died did not leave naked, which  
1235           is how they were when they were born. Nor could  
1236           he be saying that they would go to the tomb naked,  
1237           because **the Jews buried their dead fully dressed**.  
1238           It is evident that by saying he left naked, he was  
1239           referring to the soul, which was naked when  
1240           stripped of the body.

1241           So if there were no soul and Solomon was  
1242           referring to the body, everything he said would be  
1243           false. However, if we admit that he was referring to  
1244           the soul, then what he said makes sense; because the  
1245           soul returns to the spiritual realm where it  
1246           previously lived, and in doing so it does not take

1247 with it anything physical, but it returns naked,  
1248 stripped of any physical matter. As we can see, the  
1249 same passage the anti-souls use to deny the  
1250 existence of the soul, actually implies its existence.

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1253 **Summary of chapter 3.** We can see how the soul  
1254 and the body are two different things because if not,  
1255 it would not say that Rachel's soul left her. You  
1256 cannot say that the bottle spilled out of the bottle.

1257 If Elijah asked God for the boy's soul to return to  
1258 his body, it is because they are two different things.

1259 Isaiah says that the soul and the flesh would be  
1260 consumed, which is a signal that the prophet also  
1261 considered them two different things.

1262 If Paul turned over the flesh and not the soul, it is  
1263 because he considered them two different things.

1264 Job says that the flesh hurts and the soul mourns.  
1265 David says, speaking of Christ, that his soul was not  
1266 left in Hell, and his flesh saw no corruption.

1267 Paul says there something more than "flesh"  
1268 because that something can be made holy; he also  
1269 speaks of the filth of the spirit and flesh; it says that  
1270 the soul struggles with the flesh and vice versa; and  
1271 it says that Euticus' soul was with him. All of this  
1272 shows that he did not consider the soul and the body  
1273 to be the same thing.

1274 John saw that the souls of the Great Tribulation  
1275 martyrs were in Heaven, and since their bodies were  
1276 on Earth, they were two different things.

1277 Solomon, in Ecclesiastes, we see that he thought  
1278 that the spirit was separated from the body, going  
1279 either up or down; and that those who died returned  
1280 to where they were before, the spiritual realm.

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## Chapter 4

**Him who does exist cannot meet with him  
who does not exist; but much less can he  
who does not exist meet with him who  
does not exist either**

**God himself says that David would reunite with  
his fathers**

The religious sects that do not want to believe in the existence of the soul as a separate spiritual entity, that lives in a body of flesh and constitutes the real person, say that once the body is dead, the personality, the human being, ceases to exist. If that were true God would not tell David here that he would reunite with his fathers, for **his fathers did not exist by this time**. David himself was going to die, and according to anti-soul, would cease to exist, **and someone who does not exist can't go anywhere**.

*“And it shall come to pass, when thy days be expired that **thou must go to be with thy fathers**, that I will raise up thy seed after thee, which shall be of thy sons; and I will establish his kingdom”.* (I Chr 17:11)

If the soul did not exist, God would have said something like “...when you die...” or “...when you cease to exist...”; he would have no reason to say “...go to be with thy fathers...”, for **neither David nor his fathers would exist in that future that God refers to. That which does not exist cannot go be with something that does not exist either**.

1317 This is the same case with David that Paul refers  
1318 to in Acts 13:36, where he mentions the promise to  
1319 David.

1320 In reading the next verse and others like it which  
1321 are used by the proponents of the anti-soul doctrine,  
1322 we can see the error sustained by this heresy. Such  
1323 doctrine bases itself on this verse to “affirm” that  
1324 dying is like sleeping; where there is no conscience  
1325 of existence, and therefore the soul cannot exist.  
1326 Because if it did there would be consciousness of  
1327 existence, and they would not say they slept with  
1328 their fathers.

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1330 *“For David, after he had served his own*  
1331 *generation by the will of God, **fell on sleep,***  
1332 ***and was laid unto his fathers,** and saw*  
1333 *corruption”.* (Acts 13:36)

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1335 But it happens that this same verse -which they  
1336 use to state their claim- says that David was **laid**  
1337 **unto** (or was reunited with) his fathers. **If the soul**  
1338 **did not exist, David’s fathers,** because they died  
1339 first, **did not exist.** And if his fathers did not exist,  
1340 David could not be laid together with them,  
1341 therefore concluding that the soul does exist and  
1342 thus is said that David *was laid unto his fathers.*

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1344 **A person can be united with another one only**  
1345 **if both exist. If David died and did not exist, he**  
1346 **could not have been united with his fathers, who**  
1347 **did not exist.** However, if the soul does exist, then  
1348 any one person can be united with his ancestors,  
1349 since any person who dies, good or bad, has both  
1350 good and bad ancestors. So regardless of where a  
1351 person goes when he dies, he will join some  
1352 ancestor whether he is with those obedient to God,  
or those who rebelled.

1353       **It may be that someone would try to justify the**  
1354 **phrase “laid unto his fathers”** and say it means  
1355 that the person who dies **will be buried in the same**  
1356 **tomb as his fathers.** But that is not true. Both the  
1357 biblical custom and language indicate that when a  
1358 person is going to be buried in the same tomb as his  
1359 fathers, it is so specified, as we see in the following  
1360 verses:

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1362           *“But I will lie with my fathers, and thou*  
1363 *shalt carry me out of Egypt, and **bury me in***  
1364 ***their buryingplace.** And he said: I will do as*  
1365 *thou hast said”.*                   (Gn 47:30)

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1367           *“And he charged them, and said unto them, **I***  
1368 ***am to be gathered unto my people; bury me***  
1369 ***with my fathers in the cave** that is in the field*  
1370 *of Ephron the Hittite”.*       (Gn 49:29)

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1372           *“<sup>13</sup> And Asa slept with his fathers, and died in*  
1373 *the one and fortieth year of his reign. <sup>14</sup> And*  
1374 *they buried him **in his own sepulchres,***  
1375 ***which he had made for himself in the city of***  
1376 ***David...**”.*                   (II Chr 16:13-14)

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1378           *“And were carried over into Sychem, and*  
1379 ***laid in the sepulchre that Abraham** bought*  
1380 *for a sum of money of the sons of Emmor the*  
1381 *father of Sychem”.*           (Acts 7:16)

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1383       As we can see in these four verses, when they  
1384 wanted to say they wanted to be buried in the same  
1385 tomb where their fathers were, or any other specific  
1386 tomb, it was so stated. They did not say “laid unto  
1387 his fathers”.

1388 On the contrary, on many occasions it says that a  
1389 king or someone else “**was laid with his fathers**”,  
1390 and yet the context shows that he **was not placed in**  
1391 **the same tomb**. In other words, we can see that  
1392 “slept with his fathers” does not mean he was  
1393 placed in the same tomb, but rather his soul went to  
1394 the same place where some of his ancestors were.  
1395 Let’s see some of these instances.

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1397 **1) Then Abraham gave up the ghost, and**  
1398 **died in a good old age, an old man, and full of**  
1399 **years; and was gathered to his people”.**

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(Gn 25:8)

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1402 **In this first case** we see that Abraham **was**  
1403 **united with his people**, even though he had left his  
1404 land and was now **in a place where his ancestors**  
1405 **tombs were nowhere near**. Besides, the fact that it  
1406 says he was gathered to his people proves that both  
1407 Abraham and his people existed, for two things that  
1408 do not exist cannot be united. Let’s see two more  
1409 verses.

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1411 **2) “<sup>1</sup> And the LORD spake unto Moses,**  
1412 **saying: <sup>2</sup> Avenge the children of Israel of the**  
1413 **Midianites; afterward *shalt thou be gathered***  
1414 ***unto thy people*”.** (Nm 31:1-2)

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1416 **“And die in the mount whither thou goest up,**  
1417 **and be gathered unto thy people, as Aaron**  
1418 **thy brother died in mount Hor, and was**  
1419 **gathered unto his people”.** (Dt 32:50)

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1421 **In this second** case we have two verses. In the  
1422 first we see that **God himself** tells Moses that he  
1423 will be gathered unto his people, in spite of the fact

1424 that his fathers' tombs were in Egypt, to where he  
1425 would not return. Not only that, but Moses' tomb is  
1426 unique and unknown; therefore he was not buried  
1427 with his fathers. Something that **does not exist**  
1428 **cannot** be gathered, **and especially**, cannot be  
1429 united with something that does not exist. God  
1430 teaches us here that upon his death, Moses would  
1431 not be alone, he would join others.

1432 We can reason as well with the second verse of  
1433 this second case; only that here God adds the case  
1434 of Aaron. If the soul did not exist God would not  
1435 say they would be reunited with their peoples,  
1436 because in such case, their peoples did not exist. **If**  
1437 **God tells them they will be reunited with their**  
1438 **peoples, it is sufficient evidence that their peoples**  
1439 **existed at that moment, which is only possible if**  
1440 **the soul exists.** Let's take a look at two other cases.

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1442 3) "And Manasseh slept with his fathers, and was  
1443 buried in the garden of his own house, in the  
1444 garden of Uzza; and Amon his son reigned in his  
1445 stead". (II K 21:18)

1446  
1447 4) "So Manasseh slept with his fathers, and they  
1448 buried him in his own house; and Amon his son  
1449 reigned in his stead". (II Chr 33:20)

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1451 **In the third and fourth verses** we see that even  
1452 though they both deal with the same person, King  
1453 Manasseh, each verse has a different author. Yet  
1454 they both use the same phrase slept with his fathers,  
1455 even though they knew that this person was not  
1456 buried in the same tomb as his ancestors. Let's see  
1457 the case of Ahaz.

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1459 **5) “And Ahaz slept with his fathers, and**  
1460 **they buried him in the city, even in Jerusalem,**  
1461 **but they brought him not into the sepulchres**  
1462 **of the kings of Israel; and Hezekiah his son**  
1463 **reigned in his stead”.** (II Chr 28:27)  
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1465 **In this fifth** verse we see that Ahaz was  
1466 **definitely** not placed in his ancestors’ tomb, for it  
1467 specifically says it. However, it does say that he  
1468 slept with his fathers. Therefore we conclude that  
1469 what slept with his fathers was his soul, not his  
1470 body. Here is another case.  
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1472 **6) “<sup>18</sup> Therefore thus saith the LORD**  
1473 **concerning Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king**  
1474 **of Judah: They shall not lament for him,**  
1475 **saying, Ah my brother! or, Ah sister! They**  
1476 **shall not lament for him, saying, Ah lord! or,**  
1477 **Ah his glory! <sup>19</sup> He shall be buried with the**  
1478 **burial of an ass, drawn and cast forth**  
1479 **beyond the gates of Jerusalem”.**  
1480 (Jer 22:18-19)  
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1482 **7) “So Jehoiakim slept with his fathers,**  
1483 **and Jehoiachin his son reigned in his stead”.**  
1484 (II K 24:6)  
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1486 **In the sixth and seventh** passage, when  
1487 compared with each other, they both give us the  
1488 same message as the previous ones. In the sixth,  
1489 Jeremiah says that Jehoiakim would not be buried  
1490 with his fathers, but would be buried with the burial  
1491 of an ass, and taken outside Jerusalem. In the  
1492 seventh passage, the author says that he, Jehoiakim,  
1493 “slept with his fathers”. This is clear evidence that  
1494 the phrase “slept with his fathers” does not mean

1495 that his body went to the same tomb, but that his  
1496 soul went with his ancestors, whether they had been  
1497 good or bad.

1498 **If the phrase “slept with his fathers” does not**  
1499 **mean they were placed in the same tomb,** and yet  
1500 the Bible authors still use it, it is clear that they  
1501 knew the soul existed and that after the flesh was  
1502 dead, that soul went somewhere, good or bad,  
1503 where their ancestors were, and joined them.

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1507 **God also told Moses that he would go to his**  
1508 **fathers**

1509 We see in Dt 34:5-6 that Moses died; God himself  
1510 buried his body, and no one knows where it is.

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1512 *“5 So Moses, the servant of the LORD, died*  
1513 *there in the land of Moab, according to the*  
1514 *word of the LORD. 6 And He buried him in a*  
1515 *valley in the land of Moab, over against*  
1516 *Bethpeor; but no man knoweth of his*  
1517 *sepulchre unto this day”. (Dt 34:5-6)*

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1519 Since Moses’ body was alone, and since it also  
1520 rotted, his body did not go to his ancestors, whose  
1521 bodies were rotten at the time of Moses’ death.  
1522 Therefore, the only thing that could have gone to his  
1523 ancestors was his soul.

1524 If in spite of that someone insists on denying the  
1525 existence of the soul, then he has to conclude that  
1526 what God said before in Nm 31:1-2 about going to  
1527 his peoples was false, and that is blasphemy.

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1529 *“1 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying:*  
1530 *2 Avenge the children of Israel of the*

1531 *Midianites; afterward shalt thou be gathered*  
1532 *unto thy people”.* (Nm 31:1-2)  
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1534 If there is no soul, and God is referring to the  
1535 body, what He said does not make sense. The fact  
1536 that God himself told Moses “you will be gathered  
1537 unto your peoples”, and then told Aaron in Dt 32:50  
1538 “...you will be gathered unto your peoples...”,  
1539 shows us that there is a soul, for if it was referring  
1540 to the body, he could not say “...you will be  
1541 gathered unto your peoples...”, since the dead body  
1542 is nothing. And since, according to this doctrine,  
1543 when a person dies he ceases to exist, he cannot be  
1544 gathered to anyone. What is more, this doctrine  
1545 cannot even twist the meaning and say that this  
1546 passage means that his body was going to gather  
1547 with the bones of his fathers for two reasons: a) the  
1548 others were buried in different places, like Egypt  
1549 and Canaan, and b) they were not going to be buried  
1550 in a cemetery where his ancestors were, because  
1551 God was going to bury him in a place where none  
1552 of his relatives had ever been buried, Moab.

1553 However, if God was referring to the soul when  
1554 he said “you will be gathered unto your peoples”,  
1555 then what he said does make sense. Then it could be  
1556 said that Moses would go to his people. The same  
1557 reasoning applies to Nm 20:26 where it says “*and*  
1558 *Aaron shall be gathered unto his people, and shall*  
1559 *die there”*. And it is also true of Abraham in Gn  
1560 15:15, “*And thou shalt go to thy fathers in peace;*  
1561 *thou shalt be buried in a good old age”*.

1562 If it is said of Aaron that he would be gathered  
1563 unto his peoples, it is evident that it is talking about  
1564 the soul and not the body because the bodies of his  
1565 relatives were decomposed in Egypt or Canaan, and  
1566 could not be reunited with Aaron. The same is true

1567 of Abraham, for when it says “you will go to your  
1568 fathers”, it is evident that he could go to his fathers  
1569 only if both he and his fathers had a soul.  
1570 **Otherwise it was not possible that a decomposed**  
1571 **body could go anywhere, or reunites with**  
1572 **another decomposed body hundreds of miles**  
1573 **away.** Let’s remember that Abraham had already  
1574 left his fathers’ land and his body could not be  
1575 reunited with those of his ancestors because it  
1576 would not be possible. However, if it was referring  
1577 to the soul it can be true, because Abraham’s soul  
1578 can reunite with the soul of Noah, Enoch, and all  
1579 the other saints that went before him.

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1581 *“And strip Aaron of his garments, and put*  
1582 *them upon Eleazar his son; and Aaron shall*  
1583 *be gathered unto his people, and shall die*  
1584 *there”.* (Nm 20:26)

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1586 *“And thou shalt go to thy fathers in peace;*  
1587 *thou shalt be buried in a good old age”.*  
1588 (Gn 15:15)

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1590 We also have in Gn 49:33 that as soon as Jacob  
1591 died it says “...and he was gathered unto his  
1592 peoples..”. **This was said while his body was still**  
1593 **in Egypt, when his body had not yet been placed**  
1594 **in a tomb with his fathers, yet they were already**  
1595 **assuming he had “been gathered unto his**  
1596 **people”.** This is a clear signal that they were  
1597 referring to something other than the body, hence,  
1598 the soul. We see that as in verse 29, Jacob had  
1599 expressed his belief in the existence of the soul; the  
1600 others did as well in verse 33.

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1637 **To clearly understand a Bible truth,**  
1638 **it takes a child; to complicate it,**  
1639 **darken it, and twist it, it takes a**  
1640 **theologian.**

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1644 **Summary of chapter 4.** If David ceased to exist  
1645 when he died, he could not be reunited with anyone.  
1646 The same can be said of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.  
1647 However, of all of them it was said that they would  
1648 go be reunited with their ancestors, and in many  
1649 cases it was God himself who said it. Someone who  
1650 does not exist cannot be reunited with someone who  
1651 does exist, and much less with someone who does  
1652 not exist.

1653 This reunion could not refer to being buried in the  
1654 same tomb, because all of them had left their  
1655 fathers' tombs in the country where they came  
1656 from. Besides in some of these cases it specifies that  
1657 they were to reunite with their fathers, but be buried  
1658 in a different tomb.

1659 The Bible says that the faithful that die are  
1660 resting. That means that the soul does exist, for it  
1661 cannot be said of someone who does not exist that  
1662 they are working or resting, as in the case of Snow  
1663 White and the Seven Dwarfs.

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## Chapter 5

### By their words the biblical characters show us they believe the soul exists

#### People talk according to what they have in mind

If a person is told that China is on the other side of the world, under us, and he says that can't be because if so the Chinese people would fall off, we would immediately realize that person believes that the earth is flat and does not know the force of gravity.

If a person says that human beings appeared two millions years ago and evolved thereafter, we know he believes in spontaneous generation and the evolution of the species.

One can tell by a person's words how that person thinks. **Jesus said it himself: Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.**

This method of knowing what someone thinks by analyzing his words is what we will use in this chapter to know what the Bible characters thought about the existence of the soul as a spiritual entity, apart from the body.

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#### The words that people use show us what is in their mind

Several years ago some politicians lined up with some people that discovered that in a certain region there were very precious minerals. So they tried to stay in the place. The area was inhabited by a certain tribe which spoke with a dialect very similar to that of other nearby tribes. In spite of the fact that these natives were very primitive, they certainly

1706 were not savages. They wore clothing, lived in huts,  
1707 used knives, machetes and other tools, etc.

1708 In order to isolate the region without raising  
1709 concerns, they told the media that a totally  
1710 uncivilized tribe had been discovered, that was still  
1711 living in the Stone Age. After all the publicity they  
1712 passed laws forbidding tourism to the place, under  
1713 the pretense of preserving this supposed Stone Age  
1714 tribe against outside contamination.

1715 Knowing that the news media would still want to  
1716 go, they had ordinances limiting such visits,  
1717 allowing them only with permission, and entering  
1718 the place only through a designated “door”.

1719 Mentioned politicians bribed the inhabitants with  
1720 gifts and money to pose as cavemen. They asked  
1721 them to leave their huts when the media came, and  
1722 to come live in the caves in the region. When the  
1723 news crews came they would have ample time to  
1724 take off their clothes and walk around in loincloths.

1725 Many journalists requested permission to go,  
1726 including the anchor of a certain weekly program  
1727 from the United States. All left speaking wonders  
1728 about the new “Stone Age” tribe that had just been  
1729 discovered.

1730 However, in her conversation with the “cavemen”  
1731 through an interpreter, the American reporter  
1732 discovered a flaw in the “savages”. When speaking  
1733 some used a word that was equivalent to the word  
1734 “ceiling”, while others used a word similar to the  
1735 word “roof”. Since they were supposed to have  
1736 lived in caverns all their lives, they had no reason to  
1737 have in their vocabulary a word for “roof”. It was  
1738 logical to use the word “ceiling”, but not the word  
1739 “roof”, because they should not have had any  
1740 knowledge of a hut. Caverns don’t have a roof, only  
1741 what could be thought of as “ceiling”.

1742 Motivated by this lead, the TV anchor returned  
1743 with her team, this time by surprise, and entered  
1744 through the other side, surprising the “cave people”.  
1745 They were fully dressed, and leading a normal life,  
1746 as a normal, primitive, but certainly not savage  
1747 people.

1748 **The moral of the story** is that through their  
1749 words, and manner of speaking, one can know what  
1750 persons have in their mind.

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1754 **Which part of himself did Stephen commend to**  
1755 **the Lord?**

1756 If, as the anti-soul doctrine says, there is nothing  
1757 spiritual about the human being, there is nothing  
1758 except matter, what was Stephen referring to when  
1759 he said, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit?”

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1761 *“And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God,*  
1762 *and saying: **Lord Jesus, receive my spirit**”.*

1763 (Acts 7:59)

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1765 If man does not have a soul, if man is matter  
1766 alone, if, as Stephen said, Jesus was in Heaven at  
1767 the right hand of the Father (Acts 7:55-56), then  
1768 **which part of Stephen’s matter could Jesus**  
1769 **receive in Heaven?** If man is nothing but flesh, if  
1770 everything belongs to this dimension in which we  
1771 live, then which part of Stephen could go on to the  
1772 other dimension where God and Christ live? To the  
1773 anti-soul proponents, which was the “spirit” that  
1774 Stephen was asking Jesus to receive? Does that  
1775 spirit that Stephen gave up think, feel, or express  
1776 itself? Or is it merely the air he breathes? If what  
1777 we call “spirit” is something that thinks, feels, and

1778 communicates, then we are calling “spirit” to that  
1779 which we also call “soul”.

1780 **If the spirit is the breath**, as the anti-soul  
1781 doctrine says, how is it that Stephen gave Christ his  
1782 breath, and how could that breath go to Heaven to  
1783 be received by Christ?

1784 **Breath and air is something that is good only if**  
1785 **we have it in our lungs**. So then, why would  
1786 Stephen give his breath to Jesus? If he believed that  
1787 there was no soul, and his lungs would rot in death,  
1788 and he would not need that breath, why then would  
1789 he give Jesus his breath? Besides, how important  
1790 was his breath to give it to the Lord?

1791 Likewise, we know that Christ existed in Heaven  
1792 before he “clothed” himself in human flesh.  
1793 Therefore, **in the case of Christ, we cannot deny**  
1794 **that there was a body and something other than**  
1795 **matter living in that body**. Well, in Lk 23:46 we  
1796 see Jesus, at the time of his death, saying the same  
1797 thing that Stephen said: “into thy hands I commend  
1798 my spirit”. Therefore, both Christ and Stephen were  
1799 going through the same phenomenon: the fact that  
1800 something other than matter was being separated  
1801 from the flesh; or, what constitutes the actual person  
1802 was being separated from its bodily clothing. In the  
1803 case of Christ on the cross, why give God his  
1804 breath? All this clearly shows that the soul does  
1805 exist.

1806 People talk according to how they think. By their  
1807 words, the Bible characters show us they believed  
1808 the soul existed.

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1813 **If the soul is transported by the angels, it is**  
1814 **because it exists**

1815 Those who invented the anti-soul doctrine are  
1816 forced to come up with other lies in order to support  
1817 the first one. That is why they have to say that what  
1818 occurred in Jesus' story about the rich man and  
1819 Lazarus really did not happen. It is logical for them  
1820 to try to deny it because the story is clear in  
1821 affirming the existence of the soul, and if they  
1822 would admit it they would also have to admit **that**  
1823 **their “prophets and prophetesses” that deny the**  
1824 **existence of the soul, are not from God.**

1825 Here Jesus Christ himself says that when Lazarus  
1826 died the angels took him to certain place then called  
1827 “Abraham’s Bosom”. Therefore, the soul exists.

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1829 *“And it came to pass, that the beggar died,*  
1830 *and was carried by the angels into Abraham's*  
1831 *bosom; the rich man also died, and was*  
1832 *buried”.* (Lk 16:22)

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1834 Without being too specific about what Abraham’s  
1835 bosom is, we can categorically affirm that **certain**  
1836 **angels took Lazarus to that place while his body**  
1837 **remained in the grave.** If man were only flesh, the  
1838 angels had nothing to carry anywhere, because the  
1839 body remained in the grave. If man’s “SELF” were  
1840 only his brains, if his personality, his feelings, his  
1841 intelligence, his memory, etc., lived in his brain,  
1842 then the angels could not have taken Lazarus  
1843 anywhere, because the brain was decomposing in  
1844 the grave.

1845 **Now, Jesus would have never said that the**  
1846 **angels had taken Lazarus** anywhere for three  
1847 reasons:



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**Someone who did not believe in the soul would not use the verbs “bring” and “carry”**

The anti-soul doctrine affirms that the “soul” is the union of the material body and its breath. Therefore, according to their definition, the “soul” has always been on this planet, and it is destroyed upon death. This would mean that the human “self” was produced on the planet; it did not come to the planet, and upon its death it will not leave the planet.

*“For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out”.*

(I Tim 6:7)

**If Paul did not believe in the existence of the soul, he would not say, “we brought nothing”, because he would consider it obvious that our “self” was produced on Earth, that we were never outside the planet; and obviously, someone who has not been outside the planet cannot “bring” anything with him. So in this case, Paul would not even bring up the idea of bringing anything.**

By the same token, if Paul did not believe in the existence of the soul, he would not say, “we can carry nothing out”, because it would be obvious that someone that rots in the grave can’t take anything out of the planet. He would not even mention the phrase “carry out”, it would not be necessary, for it was obvious that no one leaves the planet. He would instead say that once dead we could not enjoy anything else.

**It is evident**, therefore, through the words used by the Apostle, that Paul believed in the existence of

1920 the soul, and that he knew that when a soul was sent  
1921 to the Earth to inhabit a body of flesh, that soul did  
1922 not bring anything material with him; and he knew  
1923 that once dead, a soul leaves the surface of the  
1924 Earth, and that soul could not take anything material  
1925 with him.

1926 By using the verbs “bring” and “carry”, we see  
1927 that Paul knew that the true “self” was not formed  
1928 materially on the planet, rather it came from  
1929 somewhere else and brought nothing with it, and  
1930 when it went out, either to Heaven or to Hell, it  
1931 could take nothing with it. Paul expresses the  
1932 impossibility of the soul to use material things once  
1933 outside the body.

1934 Besides, if Paul did not believe in the existence of  
1935 the soul, he would not speak of the possibility of  
1936 “**leaving**”, for the body always **stays**, and that was  
1937 evident to all. Since he speaks of the impossibility  
1938 of “carrying out” it is because he believes he can  
1939 leave.

1940 People speak according to what they think in their  
1941 minds. Through their words, the people of the Bible  
1942 (in this case, Paul) show us that they believed in the  
1943 existence of the soul.

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1947 **If the soul did not exist a person could not be**  
1948 **snatched out of the body**

1949 The doctrine that denies the existence of the soul  
1950 as a spiritual entity that thinks and feels, that lives  
1951 in a body of flesh, says that the human being does  
1952 not have a soul, but rather is a soul. In other words,  
1953 his flesh plus his breath constitutes the soul. For  
1954 them the soul is the living body. If that were so,  
1955 then where the body is so will the soul be, and

1956 where the body goes so will the soul go; besides  
1957 since there is nothing spiritual inside the body, no  
1958 one can be snatched out of the body.

1959 Paul knew more than those who deny the  
1960 existence of the soul. According to his narration in  
1961 II Cor 12:2-4, the person that Paul knew could have  
1962 been caught up outside of himself, in this case, he  
1963 could have been out of his body. If the body were  
1964 not the house in which the soul lives, if the living  
1965 body itself were the soul, as the heretic doctrine  
1966 says, then Paul's friend could not have been caught  
1967 up outside his own body because the body cannot  
1968 be caught up outside the body. That should be  
1969 enough to convince any sincere person, but there is  
1970 more.

1971 **What was caught up outside of Paul's friend**  
1972 **could still hear, understand, and remember**, as  
1973 we can see in verse 4. We can conclude from all of  
1974 this that what was caught up outside Paul's friend  
1975 was the man himself, with the ability to hear, think,  
1976 remember, etc.. If he was indeed caught up outside  
1977 his body, then it is evident that there is a soul with  
1978 personality, reasoning, intelligence, will, etc., which  
1979 lives inside the body.

1980 If the soul did not exist a person could be taken  
1981 from one place to another, but not outside itself  
1982 because he is that person. You cannot take the bottle  
1983 from inside the bottle, nor can you take the Capitol  
1984 from inside the Capitol. You cannot become a  
1985 juggler of words, you cannot play with words, in  
1986 order to back up a heresy.

1987 **That is the case with II Co 12:2-4, because to**  
1988 **say that a body was caught up outside the body**  
1989 **is total foolishness, a ludicrous blunder.** Can a  
1990 stone be taken out of itself? Can the human body be  
1991 taken out of itself and taken somewhere else while

1992 it also remains in the first place? At most you can  
1993 take the stone or the body from one place to  
1994 another; but nothing of matter could be caught up  
1995 outside of itself.

1996 This is the absurdity to which the belief of a non-  
1997 existing soul leads; the belief that the human being  
1998 is not a soul “dressed” in flesh, but that everything  
1999 in him is only flesh, only physical.

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2001 *“<sup>2</sup> I knew a man in Christ above fourteen*  
2002 *years ago, (**whether in the body, I cannot***  
2003 ***tell, or whether out of the body, I cannot tell,***  
2004 *God knoweth) such an one caught up to the*  
2005 *third heaven. <sup>3</sup> And I knew such a man,*  
2006 *(**whether in the body, or out of the body, I***  
2007 ***cannot tell,** God knoweth) <sup>4</sup> How that he was*  
2008 *caught up into Paradise, and heard*  
2009 *unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for*  
2010 *a man to utter”.* (II Co 12:2-4)

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2012 The doctrine that denies the existence of the soul  
2013 says that the human being is all physical, that all of  
2014 him is nothing but matter and energy; there is  
2015 nothing spiritual, nothing that is not physical in its  
2016 composition. If that were true, how could a man be  
2017 caught up in the third heaven, or paradise, and get to  
2018 those places outside his body, outside of the only  
2019 thing that made up his entire being?

2020 If man did **not** have a soul, if his “self” were **not** a  
2021 spiritual entity, but merely a physical entity, **why**  
2022 **would Paul doubt about whether the man was**  
2023 **taken in the body or outside the body?** If man is  
2024 only his body he cannot be taken anywhere if his  
2025 body does not go; so why does Paul doubt? Well, I  
2026 guess Paul had to wait until the 1800s for the

2027 “prophets and prophetesses” to teach him that there  
2028 was no soul.

2029 **We can see that in Paul’s mind was the idea**  
2030 **that the human being has a soul that can leave**  
2031 **the body in which it lives.**

2032 If man is flesh without a soul, what else but the  
2033 body could be taken to the third heave, or paradise?  
2034 If Paul would have believed that man was not a soul  
2035 dressed in flesh he would have no doubt that the  
2036 man was taken with his body and not outside of it;  
2037 because then, there was nothing to take to paradise  
2038 or the Third Heaven outside the body.

2039 People talk according to what is in their mind.  
2040 Through their words the Bible characters (in this  
2041 case, Paul) show us that they believed in the  
2042 existence of the soul.

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2046 **If there were no soul, what is the “inner man”**  
2047 **that is renewed?**

2048 According to the anti-soul doctrine, man is not  
2049 made up of soul and body as two separate things,  
2050 rather the living man is a soul, in other words, the  
2051 body is a soul as long as it was alive.

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2053 *“<sup>21</sup> I find then a law, that, when **I would do***  
2054 ***good, evil is present with me.** <sup>22</sup> For I delight*  
2055 *in the law of God after **the inward man.** <sup>23</sup>*  
2056 ***But I see another law in my members,***  
2057 *warring against the law of **my mind,** and*  
2058 *bringing me into captivity to the law of sin*  
2059 *which is in **my members**” (Ro 7:21-23)*

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2061 Since according to this heretic doctrine the human  
2062 being is only flesh, all matter, because the soul does

2063 not exist, **they have no choice but to admit that**  
2064 **the thoughts and the feelings are produced and**  
2065 **stored in the flesh.** If the soul did not exist then  
2066 Paul would be saying in verse 21 that it is his flesh  
2067 that wants to do good, but finds that evil is in his  
2068 flesh. **In other words, his flesh is opposed to his**  
2069 **flesh, because one flesh wants to do good, and the**  
2070 **other flesh wants to do evil.** In verse 22 he would  
2071 be saying that his interior flesh (inward man) rejoice  
2072 in God, but (23) his exterior flesh (members) rebel  
2073 against the interior flesh, and bring him captive to  
2074 the sin that is in his flesh. **This is the incoherent**  
2075 **rigmarole** that Paul would be saying if, in reality,  
2076 the soul did not exist on one hand, with the body as  
2077 the home for the soul in another.

2078 **Let's put this passage in a way that should**  
2079 **read if the human being were only flesh,** in other  
2080 words, if there would be nothing but flesh; for that,  
2081 we will substitute the words "I", "me", the "inner  
2082 man", "my members", "my mind" and "my spirit",  
2083 with the word "flesh", since that is what the human  
2084 being is all about, according to this absurd heresy.  
2085 Let's see.

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2087 "21 I find then a law, that, when **my flesh**  
2088 **would do good, evil is present with my**  
2089 **flesh.** 22 For my flesh delight in the law of  
2090 God after **the inward flesh.** 23 But I see  
2091 another law **in my flesh (members),** warring  
2092 against the law of **my flesh (brain),** and  
2093 bringing me into captivity to the law of sin  
2094 which is in **my flesh (members)"**

2095 (Ro 7:21-23 parody)  
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2097 This doctrine needs to dwell and wallow in a  
2098 semantic trash bin full of manure in order to defend  
2099 its heresy.

2100 As you can see, the supposition that the soul does  
2101 not exist, and that the human being is merely matter  
2102 is heresy, and it does not agree with itself; and it  
2103 certainly does not agree with the Bible.

2104 **I'll give you another example.** Paul says here  
2105 that Paul, externally, was wasting away, but  
2106 internally was being renewed. If the human being  
2107 does not have a soul, but is only a body, and it is  
2108 wasting away, then, what is being renewed inside  
2109 Paul? Because, according to the anti-soul,  
2110 everything is body, everything is flesh, and the body  
2111 wastes away.

2112  
2113 *“For which cause we faint not; but though*  
2114 *our outward man perish, yet the inward man*  
2115 *is renewed day by day”.* (II Co 4:16)

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2117 If the “self”, the personality, the intelligence, the  
2118 feelings, are all in the body, and it wastes away,  
2119 then, what is renewed daily? The reality is that Paul  
2120 makes a difference between something internal (the  
2121 soul) and something external (the flesh) in his own  
2122 being. This is evidence that **Paul had in mind the**  
2123 **existence of the soul that is now denied by**  
2124 **atheists, the believers in spontaneous generation,**  
2125 **and anti-soul religious.**

2126 People talk according to what is in their mind. By  
2127 their words, the Bible characters show us that they  
2128 did believe in the existence of the soul.

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2203 womb he would be in the company of kings and  
2204 counselors. If he did not believe there is a soul and  
2205 that his “self” were merely his body, he could not  
2206 say that he would have been with the kings of the  
2207 earth when he died, because he would have been  
2208 only an unimportant fetus that would have never  
2209 been buried in the same grave as the kings.

2210 The same can be said from verse 19, where he  
2211 says that both small and great are “there”. He can’t  
2212 be referring to the body because the corpses of  
2213 those with no social status are never buried with the  
2214 bodies of the famous. We can see he is talking  
2215 about the soul. That is the only way in which the  
2216 rich and the poor, the great and the small, can be  
2217 together in what Job refers to as “there”.

2218  
2219 *“<sup>11</sup> Why did I not from the womb? Why did*  
2220 *I not give up the ghost when I came out of*  
2221 *the belly? <sup>12</sup> Why did the knees prevent me?*  
2222 *Or why the breasts that I should suck? <sup>13</sup> For*  
2223 *now should I have lain still and been quiet, I*  
2224 *should have slept, then had I been at rest, <sup>14</sup>*  
2225 *with kings and counsellors of the Earth,*  
2226 *which built desolate places for themselves; <sup>15</sup>*  
2227 *or with princes that had gold, who filled their*  
2228 *houses with silver; <sup>16</sup> or as an hidden*  
2229 *untimely birth I had not been; as infants*  
2230 *which never saw light. <sup>17</sup> There the wicked*  
2231 *cease from troubling; and there the weary be*  
2232 *at rest. <sup>18</sup> There the prisoners rest together;*  
2233 *they hear not the voice of the oppressor. <sup>19</sup>*  
2234 *The small and great are there; and the*  
2235 *servant is free from his master”.*

2236 (Job 3:11-19)

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2238 People talk according to what is on their mind. By  
2239 their words, the Bible characters (in this case Job)  
2240 show us that they believed in the existence of the  
2241 soul.

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2245 **If there are sins outside of the body it is because**  
2246 **there is a soul. If when we are joined unto the**  
2247 **Lord we are one spirit, then we are one spirit as**  
2248 **well**

2249 In reading this passage we see in verse 17 that he  
2250 who is joined with the Lord is one spirit with Him.  
2251 This is in stark opposition to verse 16, where we  
2252 read that whoever joins with a harlot becomes one  
2253 body with her. From the comparison of these two  
2254 verses we can concluded that Paul knew that a  
2255 human being was both flesh and spirit. In other  
2256 words, there was a body and a soul. Besides, **if**  
2257 **when we are joined with the Lord we become**  
2258 **one in spirit with Him, it is because we are also**  
2259 **spirit**, because a piece of flesh cannot be joined in  
2260 spirit with God.

2261  
2262 *“<sup>16</sup> What? Know ye not that he which is*  
2263 *joined to an harlot is one body? For two,*  
2264 *saith he, shall be one flesh. <sup>17</sup> But **he that is***  
2265 ***joined unto the Lord is one spirit.** <sup>18</sup> Flee*  
2266 *fornication. **Every sin that a man doeth is***  
2267 ***without the body**; but he that committeth*  
2268 *fornication sinneth against his own body. <sup>19</sup>*  
2269 *What? Know ye not that your body is the*  
2270 *temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you,*  
2271 *which ye have of God, and ye are not your*  
2272 *own? <sup>20</sup> For ye are bought with a price,*

2273 *therefore glorify God in your body, and in*  
2274 *your spirit, which are God's”.*

2275 (I Co 6:16-20)

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2277 As we continue reading we see that in verse 18  
2278 **Paul considers that there are sins that are done**  
2279 **outside the body**. If the human being were all  
2280 matter, if the soul did not exist, there could not be  
2281 sins outside the body. Therefore, if Paul says there  
2282 are sins that are outside the body it is because there  
2283 is a soul. Later on in verse 20 **Paul encourages us**  
2284 **to glorify the Lord in our bodies and in our**  
2285 **spirits**. If the human being were only flesh, if what  
2286 the Bible calls spirit is only the **breath of life, if it**  
2287 **were only something without intelligence or**  
2288 **feelings, that thing could not glorify God because**  
2289 **something that has no life in itself (breath), that**  
2290 **does not think, cannot glorify God**. Neither can  
2291 breath alone (the spirit, according to this false  
2292 doctrine) form one spirit with the Lord.

2293 People talk according to what is on their mind. By  
2294 their words, the people of the Bible (in this case  
2295 Paul) show us that they believed in the existence of  
2296 the soul.

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2300 **The real Paul lived in a “house”, therefore he**  
2301 **believed in the existence of the soul**

2302 If someone were to tell you that if his house  
2303 would be dissolved he would move to another  
2304 house, you would never think that this person is in  
2305 himself, a house.

2306 This passage also shows us what Paul was  
2307 thinking; it shows us what was on his mind and  
2308 what he believed in regards to the soul.

2309 In verse 1 he says that if **our earthly “house”**  
2310 **were dissolved** we have one in heaven. By  
2311 mentioning the word house he shows us how he  
2312 believed that his “self”, the true Paul, was living in  
2313 a “house”, and that once this house were dissolved,  
2314 the true Paul, who was not dissolved, would live in  
2315 another. It is clear that the Apostle did not believe  
2316 that the real Paul was a house in himself, but that  
2317 the real Paul lived in a “house”. **In other words,**  
2318 **the Apostle thought that the real Paul was his**  
2319 **soul, which now lived in a “house” that could be**  
2320 **dissolved**, but would be substituted by a better one.  
2321 He even longed for that future body, to start  
2322 enjoying it now, as we see in verse 2; and he did  
2323 because that way he did not have to go through that  
2324 intermediate stage of nakedness in which, having  
2325 died, does not have an earthly body, and since it has  
2326 not yet resurrected does not have a celestial body, as  
2327 we see in verse 3.

2328  
2329 *“<sup>1</sup> For we know that if our earthly house of*  
2330 *this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a*  
2331 *building of God, an house not made with*  
2332 *hands, eternal in the heavens. <sup>2</sup> For in this we*  
2333 *groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon*  
2334 *with our house which is from heaven. <sup>3</sup> If so*  
2335 *be that being clothed we shall not be found*  
2336 *naked. <sup>4</sup> For we that are in this tabernacle do*  
2337 *groan, being burdened, not for that we would*  
2338 *be unclothed, but clothed upon, that*  
2339 *mortality might be swallowed up of life”.*

(II Co 5:1-4)

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2342 He repeats the same idea in verse 4, saying that  
2343 those who were alive then, with an earthly body  
2344 (tabernacle), groaned, because they would have

2345 wanted, instead of dying and their soul to remain  
2346 without either an earthly body or a heavenly body,  
2347 to have been transformed so that from the earthly  
2348 body they could directly go to a heavenly body  
2349 without an intermission (clothed), so not to feel  
2350 naked by not having either terrestrial nor celestial  
2351 body.

2352 **Paul talks about being “clothed”.** By using this  
2353 word he shows us that he knew that his real “self”  
2354 was not the clothing, in other words, was not the  
2355 body, as anti-soul persons affirm, but that the real  
2356 “self” would be clothed by another existing thing, in  
2357 this case, the heavenly body. It is perfectly clear  
2358 that the soul exists, that it is the “self” which is  
2359 clothed in the body. **If the body were the “self”**  
2360 **then it would not be clothed in anything; it**  
2361 **would be the soul.**

2362 From all this, anyone who in all honesty wants to  
2363 reason, will understand that **Paul knew that the**  
2364 **soul is real,** for he considered that his “self” could  
2365 be in an intermediary state, with no body, and **even**  
2366 **then, he would still be able to think and feel;**  
2367 because he said that he would feel naked, by having  
2368 a “self” with no body. **The fact that he knew he**  
2369 **would be able to think and feel in this**  
2370 **intermediary state without a body shows us that**  
2371 **he knew that there was a soul.**

2372 Paul knew that he was living in a “house” that  
2373 could be dissolved without him being dissolved.  
2374 That is evidence that he did not believe that his  
2375 living body was his soul, his personality, his “self”,  
2376 rather he knew that his soul, which lived in that  
2377 house, or tabernacle, was the true thinking “self”,  
2378 the true Paul.

2379 People talk according to what is on their mind. By  
2380 their words, the Bible characters (in this case Paul)

2381 show us that they believed in the existence of the  
2382 soul.

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2387 **If the soul did not exist, Paul could not be absent**  
2388 **from the body**

2389 No one can be absent from the body unless the  
2390 soul exists. The Russellist translation says, "...to be  
2391 absent from the body and make our home with the  
2392 Lord". But even that shows the existence of the  
2393 soul. If the human being were only a body, if the  
2394 "self", the personality, the ego, the intellect, the  
2395 feelings, the memories, if it were all in the flesh,  
2396 then no one could be absent from the body, as Paul  
2397 says he wished. **Who or what would be absent**  
2398 **from the body?** If the body were all in the human  
2399 being, nothing could be absent from the body,  
2400 because there would be nothing there that would not  
2401 be matter, and as such not tied to the body. On the  
2402 other hand, if the body remains on the earth and  
2403 rots, or if it is eaten by a beast, who or what is going  
2404 to be present with the Lord; or who or what is going  
2405 to make his home with the Lord, as the Russellists  
2406 version say?

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2408 *"We are confident, I say, and willing rather*  
2409 *to be absent from the body, and to be present*  
2410 *with the Lord". (II Co 5:8)*

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2412 How could Paul prefer to be absent from the body  
2413 when he was the body? Can someone be absent  
2414 from himself and be at another place? The  
2415 reasoning is so clear that only the stubbornness

2416 against God's truth can lead a man to not want to  
2417 understand it.

2418 As I have always said, God's power and wisdom  
2419 is such that even if we take the biased Bibles  
2420 translated by the heretics as our basis, we can get to  
2421 the truth, if we love that truth enough as to not be  
2422 passionate in favor of a sectarian or traditional  
2423 doctrine. On the day of the Final Judgment such  
2424 reality could be alleged to those who excuse  
2425 themselves by claiming that they did not have  
2426 another Bible, except the one translated by the  
2427 Russellists.

2428 People talk according to what is on their mind. By  
2429 their words, the Bible characters (in this case Paul)  
2430 show us that they believed in the existence of the  
2431 soul.

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2435 **You can't be lord of something that does not**  
2436 **exist**

2437 The anti-soul doctrine says that nothing remains  
2438 of man upon his death. He simply ceases to exist. If  
2439 that were true Paul would not have said that Jesus  
2440 was also Lord of the dead, for nobody can be lord of  
2441 someone that really does not exist. Therefore, if  
2442 Jesus is also Lord of the dead it is because they  
2443 continue to exist even after their bodies are dead, in  
2444 other words, after the body is dirt, the soul  
2445 continues to exist, where the true personality lives.

2446 It is evident that when Paul mentions the word  
2447 "dead" he is referring to their souls, which is the  
2448 only thing that Jesus can be Lord of, since the body  
2449 no longer exists. If nothing is left of the body after  
2450 death, Jesus could not be Lord of the dead.

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2452            *“For to this end Christ both died, and rose,*  
2453            *and revived, that he might be Lord both of*  
2454            *the dead and living”.*     (Ro 14:9)

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2456            This is in accordance with Jesus’ words to the  
2457            Sadducees about the resurrection, assuring them  
2458            that the patriarchs lived: God is not the God of the  
2459            dead but of the living, because it is impossible to be  
2460            the God of something that does not exist. Therefore,  
2461            if Paul says that Christ is Lord of the dead, it is  
2462            because those who had died existed at the moment  
2463            in which Paul was speaking.

2464            By their words, the Bible characters show us that  
2465            they believed in the existence of the soul.

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2469            **If the spirit has feelings opposite to the flesh it is**  
2470            **because the soul exists**

2471            By his words in the next passage, the intentions of  
2472            the flesh and the spirit are opposite to each other.  
2473            According to the anti-soul doctrine, the spirit is the  
2474            “breath of life” and thus, the personality of the  
2475            human being is not in the spirit. This means that the  
2476            spirit cannot harbor thoughts of feelings, because  
2477            according to them, these things are in the brain.

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2479            *“For to be carnally minded is death; but to*  
2480            *be spiritually minded is life and peace”.*  
2481            (Ro 8:6)

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2483            However, here it says that the intention of the  
2484            spirit is life and peace. **But, how can breath have**  
2485            **good or bad intentions?** This is how we can see  
2486            that Paul is referring to the soul, living in a flesh  
2487            body, and even with good intentions, because it

2488 lives in a flesh body, tends to satisfy its primary  
2489 instincts at any cost.

2490 If the spirit were only the “breath of life” it would  
2491 not have intentions or feelings; if the soul would  
2492 only consist of the body while it is alive it could not  
2493 be opposed to the flesh because the soul would be  
2494 the flesh itself.

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### **Grace be with your breath**

2499 Paul says in this passage, “Grace be with your  
2500 spirit”, not our flesh or our body. If the human  
2501 being were merely his body, Paul had no reason to  
2502 mention the spirit in this occasion. If the spirit of  
2503 the human being were merely a puff of breath, or  
2504 breath of life, as defined by those who refuse to  
2505 believe in the existence of the soul, Paul would not  
2506 say, “Grace be with your spirit, with your puff of  
2507 breath, with your breath of life. This would be  
2508 equivalent to saying, “grace be not with you, but  
2509 with the air that blew in your nose”.

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2511 *“Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus*  
2512 *Christ be with your spirit. Amen”.*

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(Ga 6:18)

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2515 People talk according to what is on their mind. By  
2516 their words, the people of the Bible show us that  
2517 they believed in the existence of the soul.

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2523 **If Paul considered dying as gain it is because he**  
2524 **knew he would go to Heaven**

2525 Living is better than ceasing to exist; better than  
2526 rotting in the grave. Therefore, every **normal**  
2527 person would rather live than cease to exist.

2528  
2529 *“<sup>21</sup> For to me to live is Christ, and to die is*  
2530 *gain. <sup>22</sup> But if I live in the flesh, this is the*  
2531 *fruit of my labour, yet what I shall choose I*  
2532 *wot not. <sup>23</sup> For I am in a strait betwixt two,*  
2533 *having a desire to depart, and to be with*  
2534 *Christ; which is far better. <sup>24</sup> Nevertheless, to*  
2535 *abide in the flesh is more needful for you”.*  
2536 (Phil 1: 21-24)

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2538 **When Paul says that for him dying is gain, he**  
2539 **says that he expects something good immediately**  
2540 **after his death.** This apostle was much too well  
2541 balanced for suspecting in him to have the sickly  
2542 thought that he would enjoy ceasing to exist or rot  
2543 in a grave. Therefore, if he says that dying is gain it  
2544 is because he knew that when he died he would be  
2545 so much better off than rotting in a grave, or ceasing  
2546 to exist, or even better than preaching the gospel.

2547 All this becomes even clearer if we remember the  
2548 zeal that Paul had for preaching and expanding the  
2549 Gospel, which in all honesty, could not be possible  
2550 if he died. Therefore if indeed the soul does not  
2551 exist, as stated by those who do not believe in its  
2552 existence, the soul of a Christian does not go to God  
2553 upon death, but rather it disappears, it ceases to  
2554 exist, it makes sense to think that Paul would want  
2555 to be alive, not having the slightest doubt in  
2556 expressing in which of both states he would want to  
2557 be: if living, existing, preaching, or dead, non-  
2558 existing, and without being with God.

2559 If at the time of death the soul of the Christian  
2560 would not go be with the Lord, but ceased to exist,  
2561 it would make no sense for Paul to say that to him  
2562 death was gain. In other words, it makes no sense  
2563 for Paul to think or say that his death would be gain.  
2564 If the human being would cease to exist upon dying,  
2565 there would be no gain for a Christian to die,  
2566 especially a preacher like Paul. If Paul would  
2567 change preaching the Gospel and teaching the  
2568 brethren for dying, this is a sure sign that he knew  
2569 that when he died he would go to God, not cease to  
2570 exist.

2571 If Paul hesitated between the two possibilities: **a)**  
2572 living, preaching and helping the brethren; and **b)**  
2573 dying, it is because he knew that behind death there  
2574 was nothing like what the anti-soul advocates paint;  
2575 but the awesome presence of the Father, Son, and  
2576 Holy Spirit, and the company of the brethren that  
2577 preceded him.

2578 **Not only does this passage show us that Paul**  
2579 **believed in the existence of the soul, but also that**  
2580 **he knew that immediately after death he would**  
2581 **go into the presence of Christ.** If we read verse 23  
2582 we can see that Paul desired to “go and be with  
2583 Christ”. We see that in his mind was the idea that  
2584 once gone, or once freed from the flesh, the true  
2585 Paul would be with Christ. That he had in common  
2586 with Stephen. If he believed the soul did not exist,  
2587 he could not think that the flesh, once rotted, could  
2588 be with Christ, since in that case the flesh was Paul,  
2589 and without flesh there was no Paul, and without  
2590 flesh Paul could not be with Christ; and much less  
2591 he could be with Christ immediately after death, but  
2592 instead thousands of years after, after the  
2593 resurrection of the flesh.

2594 If we go to verse 24 of the Russellist version it  
2595 says, “I need to stay in the flesh...” In those words  
2596 we see that Paul’s “I”, and his flesh were two  
2597 different things, for the “I” could stay in the flesh,  
2598 which leads us to conclude that the “I” could also  
2599 leave the flesh.

2600 When in verses 22 and 24 Paul speaks of “staying  
2601 **in** the flesh” is good for the brethren, he shows us  
2602 that he believed in the existence of the soul as  
2603 different from the body. If not, he would not use the  
2604 preposition “in”, which in this case indicates being  
2605 inside of something.

2606 **People talk according to what is on their mind.**  
2607 By their words, the Bible characters (in this case,  
2608 Paul) show us that they believed in the existence of  
2609 the soul.

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2613 **If Paul says that the time of his departure is near**  
2614 **it is because he knew he was going to go and not**  
2615 **stay behind**

2616 When someone says, “The train departs at three”,  
2617 he is saying that this train will leave the place where  
2618 it is now, and going to another place. No one would  
2619 even think to say that a train is leaving at three if it  
2620 were going to stay in place. No one would say, “The  
2621 Capitol departs tomorrow at three”, because the  
2622 Capitol stays in the same place, it does not go  
2623 anywhere.

2624 If Paul would have believed that the soul did not  
2625 exist, that he was only a piece of breathing flesh, he  
2626 would not have used the phrase, “the time of my  
2627 departure”, because he knew he was not going  
2628 anywhere, he was going to rot in the grave.

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2667       When Peter says that he is in a tabernacle, a tent  
2668 or temporal home, it tells us that Peter did not  
2669 consider his body as his true “I”, rather he  
2670 considered the body as a temporal home he would  
2671 later have to leave. If the human being were only  
2672 body and breath, nothing that was still Peter’s could  
2673 leave the body.

2674       This is further clarified in verse 14 where it says  
2675 that Christ told him that he will soon leave his  
2676 tabernacle. If Peter, the real Peter leaves his  
2677 tabernacle, it is because Peter is not the tabernacle,  
2678 which is the same as saying that the real Peter is not  
2679 the body, but the real Peter lives in the body and  
2680 soon will leave it. This is evidence that in Peter’s  
2681 mind was the conviction of the existence of the  
2682 soul, and not the thought that this “soul” is made up  
2683 of body and breath, as stated by those who do not  
2684 believe in the existence of the soul.

2685       Russellists change this passage, but even then it  
2686 can be used to prove that the soul does exist. Verse  
2687 13 of their version says, "...while I am in this  
2688 tabernacle...", where we see that the real Peter,  
2689 which is the soul, considered himself to be trapped  
2690 inside a tabernacle, which is the body.

2691       He knows that Peter is not the tabernacle, but a  
2692 home to live in, which is the same as saying that  
2693 Peter was not the body. Later, in verse 14 of the  
2694 same Russellist version, Peter says that he knows  
2695 that "...soon my time will come to leave my  
2696 tabernacle..." It is clear to say that "my tabernacle  
2697 does not refer to himself, but to the place where he  
2698 lived, in other words, his body, which will be  
2699 discarded soon.

2700       We see again that people talk according to what is  
2701 on their mind. By their words the Bible characters

2702 (in this case Peter), we see that they believed in the  
2703 existence of the soul.

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2707 **The Lord is God of the spirits and of all the flesh**

2708 We see in this passage that when Moses and  
2709 Aaron pray to God, they refer to him as “God of the  
2710 spirits of all flesh”. In other words, according to this  
2711 statement the flesh has a spirit, a soul, of which  
2712 the Lord is God over. That spirit or soul is what  
2713 relates to God, not the flesh. The flesh cannot  
2714 worship God, but the spirit or soul that inhabits it.  
2715 Moses uses the same phrase in Numbers 16:22 and  
2716 27:16.

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2718 *“And they fell upon their faces, and said: O*  
2719 *God, the **God of the spirits of all flesh**, shall*  
2720 *one man sin, and wilt thou be wroth with all*  
2721 *the congregation?” (Nm 16:22)*

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2723 *“Let the **LORD, the God of the spirits of all***  
2724 ***flesh**, set a man over the congregation”.*  
2725 *(Nm 27:16)*

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2727 **If the human being were not a soul that**  
2728 **inhabits a flesh body Moses would have not**  
2729 **referred to this issue in the manner that he did.**  
2730 If the spirit were simply “breath of life”, it would  
2731 have nothing to do with its relationship with God; if  
2732 the human being were merely a piece of flesh with  
2733 breath, Moses would have said here, “**God of all**  
2734 **flesh**”, and not, “**God of the spirits and of all the**  
2735 **flesh**”. In other words, the soul that lives inside the  
2736 body is what is important to God, because it is what  
2737 relates to Him.

2738 Those who do not believe in the existence of the  
2739 soul say that the flesh plus the breath of life is what  
2740 constitutes the soul, “breath of life” being  
2741 understood as the breath that God gives them. They  
2742 use this term very astutely, as a play of words a pun,  
2743 to wrap the listener into believing that they (the  
2744 anti-soul) do believe in the soul, while at the same  
2745 time deny its existence. When they say that the soul  
2746 does exist they refer to the body of a person who is  
2747 alive and breathing, not to what the rest of humanity  
2748 calls “soul”. That is why when they talk they say,  
2749 “You are a soul”. They do so not to scare away the  
2750 person they are trying to captivate. **They are not**  
2751 **being sincere.**

2752 Something else to note in these two passages is  
2753 that when Moses says that God is God of all spirits  
2754 of all flesh, he shows us that he knew that there  
2755 were two different things, the spirit and the body;  
2756 and he knew that God related to the souls, not the  
2757 flesh. If the human being were simply breathing  
2758 flesh, as stated by those who do not believe in the  
2759 existence of the soul, then God were really the God  
2760 of all the flesh and not of all spirits and all the flesh,  
2761 since according to them the spirit is nothing but the  
2762 breath. All this proves that the human being is a  
2763 soul living in a body of flesh.

2764 When Moses said that God is the God of the non-  
2765 **carnal** part of the human being he shows that a  
2766 human being’s personality is not in the flesh, but in  
2767 something that is not flesh, in other words, the soul.

2768 Once again we see that people talk according to  
2769 what is on their mind. In this case it is Moses who,  
2770 through his words, shows us that they believed in  
2771 the existence of the soul.

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2775 **David was going to where the dead boy was**

2776 The boy born to David and Bathsheba out of their  
2777 adulterous relationship had died. David, **who was a**  
2778 **prophet** and would certainly know if there was a  
2779 soul, or if the human being were merely flesh and  
2780 bones, declares here that leaves no doubt what his  
2781 position was on the issue. David says what was in  
2782 his mind in reference to the existence of the soul as  
2783 a spiritual being different from the body of flesh.

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2785 *“But now he is dead, wherefore should I*  
2786 *fast? Can I bring him back again? I shall go*  
2787 *to him, but he shall not return to me”.*

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(II Sam 12:23)

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2790 Referring to the dead boy, David says verbatim, “I  
2791 shall go to him, but he shall not return to me”. From  
2792 the moment when David says that the boy would  
2793 not come to him, he is implying that he could not  
2794 see him, talk to him, be with him, etc., as long as he  
2795 lived. So when he (David) says that in the future he  
2796 will be where the boy is (now), he is saying that he  
2797 will see him when he dies.

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2799 David does not say, “I will rot as he does”, but  
2800 rather, “I shall go to him”, thus indicating that he  
2801 thought that the baby was in a place where he  
2802 (David) could later go to. If David were talking  
2803 about the grave, the dust and the rottenness, he  
2804 would not say, “I will go to him”, but, “I will go to  
2805 the grave, or the dust, or the tomb”. David would  
2806 not say, “I will go to the child”, because **if the soul**  
2807 **did not exist**, then the baby did not exist. Therefore,  
2808 he could not go to the child because the child was  
nowhere.

2809 At the same time, if David had believed that the  
2810 soul did not exist, he would have known that upon  
2811 his death he would totally cease to exist, and  
2812 therefore not go anywhere. At most he would be  
2813 carried to the grave. However, he says “**I shall go**”,  
2814 proof that he believed that he would continue to  
2815 exist even after his body was dead.

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### 2819 **The fathers of all flesh and the Father of all** 2820 **spirits**

2821 In the upcoming verse we see that Paul makes a  
2822 difference between the flesh and the spirit, saying  
2823 that the fathers of our flesh punished us, and that  
2824 God, being the Father of spirits, has more reason to  
2825 punish us. If Paul were not talking about our souls,  
2826 he had no reason to first mention our flesh.

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2828 *“Furthermore we have had **fathers of our***  
2829 ***flesh** which corrected us, and we gave them*  
2830 *reverence, shall we not much rather be in*  
2831 *subjection unto **the Father of spirits, and***  
2832 ***live?**”* (Heb 12:9)

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2834 Now, it may be that someone could say that when  
2835 Paul says “Father of the spirits”, he is talking about  
2836 the angels and not the souls of human beings; but  
2837 that is not so. If we go to verse 23 we will see that  
2838 he is talking about the souls of the righteous men,  
2839 not the angels; because he mentioned them in verse  
2840 22.

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2842 *“22 **But ye are come unto mount Sion, and***  
2843 ***unto the city of the living God, the heavenly***  
2844 ***Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company***

2845 *of angels,* <sup>23</sup> *to the general assembly and*  
2846 *church of the firstborn, which are written in*  
2847 *heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to*  
2848 *the spirits of just men made perfect".*

(Heb 12:22-23)

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2851 We also see that by talking about the spirits, he is  
2852 not talking about the “breath of life”, but about  
2853 beings that have understanding. I say that because  
2854 when he talks about them he talks about justice and  
2855 perfection, which are attributes of thinking beings  
2856 and not of the “breath of life”, which is what those  
2857 who do not believe in the soul mention when  
2858 talking about the spirit of the human being.

2859 **If we were to believe those who say that our**  
2860 **spirit is our breath,** we would have to accept the  
2861 blunder of thinking that Paul is calling God, “The  
2862 Father of our breath”. It is evident that he has to be  
2863 talking about our soul, which he calls spirit, which  
2864 is common when talking about the soul. In other  
2865 words, it is evident that the soul exists.

2866 In all of the aforementioned cases in this chapter  
2867 we have seen that people talk according to what is  
2868 on their mind. By their words the Bible characters  
2869 show that they believed in the existence of the soul.

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2873 **Summary of chapter 5.** When people talk they  
2874 reflect what is on their mind. That is why when they  
2875 speak we know what the people of the Bible  
2876 believed.

2877 We see Stephen commend his spirit to Christ; if  
2878 the spirit were only the breath of life, there would  
2879 be no need to give it to the Lord. Christ would not  
2880 have said that the soul of the beggar was taking by

2881 the angels to Abraham's bosom if the soul did not  
2882 exist. That would confuse Christians.

2883 Just like the alleged "cavemen" who carelessly  
2884 mentioned the word "roof" instead of "ceiling", a  
2885 man who does not believe in the soul could not use  
2886 the words "bring" and "take out". Equally, Paul  
2887 could not say that he was taken out of the body,  
2888 because, if there is no soul the person cannot leave  
2889 the body; neither could he have said that his inner  
2890 man was renewed each day, because there would be  
2891 no inner man.

2892 When the Lord said that Peter would follow him  
2893 later, he shows us that there is a soul, for Peter's  
2894 body rotted in the grave.

2895 If Job know that he is returning to the place he  
2896 came from, and he know that a king and a baby go  
2897 to the same place. This is evidence that there is a  
2898 soul, for it is only in death that both of these can  
2899 happen.

2900 If Paul says that there are sins that are outside the  
2901 body and that we are going to be one spirit with the  
2902 Lord, it is evidence of the existence of the soul,  
2903 because if there wasn't, all sins would be in the  
2904 body, and if we were only the body, we could not  
2905 be one spirit with the Lord.

2906 Paul says that he lived in a house and that when  
2907 he died he would receive another one; a sign that he  
2908 considered himself a soul living inside a flesh body.  
2909 He also talks about being absent from the body,  
2910 which cannot happen if the human being is only a  
2911 body.

2912 It is impossible to be Lord over someone who  
2913 does not exist. If there were no soul, the dead would  
2914 not exist. But Paul says that Christ is Lord of the  
2915 living and of the dead. Equally, if the spirit has  
2916 feelings that are opposed to the flesh that is a sign

2917 that the soul exists, because if the soul were the  
2918 body, the body could not have feelings that are  
2919 opposed to the body.

2920 Those who do not believe in the soul say that the  
2921 spirit that is mentioned in relationship with the body  
2922 is merely the breath. It is absurd to think that when  
2923 Paul said, “Grace be with your spirit”, he would  
2924 really be saying, “Grace be with your breath”. It is  
2925 clear that Paul is talking about the soul.

2926 Paul was a realized preacher. If he had thought  
2927 that the soul did not exist, that he would not go with  
2928 the Lord at the time of his death, he would not have  
2929 hesitated between dying and continuing his  
2930 preaching. If he doubted and could not choose it is  
2931 because he was certain that upon his death he would  
2932 go with the Lord. Plus, when Paul says that the time  
2933 of his parting was near, he shows us that he was  
2934 talking about the soul, for if he had believed that he  
2935 was only flesh, he would not have said that he was  
2936 leaving, since his body would stay in the grave

2937 Peter too says that he is leaving his tabernacle,  
2938 which shows that he also knew that there was a soul  
2939 that leaves the body.

2940 Moses refers to God as the God of all the spirits  
2941 of all the flesh. If he had believed that there was **no**  
2942 soul, he would have called him the God all flesh.

2943 David knew he was going to where his son was, a  
2944 sign that he knew the soul existed, because if the  
2945 human being were only flesh, the baby did not exist  
2946 anymore once he died.

2947 In Hebrews, Paul makes a difference between the  
2948 flesh and the spirit when he says that we have our  
2949 fathers of the flesh, who punished us, and therefore  
2950 we should accept the punishment of the Father of  
2951 our spirits.

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## Chapter 6

### The “chemical” evil feelings and the resurrection

#### **The anti-soul doctrine indirectly says that humans are not responsible for their sins**

For those of us who believe in the existence of the soul, the following passage doesn't present a problem. We realize that the body is the house, or the tent where the soul lives, therefore, the transformation of which Paul talks about will only happen in our body.

This way those of us who will be alive at the moment of the Second Coming, will be living in a body which, after being transformed, will become a much better residence for our true self, the soul; **but our soul will not be transformed**. For those who do not believe in the existence of the soul, since the soul is the breathing body, when their body is transformed, so is their soul.

*“<sup>51</sup> Behold, I shew you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, **but we shall all be changed**, <sup>52</sup> In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump, for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed”.* (I Co 15:51-52)

**For those who do not believe in the existence of the soul as a spiritual being that lives in a body of flesh**, this passage presents great difficulty. The first thing we need to ask them is, **where are the thoughts and feelings produced, and where are they stored**. Since they don't believe the human soul is a spiritual being that lives in a body of

2988 **flesh**, but rather they affirm that the union of the  
2989 body and the breath is indeed the soul, they think  
2990 that the feelings and thoughts live in the brain. If  
2991 this were true, then, according to them, when our  
2992 body is transformed, so is our soul.

2993 **Since the body is made up of molecules and**  
2994 **atoms, if there were no soul the feelings would be**  
2995 **produced in the body by different groups of**  
2996 **atoms and molecules, or by the aligning or**  
2997 **grouping of such atoms and molecules in**  
2998 **different forms for each thought or feeling.**

2999 This would mean that if someone had a bad  
3000 sentiment or attitude, it would be because the  
3001 atomic-molecular composition of his brain has been  
3002 invaded by atoms of elements different than those  
3003 of a man with good feelings. Or maybe it is not  
3004 about different elements, but rather the atoms and  
3005 molecules have aligned or grouped in a different  
3006 way. And it could be the case not only of the brain  
3007 but the kidneys, the heart, or whatever they want to  
3008 say produces and stores the feelings in a human  
3009 being. What is said about feelings can also be  
3010 applied to the thoughts.

3011 **Perhaps we should ask, when the non-believers**  
3012 **bodies are resurrected, will they resurrect with**  
3013 **the same evil alignment of atoms and molecules,**  
3014 **so that they can continue having the same bad**  
3015 **feelings and thoughts, and then be punished?**  
3016 Who aligns or groups the atoms and molecules in  
3017 order to form bad feelings? Is a human being  
3018 merely the sad victim of chemistry? Those who hate  
3019 God, do so because they had the misfortune of  
3020 having a bad chemical composition? Anyone who  
3021 analyzes this has to conclude that the human being  
3022 is a soul that lives in a body made of flesh.



3058 **Second Coming God will bring with Christ** those  
3059 who slept in the Lord. **In this passage Paul**  
3060 **considers the possibility of being alive and on**  
3061 **Earth** at the moment of the Second Coming. That is  
3062 why by putting himself alive and on Earth he speaks  
3063 of Christ as coming from Heaven and **bringing**  
3064 **with him** those who died. **If Paul says He will**  
3065 **bring them it is because he knows they were with**  
3066 **Christ.**

3067 Since the bodies of the Christians that die before  
3068 the Second Coming of the Lord would be on Earth,  
3069 and since resurrection happens **after** God brings  
3070 back with Jesus, those who died in Jesus, therefore,  
3071 the only thing that can come with Jesus during his  
3072 Second Coming, are the souls of those who died in  
3073 Christ. It is clear that the soul has to exist as an  
3074 entity separate from the body.

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3076 *“<sup>14</sup> For if we believe that Jesus died and rose*  
3077 *again, even so them also which sleep in*  
3078 *Jesus will God **bring with him.** <sup>15</sup> For this we*  
3079 *say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we*  
3080 *which are alive and remain unto the coming*  
3081 *of the Lord shall not prevent them which are*  
3082 *asleep. <sup>16</sup> For the Lord himself shall descend*  
3083 *from heaven with a shout, with the voice of*  
3084 *the archangel, and with the trump of God,*  
3085 *and the dead in Christ shall rise first”.*

3086 (I Tes 4:14-16)

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3088 If God **brings with** Christ, in his Second Coming,  
3089 those Christians who died, it is because they are not  
3090 on Earth; otherwise he would not use the verb,  
3091 “bring”. When Paul said “bring” he was on Earth. **If**  
3092 **he uses the term “bring” while still on Earth, it is**  
3093 **because in his mind he had the idea that these**

3094 **dead brothers were outside the Earth.** If not, he  
3095 would not use the verb “bring”. If Paul had believed  
3096 the soul did not exist, and since he knew that the  
3097 bodies were in the Earth, he would have said,  
3098 “come for”, but never “bring”. If the soul did not  
3099 exist, and since Jesus is coming from the Heavens,  
3100 he could not “bring” with him people who were in  
3101 the Earth. If the soul didn’t exist, the only thing left  
3102 of these dead Christians was on Earth.

3103 **Besides, since according to the anti-soul the**  
3104 **human being, once dead, does not exist, it could**  
3105 **not be possible for Jesus to bring with him those**  
3106 **who do not exist.** Those people would not exist  
3107 until Jesus, once on Earth, could revive them.  
3108 Therefore, if there were no soul, we could not say  
3109 that God would bring along with Him those who  
3110 slept in Jesus.

3111 The stories of Stephen and that of the fifth seal  
3112 reaffirm our idea that the souls of the dead  
3113 Christians are in Heaven. Stephen could not be so  
3114 irrational, to ask Jesus to receive his soul if he did  
3115 believe that it did not exist. Nor would the souls of  
3116 the martyrs for Christ be shown to John if those  
3117 souls did not exist.

3118 **In summary.** It says here that: **a)** The Lord  
3119 brings with him in his Second Coming those who  
3120 slept in Christ. In other words, the Christians that  
3121 died; **b)** those Christians who are living will see  
3122 Christ come; **c)** after this the bodies of those dead  
3123 Christians will rise again. Therefore, those who  
3124 came with Christ were **not** the bodies of those  
3125 Christians, but rather, their souls.

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3129 **In reading Rev 6:9-11 one learns that the souls**  
3130 **exist and how they go about in Heaven**

3131 From this passage one concludes not only that the  
3132 soul exists as a spiritual entity separate from the  
3133 body, but also information about the state of the  
3134 souls that have been saved by Jesus, and have died  
3135 throughout the ages.

3136 This passage speaks so clearly of the existence of  
3137 the soul that it would be absurd to suppose that the  
3138 Holy Spirit inspired John these things if they were  
3139 not true. The Lord would not allow something to be  
3140 written, which would confuse the faithful into error.  
3141 **Nowhere in Scripture does it say that the soul**  
3142 **does not exist. However, plenty of passages**  
3143 **clearly show that it does exist.**

3144 Nevertheless, even though in the following  
3145 passage it only speaks of the souls of the martyrs, I  
3146 suppose that equally, the souls of all dead believers  
3147 would be in the same state. Let's see.

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3149 **The souls mentioned:**

- 3150 a) Could cry out, ask for justice, and speak.  
3151 b) They could think, for they could realize what was  
3152 happening, as well as that which had not yet  
3153 happened.  
3154 c) They remembered what had happened to them on  
3155 Earth, so they did not lose their memory.  
3156 d) They longed for justice and were anxious,  
3157 knowing their assassins were still unpunished.  
3158 So they feel.  
3159 e) They were aware of what was happening on  
3160 Earth, at least in general.  
3161 f) They had understanding, for they knew what they  
3162 were being told: rest, etc..  
3163 g) They were already at rest, as they were told,  
3164 **“that they should rest yet for a little**

3165           **season...”**

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3167           In general, their state seems to be similar to our  
3168 present state, except that they did not have that  
3169 which is of the flesh.

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3171           *“<sup>9</sup> And when he had opened the fifth seal, **I saw**  
3172 **under the altar the souls of them that were slain**  
3173 **for the word of God, and for the testimony which**  
3174 **they held.** <sup>10</sup> ***And they cried with a loud voice,***  
3175 ***saying: How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou***  
3176 ***not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell***  
3177 ***on the earth?*** <sup>11</sup> ***And white robes were given unto***  
3178 ***every one of them; and it was said unto them, that***  
3179 ***they should rest yet for a little season, until their***  
3180 ***fellow servants also and their brethren, that should***  
3181 ***be killed as they were, should be fulfilled”.****

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(Rev 6:9-11)

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3184           **There are those who think that when**  
3185 **Christians die and go to Heaven they lose their**  
3186 **memory,** because according to them, they could not  
3187 be happy, remembering their loved ones left behind,  
3188 and “seeing” all their afflictions on Earth.

3189           **First of all, the souls in Heaven have no contact**  
3190 **with Earth, let alone “see” their loved ones.** They  
3191 may have a general awareness of what happens  
3192 down here, from what the other souls tell them, but  
3193 they can’t “see” their family members from Heaven  
3194 as the spiritualists and Catholics believe. And much  
3195 less they can hear them or help them, as if when  
3196 they died they had acquired divine characteristics.  
3197 The dead continue to be human; their souls were  
3198 human since their creation. They do not become  
3199 angels or divine beings. Therefore, these souls don’t  
3200 have different qualities than those they had while on

3201 Earth.

3202 **We also need to keep in mind that when a**  
3203 **Christian is in Heaven, he fully realizes how**  
3204 **divine protection works,** therefore, the anxieties,  
3205 doubts and fears he had here, he does not have  
3206 there. There he sees the evil of the damned, he sees  
3207 and feels the reality, and understands God's justice.  
3208 Remember that, there, they **do** understand all that  
3209 God has done for them. And they understand the  
3210 reality of Jesus' statement, when he said that he  
3211 who loved mother or father more than Him is not  
3212 worthy of Him.

3213 **Besides, as long as they are on Earth, many**  
3214 **people lose loved ones, or moves from one**  
3215 **country to another,** losing contact, and yet  
3216 continue being happy in life. **They get used to their**  
3217 **new situation without necessarily losing their**  
3218 **memory.** If that happens to those on Earth, with all  
3219 their difficulties and problems, how much more it  
3220 would be for those who go to Heaven, where  
3221 nothing evil exists.

3222 **Besides, if those who died would lose their**  
3223 **memory, then those who are in Hell would not**  
3224 **know the reason they are there,** and they would  
3225 consider it an injustice.

3226 God would not allow this passage to be written, in  
3227 which so many things are said about the soul which  
3228 were not true, if in fact the soul does not exist.  
3229 Besides, reading this passage would drive many  
3230 sincere people into believing a heresy.

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3234 **Summary of chapter 7.** According to Paul, on His  
3235 Second Coming, those who slept in Christ will  
3236 come with Him. Since the resurrection of the body

3237 has not happened yet, it is logical to think that it is  
3238 their souls that come with Christ. Since the anti-soul  
3239 say that the soul is the breathing body, and since  
3240 resurrection has not happened at that moment, the  
3241 evidence points to the souls, which will now receive  
3242 their new body. These souls that Paul mentions  
3243 cannot be resurrected bodies, or bodies that went to  
3244 Heaven.

3245 God would not allow a passage that speaks of the  
3246 soul to be written if it did not exist. And much less  
3247 would He allow for it to say that these souls speak,  
3248 thought, felt, heard, understood, remembered, etc.,  
3249 if none of it were true. To do so would make sincere  
3250 people believe a heresy. God is not a god of  
3251 confusion. It is a case similar to that of the rich ruler  
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## Chapter 8

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**If there are souls in Hell it is because they  
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**If those in Hell speak, the soul exists**

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In this passage we see that those that are in Hell are human beings, who are conscious and can speak. They can speak because they exist. We can also see that they are not angelic beings. They are human beings, for it says they were **slain by the sword**, as we can see in verse 21. If they were slain by the sword, then what is in Hell is their soul, because their body is in the grave.

3272 We see something similar in verse 22, this time in  
3273 reference to Asshur, and Elam in verse 24. But this  
3274 time it says that they descended to the deepest  
3275 places of the Earth. They can't be talking about the  
3276 grave, which is only 6 feet deep; in other words, not  
3277 on the surface, but in Hell itself.

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3279 *“<sup>21</sup> The strong among the mighty shall speak*  
3280 *to him out of the midst of Hell with them that*  
3281 *help him; they are gone down, **they lie***  
3282 ***uncircumcised, slain by the sword.** <sup>22</sup> Asshur*  
3283 *is there and all her company; his graves are*  
3284 *about him; all of them slain, **fallen by the***  
3285 ***sword;** <sup>23</sup> whose graves are set in the sides of*  
3286 *the pit, and her company is round about her*  
3287 *grave; all of them slain, **fallen by the sword,***  
3288 *which caused terror in the land of the living.*  
3289 *<sup>24</sup> **There is Elam** and all her multitude round*  
3290 *about her grave, all of them slain, **fallen by***  
3291 ***the sword,** which are gone down*  
3292 ***uncircumcised into the nether parts of the***  
3293 ***earth,** which caused their terror in the land of*  
3294 *the living; yet have they borne their shame*  
3295 *with them that go down to the pit”.*

3296 (Ezk 32:21-24)

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3298 **In the passage we just read,** we see that it refers  
3299 to human beings, because it refers to them as  
3300 uncircumcised slain by the sword. Both their  
3301 uncircumcision and their death by the sword  
3302 identify them as human beings. An angel cannot die  
3303 by the sword, and it cannot be classified as  
3304 uncircumcised. Therefore, if it refers to human  
3305 beings, whose bodies are in the grave, it is evident  
3306 that what is in Hell is their soul; thus concluding  
3307 that the soul exists. **They deny the existence of**

3308 **Hell, because they admitted it they had to admit**  
3309 **also that soul does exist.**

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3313 **Summary of chapter 8.** In reading this passage  
3314 from Ezekiel we see that he speaks of people in  
3315 Hell. He speaks of them as slain by the sword and  
3316 uncircumcised; which leads to conclude that they  
3317 are human beings. If, as human beings, they are in  
3318 Hell, while their bodies are in the grave, this is  
3319 inescapable evidence that the soul does exist.

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## 3326 **Chapter 9**

3327 **If Christ preached to the spirits in prison**  
3328 **it is because the soul exists**

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3330 **The fairytale of the demons that made up their**  
3331 **own bodies**

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*“18 For Christ also hath once suffered for  
sins, the just for the unjust, that he might  
bring us to God, being put to death in the  
flesh, but quickened by the Spirit. 19 By which  
also he went and preached unto the spirits in  
prison; 20 which sometime were disobedient,  
when once the longsuffering of God waited*

3343 *in the days of Noah, while the ark was a*  
3344 *preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls*  
3345 *were saved by water”. (I P 3:18-20)*  
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3347 If a soul whose body has been rotting in the grave  
3348 for a few centuries could understand Jesus’  
3349 preaching, it is because the soul exists and has  
3350 **understanding, memory, free will, and other**  
3351 **faculties** that characterize the human personality.

3352 In support of what Peter says here, we see that in  
3353 Eph 4:8-11, **Paul, speaking of the Lord, says that**  
3354 **Christ descended to the deepest parts of the**  
3355 **Earth**, which is in agreement with what Peter says  
3356 about Christ preaching to the souls in prison. In  
3357 Ephesians we see that he is talking about human  
3358 souls, because he says he gave gifts unto men.

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3360 *“8 Wherefore he saith: When he ascended up*  
3361 *on high, he led captivity captive, and **gave***  
3362 ***gifts unto men.** 9 Now that he ascended, what*  
3363 *is it but that **he also descended first into the***  
3364 ***lower parts of the Earth?** 10 **He that***  
3365 ***descended** is the same also that ascended up*  
3366 *far above all heavens, that he might fill all*  
3367 *things. 11 And he gave some, apostles, and*  
3368 *some, prophets, and some, evangelists, and*  
3369 *some, pastors and teachers”. (Eph 4:8-11)*  
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3371 Such mention of his preaching right after his  
3372 death by crucifixion, shows that when Jesus was  
3373 crucified his body went to the grave, but he went to  
3374 preach both to Paradise, as he told the thief (Lk  
3375 23:43) as well as to another place or places.

3376 In support of what he had previously said in I P  
3377 3:18-20, he once again shows that Jesus preached to

3378 those who died before his crucifixion, and he says it  
3379 categorically. Let's see.

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3381 *“For this cause was the gospel preached*  
3382 *also to them that are dead, that they might be*  
3383 *judged according to men in the flesh, but live*  
3384 *according to God in the spirit”*. (I P 4:6)

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3386 It is evident that if he preached to the dead it is  
3387 because the soul exists, since a rotten body cannot  
3388 preach to anyone.

3389 During the three days while his body was in the  
3390 grave, Jesus fulfilled, in spirit, at least one mission  
3391 of preaching to people already dead. In I P 4:6 we  
3392 saw that **Peter repeats emphatically that the**  
3393 **Gospel has been preached to the dead**, and in this  
3394 case is less restrictive than the previous passage,  
3395 because now he is not referring only to people from  
3396 the Flood age, but “to them that are dead”, and even  
3397 though he does not make it clear that he is also  
3398 referring to non Flood people, it is so implied. That  
3399 is why I believe that it could be extended to all  
3400 those who died before Christ, in general.

3401 All this implies the knowledge that the Gospel has  
3402 been deeply extended. In the case we are studying,  
3403 not only did these spirits hear the Gospel, they  
3404 heard it right from the mouth of the author.

3405 **Before the Gospel had yet been shown, no one**  
3406 **could do that job; that is why Jesus had to do it**  
3407 **himself**, in those who died before the crucifixion.  
3408 However, once the Gospel was revealed, any angel  
3409 can do a similar job; be it because the Gospel has  
3410 not reached that person, or because they want to  
3411 give him one last opportunity before death that  
3412 leaves no place for doubt.

3413 The Gospel has also been preached to the dead, as  
3414 Peter so clearly and emphatically states. Whether to  
3415 those from the Flood, those who died before Christ,  
3416 or those who died up to when and after Peter says  
3417 this. How it happens, we don't know. That  
3418 unquestionably happens to all, we cannot be sure.  
3419 But that it is possible and reasonable that it could be  
3420 so, we can affirm.

3421 **In order to save themselves from the situation**  
3422 **Peter puts them in, some who don't believe in the**  
3423 **existence of the soul,** allege that what that means is  
3424 that the Gospel was preached to those who were  
3425 dead while they were still alive. That is false, for no  
3426 one knew what the gospel was until after the  
3427 crucifixion when the Holy Spirit came down. So,  
3428 none of those who died before Christ could have  
3429 heard the Gospel while they were alive.

3430 **Still others, more boldly try to get out by**  
3431 **fabricating a fairy tale.** In this tale they claim that  
3432 certain angels, in the pre-Flood era, incarnated and  
3433 married some women, and it is those "spirits"  
3434 (angels) to whom Peter is referring. This is yet a  
3435 bigger farce for two reasons. **First,** because it is  
3436 illogical to call the demons "dead", and we can't  
3437 attribute them the faculty of creating their own  
3438 bodies, nor convince God to do so. **Second,** because  
3439 in II P 2:4, the angels that rebelled were thrown into  
3440 Hell, and were reserved for judgment, not to preach  
3441 them the Gospel; therefore there was no need to go  
3442 preach to them.

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3444 *"For if God spared not the angels that*  
3445 *sinned, but cast them down to Hell, and*  
3446 *delivered them into chains of darkness, to be*  
3447 *reserved unto judgment". (II P 2:4)*  
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3449 Besides, it is illogical to think that those demons--  
3450 who according to the anti-soul proponents were  
3451 incarnated--would be told they would be judged in  
3452 the flesh, and yet live as spirits according to God, as  
3453 says in I P 4:6.

3454 **The spirits that disobeyed “when God’s**  
3455 **patience was waiting during the days of Noah”**,  
3456 have to be those of the humans that were  
3457 disobedient at that time, because the demons were  
3458 disobedient much earlier, and not only during the  
3459 days of Noah. Besides, it is not logical to think that  
3460 Jesus would go preach to the demons so they would  
3461 convert, much less would he take them on to  
3462 Heaven, as stated in Eph 4:8-11. This clearly refers  
3463 to the souls of those who died during that time, to  
3464 whom Jesus went to preach.

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3468 **Summary of chapter 9.** If the spirits in bondage  
3469 since the time of Noah were preached to, it is  
3470 because the soul does exist. If it did not, it is  
3471 impossible to preach to people whose bodies are  
3472 already decomposed. If, as the “anti-souls”  
3473 proclaim, a person ceases to exist when he dies, no  
3474 one can preach to people who do not exist.

3475 On the other hand, it cannot be incarnate demons,  
3476 which is the fairy tale invented by some, because no  
3477 one who is not divine can create a body, and God  
3478 would not lend Himself to make a different creation  
3479 for demons, a special creation, after the creation of  
3480 Adam, and a creation made specifically for sin.

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## Chapter 10

### Refuting some of the passages alleged by the anti-soul

#### **The anti-soul twist the concept of Paradise in order to make it match their heresy**

We all remember that the Tree of Life was in the Garden of Eden. To avoid for humanity to eat from it, God ordered a flaming sword that turned every way. He also placed cherubim, presumably to stop any one not authorized to enter.

*“So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life”.*

(Gn 3:24)

If we remember what Jesus Christ said in Rev 2:7 in respect to the Tree of Life being in the middle of Paradise, **we can assume without forcing logic, that Paradise is the Garden of Eden.**

*“He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches. To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the Tree of Life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God”.*

(Rev 2:7)

So if Paradise is the Garden of Eden, then we need to conclude that Paradise was preserved through the Flood, something which was not hard

3520 for God at all, who also kept the waters of the Red  
3521 Sea from swallowing His people, and those of the  
3522 Jordan River; and we also have to conclude that it is  
3523 now in some unexplored region on the surface of  
3524 the planet, where the cherubim that guard it and the  
3525 sword that turns keep out any one trying to enter.  
3526 Why conclude that it was preserved through the  
3527 Flood? Because during Jesus' time it still existed.

3528 Many confuse Paradise with the place where God  
3529 is currently on His throne, with Christ at His right  
3530 hand and all the celestial court around Him. These  
3531 are two different places. This confusion is born of  
3532 the teachers that either out of malice or out of  
3533 ignorance teach that Paradise in Heaven.

3534 **Paradise is here on Earth, today,** for it is not  
3535 mentioned anywhere in the Bible, that it was  
3536 destroyed, or that it was taken from Earth. Let's  
3537 analyze.

3538 **It existed during the time of the crucifixion, for**  
3539 **it is to Paradise, and not to the presence of God,**  
3540 **where Jesus promised the thief He would take**  
3541 **him.**

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3543 *“<sup>39</sup> And one of the malefactors which were*  
3544 *hanged railed on him, saying: If thou be*  
3545 *Christ, save thyself and us. <sup>40</sup> But the other*  
3546 *answering rebuked him, saying: Dost not thou*  
3547 *fear God, seeing thou art in the same*  
3548 *condemnation? <sup>41</sup> And we indeed justly; for*  
3549 *we receive the due reward of our deeds; but*  
3550 *this man hath done nothing amiss. <sup>42</sup> And he*  
3551 *said unto Jesus: Lord, remember me when*  
3552 *thou comest into thy kingdom. <sup>43</sup> And Jesus*  
3553 *said unto him: **Verily I say unto thee: Today***  
3554 ***shalt thou be with me in paradise**”.*

3555 (Lk 23:39-43)

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3557 It is clear that **Christ's promise was not to take**  
3558 **the thief to God's presence that same day, but**  
3559 **rather to Paradise**, which is the place where our  
3560 first fathers lived, and which was forbidden to  
3561 mortals after the fall.

3562 **But the existence of Paradise is not**  
3563 **documented only during the time of the**  
3564 **crucifixion.** Years later, as Paul wrote II Cor 12:1-  
3565 4, Paradise existed. Paul says that certain individual  
3566 had been both in the **Third Heaven** as well as in  
3567 **Paradise**. In other words, he talks about two  
3568 different places, one is Paradise, the other one the  
3569 Third Heaven. I suppose the first heaven would be  
3570 the Earth's atmosphere, where birds fly; the second,  
3571 the interplanetary space or astronomic space; and  
3572 the third, where God's throne is.

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3574 *"<sup>1</sup> It is not expedient for me doubtless to*  
3575 *glory. I will come to visions and revelations of*  
3576 *the Lord. <sup>2</sup> I knew a man in Christ above*  
3577 *fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I*  
3578 *cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I*  
3579 *cannot tell: God knoweth), such an one*  
3580 *caught up to the Third Heaven. <sup>3</sup> And I knew*  
3581 *such a man, (whether in the body, or out of*  
3582 *the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth), <sup>4</sup> how*  
3583 *that he was caught up into Paradise, and*  
3584 *heard unspeakable words, which it is not*  
3585 *lawful for a man to utter". (II Co 12:1-4)*

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3587 This passage indicates that without a doubt,  
3588 **Paradise existed** yet 14 years before Paul wrote to  
3589 the Corinthians, and **in such a way that a human**  
3590 **being could actually be transported there.** What's  
3591 more, it even makes a difference between what Paul

3592 calls the Third Heaven and Paradise, clearly two  
3593 different things.

3594 **During the time the book of Revelation was**  
3595 **written (the last Bible book written,) Paradise**  
3596 **existed.** If we go to Rev 2:7 we see that the one  
3597 who spoke to John, Jesus himself, took the  
3598 existence of Paradise for granted as He spoke.

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3600 *“He that hath an ear, let him hear what the*  
3601 *Spirit saith unto the churches. To him that*  
3602 *overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life,*  
3603 *which is in the midst of the Paradise of*  
3604 *God”.* (Rev 2:7)

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3606 **As we can see, Jesus, (who knows more than all**  
3607 **the world’s theologians),** spoke of Paradise as  
3608 existing just as He spoke to John, since He uses the  
3609 present tense of the verb “to be”. He says, it “is”,  
3610 not it “was”.

3611 In John 20:17 we can find one truth exposing fact  
3612 that Jesus was not referring to the Father’s presence  
3613 when He was talking to the thief about Paradise.  
3614 There He declares that He had not yet gone to the  
3615 Father. This happened the day after his crucifixion,  
3616 which is when the thief was to go to Paradise.  
3617 Therefore, if the Lord had not yet gone to the  
3618 Father, but had already been to Paradise that same  
3619 day, it is evident that it is a different place than that  
3620 where God’s throne is.

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3622 *“Jesus saith unto her: Touch me not; **for I***  
3623 ***am not yet ascended to my Father;** but go to*  
3624 *my brethren, and say unto them: I ascend*  
3625 *unto my Father, and your Father; and to my*  
3626 *God, and your God”.* (John 20:17)

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3628 This same reasoning we used in the preceding  
3629 verse, can be used with Acts 1:2-11 where we  
3630 clearly see that before going to the Father, Jesus  
3631 spent forty days on Earth.

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3633 *“<sup>2</sup> Until the day in which he was taken up,*  
3634 *after that he through the Holy Ghost had*  
3635 *given commandments unto the apostles whom*  
3636 *he had chosen. <sup>3</sup> To whom also he shewed*  
3637 *himself alive after his passion by many*  
3638 *infallible proofs, **being seen of them forty***  
3639 ***days**, and speaking of the things pertaining to*  
3640 *the kingdom of God..... <sup>9</sup> And when he had*  
3641 *spoken these things, while they beheld, he was*  
3642 *taken up; and **a cloud received him out of***  
3643 ***their sight**”.* (Acts 1:2-9 Abbreviated)

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3645 We already proved that Paradise cannot be  
3646 confused with the place where the Celestial Court  
3647 is. We also know for sure that **the last “official”**  
3648 **notice we have that Paradise still existed**, dates  
3649 back to the times of II Corinthians and Revelation,  
3650 much later than Christ’s resurrection. If all that is  
3651 true, I don’t see why Paradise can’t still exist, and I  
3652 don’t see any reason to imagine that it was  
3653 destroyed after Paul or John mentioned it in their  
3654 books.

3655 **Now then, what is Paradise’s function?** We can  
3656 say that it is a place **outside** the evil influence of  
3657 this world, **where there are beings that can say**  
3658 **things that can be heard** as we saw in II Co 12:14.  
3659 For now, **we can say that souls can go to Paradise**  
3660 **after leaving the body in the tomb, as was the**  
3661 **case with Jesus and the thief.**

3662 It is very probable that Enoch and Elijah, who still  
3663 have not died, can logically be in Paradise, waiting  
3664 for their time to act; at least in Elijah's case.

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3666 **Let's summarize:**

3667 **a) Paradise existed through the time of the**  
3668 **apostles and there is no reason to think that it**  
3669 **doesn't exist now;**

3670 **b) Paradise could house real beings of flesh**  
3671 **and blood, as were our first parents Adam and**  
3672 **Eve, as well as non-flesh beings, such as the**  
3673 **thief's soul.**

3674 In short, Paradise was on Earth during the time of  
3675 Adam and Eve, and **there is not a verse in the**  
3676 **entire Bible that tells us it was taken to Heaven.**  
3677 Therefore, when Christ told the thief that he would  
3678 be with Him in Paradise, He was not saying he  
3679 would be with Him in front of God's throne, but  
3680 rather somewhere here on Earth. So that twisted  
3681 argument presented by the anti-souls, that the soul  
3682 does not exist because the thief could not go to  
3683 Paradise the same day of the crucifixion because  
3684 Christ had not gone to the Father, totally lacks  
3685 reason and logic.

3686 **To that respect the anti-souls allege, twisting**  
3687 **Scripture**, that in Lk 23:43 where it says "Surely I  
3688 tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise",  
3689 what should say is "Surely I tell you today, you will  
3690 be with me in Paradise". In other words, according  
3691 to this doctrine, what Christ is saying is not that  
3692 **today** would be in Paradise, but rather he is saying  
3693 today that he will some day be in Paradise with  
3694 Him.

3695 It is ridiculous, to say the least, for Christ to have  
3696 to be specific to the thief that he was saying that  
3697 "today", for the thief knew he was saying it

3698 “today;” he was not such a fool. He was not going  
3699 to think that what he was telling him “today” was  
3700 actually “yesterday” or “tomorrow”.

3701 The Adventist and Russellist sects impugn this  
3702 verse. They say the translators put a comma in the  
3703 wrong place and have transposed the word “today”.  
3704 The purpose of twisting this verse is crucial for the  
3705 existence of both sects, because without it they  
3706 would have to accept the existence of the soul;  
3707 something they absolutely deny, since their  
3708 “prophets” Charles Taze Russell and Ellen G. White  
3709 “prophesized” to them that the soul did not exist. If  
3710 these “prophets” are shattered, the sects themselves  
3711 will collapse; thus their effort to keep this lie. Here  
3712 is how the verse reads:

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3714 *“And Jesus said unto him: Verily I say unto*  
3715 *thee, Today shalt thou be with me in*  
3716 *Paradise”.* (Lk 23:43 KJV)

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3718 Both sects twist this verse alleging that it should  
3719 read as follows:

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3721 *“And Jesus said unto him: Verily I say unto*  
3722 *thee **today, shalt thou be with me in***  
3723 ***Paradise”.*** (Lk 23:43 Adventist twist)

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3725 *“And he said to him: **Truly I tell you today,***  
3726 ***you will be with me in Paradise”.***  
3727 (Lk 23:43 Russellist twist)

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3729 Christ had no reason to tell the thief that he was  
3730 speaking to him “today” for the thief was listening  
3731 to Him and knew it. Besides, no where in the Bible  
3732 is the phrase “I tell you today” used. They invented  
3733 it to deny the undeniable.

3734 **In addition,** at the time when the early scholars  
3735 translated the Bible the placement of the comma or  
3736 the word “today” was not a conflict, therefore, the  
3737 translators had no reason to transpose it, as anti-  
3738 soul allege.

3739 During the 19 centuries when the Bible was  
3740 translated no one denied the existence of the soul,  
3741 and there was no argument about this verse. This  
3742 started at about 1850 when these two sects  
3743 mentioned before surfaced. However, after the  
3744 emergence of these sects and their heretic doctrine  
3745 about the non-existence of the soul, both Adventists  
3746 and Russellists have a reason to twist the verse in  
3747 order to make it match their heresy.

3748 **If up until the 19<sup>th</sup> Century there was no**  
3749 **sectarian interest in twisting this verse, it was**  
3750 **illogical for them to do so,** and it was especially  
3751 illogical that **all** translators would twist it in **all**  
3752 versions of the Bible. Since the year 1850 up until  
3753 today, when there is a sectarian interest in denying  
3754 the existence of the soul, we can suspect that the  
3755 Russellists and Adventists would want to twist the  
3756 verse.

3757 Up until the 19<sup>th</sup> Century there were a multitude  
3758 of translations, and all agree with the original King  
3759 James in English and Reina-Valera in Spanish. If, in  
3760 fact, the originals say “Truly I say to you today”, all  
3761 translators, or at least the majority of them, would  
3762 have translated it as such, **since there was no**  
3763 **sectarian reason to hide it.** If they translated  
3764 “Truly I say to you today”, that wouldn’t deny the  
3765 existence of the soul. Therefore there was no reason  
3766 why **all** translators of the antiquity, who believed in  
3767 the existence of the soul, wanted to enter in a  
3768 conspiracy to change the order of the words. To use  
3769 the phrase “I say to you today” did not go against

3770 the belief of the existence of the soul; therefore why  
3771 ~~to~~ change it?

3772 Until the year 1850 it would not have been  
3773 harmful to translate “Truly I tell you today”.  
3774 Therefore, if that is what the originals said, the  
3775 translators would have translated it as such during  
3776 the first 19 centuries until the appearance of the  
3777 heresy that denies the existence of the soul.

3778 **Other more problematic and evident things**  
3779 than the issue of whether or not Jesus said today or  
3780 if the thief went to Paradise have not been altered in  
3781 the Bible. **For example, the verses that deal with**  
3782 **idol worshiping were never altered in the Bible,**  
3783 in spite of the fact that those who would be most  
3784 affected by it were the ones who were in total  
3785 control during the Middle Ages, in other words, the  
3786 Vatican. If the Bible has not been altered for more  
3787 important issues, why would they alter a simple  
3788 word such as “today” that is so insignificant in the  
3789 light of the entire doctrine?

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3794 **Lazarus did not go to Paradise or Heaven, but**  
3795 **someone else did, and returned**

3796 Those who deny the existence of the soul allege  
3797 that it is not logical for Lazarus to be in Heaven and  
3798 then be called out by Jesus and brought back to  
3799 Earth. I don’t know where they get that it is not  
3800 logical, because Paul says it is. Besides, Lazarus  
3801 was not in Heaven. Let’s see.

3802 Lazarus was not in Heaven. First of all, **before**  
3803 **the resurrection of Christ no one went to**  
3804 **Heaven.** Therefore, Lazarus was not in Heaven and

3805 Jesus did not pull him out to bring him back to  
3806 Earth. There is the first lie.

3807 Besides, **we don't know if Lazarus' was a**  
3808 **special case** in which the soul did not leave the  
3809 body. I say it could be considered a special case  
3810 because of what Jesus said in the next passage, for  
3811 Lazarus, death was not an ordinary death. It was a  
3812 "death" that would serve to show the glory of the  
3813 Son of God, but not really to die. It is similar to the  
3814 death of Euticus, who even though Paul declared  
3815 him dead, it says that his soul did not leave him.

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3817 *"<sup>1</sup> Now a certain man was sick, named*  
3818 *Lazarus, of Bethany, the town of Mary and*  
3819 *her sister Martha. <sup>2</sup> (It was that Mary which*  
3820 *anointed the Lord with ointment, and wiped*  
3821 *his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus*  
3822 *was sick.) <sup>3</sup> Therefore his sisters sent unto*  
3823 *him, saying: Lord, behold, he whom thou*  
3824 *lovest is sick. <sup>4</sup> When Jesus heard that, he*  
3825 *said: **This sickness is not unto death, but for***  
3826 *the glory of God, that the Son of God might*  
3827 *be glorified thereby". (John 11:1-4)*

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3829 As we can see, **according to Jesus himself,**  
3830 **Lazarus' illness was not for death;** and if it was  
3831 not for death, then we have to conclude that he did  
3832 not die a definitive death as the ordinary human  
3833 beings. And if he did not die in the ordinary way  
3834 that the human being dies, his soul could have  
3835 stayed in his body until Jesus came and raised him  
3836 up. He did not have to go to either Heaven or  
3837 Paradise, or any other place. If Lazarus' case was an  
3838 exception, it should not be taken as an argument to  
3839 say that the soul does not exist.

3840 The mere fact that according to the anti-soul  
3841 thinking, Jesus would not pull Lazarus out of  
3842 Heaven is not a good argument, since Lazarus did  
3843 not have to be pulled out. He had never been there  
3844 to begin with.

3845 But that is not all; there is more. **Even if Lazarus**  
3846 **had gone to Paradise or Heaven**, this would still  
3847 not stop the Lord from bringing him back if, in his  
3848 sovereignty, he wanted to do so. It would not have  
3849 been the only case; Paul tells us of another very  
3850 similar story. In other words, those who deny the  
3851 existence of the soul tear their clothing when they  
3852 think that Lazarus could have been brought back  
3853 from Heaven or Paradise, without realizing that in II  
3854 Co 12:2-4, Paul says that it was precisely what  
3855 happened to a friend of his.

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3857 *“<sup>2</sup> I knew a man in Christ above fourteen*  
3858 *years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell,*  
3859 *or whether out of the body, I cannot tell, God*  
3860 *knoweth;) **such an one caught up to the third***  
3861 ***Heaven.** <sup>3</sup> And I knew such a man, (whether in*  
3862 *the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell, God*  
3863 *knoweth;) <sup>4</sup> How that **he was caught up into***  
3864 ***Paradise, and heard unspeakable words,***  
3865 *which it is not lawful for a man to utter”.*

(II Co 12:2-4)

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3868 As we can see, when those who deny the  
3869 existence of the soul try to laugh at the possibility  
3870 that Lazarus could have been brought back to Earth  
3871 after being in Paradise or Heaven, forget that it is  
3872 precisely what happened to the aforementioned  
3873 Christian, **he was taken to Paradise, he was taken**  
3874 **to Heaven, and then he was brought back to**  
3875 **Earth.**

3876 But there is something that those who deny the  
3877 existence of the soul are not aware of, when they  
3878 argue this. They are blaspheming when they say  
3879 Lazarus could not have been brought back from  
3880 Heaven, because God was not going to be so cruel  
3881 as to take him to Heaven and then bring him back.  
3882 First of all, this thinking is daring, because if such a  
3883 thing would have happened, they would be calling  
3884 God cruel. They think they are the real authority on  
3885 cruelty, and based on their poor discernment they  
3886 dictate that to do such thing would be cruel. Since  
3887 we already saw that going to Heaven and Paradise,  
3888 and then coming back really happened, we find that  
3889 those who adhere to such argument are insulting  
3890 God by calling him cruel.

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3894 **The anti-souls claim that the thief on the cross**  
3895 **did not die that day**

3896 In order to defend a lie it is necessary to make up  
3897 other lies. That is the case of those who have  
3898 invented the doctrine that denies the existence of the  
3899 soul. After inventing such a doctrine, they had to  
3900 twist the Bible, and later, maliciously invent that the  
3901 thief could not have been with Jesus in Paradise that  
3902 day because he did not die that day. To say such  
3903 thing they use Jn 19:31-34, where it says, not that  
3904 the thief did not die, but that they broke his legs so  
3905 that he would die.

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3907 *“<sup>31</sup> The Jews therefore, because it was the*  
3908 *preparation, that the bodies should not*  
3909 *remain upon the cross on the sabbath day,*  
3910 *(for that sabbath day was an high day,)*  
3911 *besought Pilate **that their legs might be***

3912 *broken, and that they might be taken away. 32*  
3913 *Then came the soldiers, and brake the legs of*  
3914 *the first, and of the other which was*  
3915 *crucified with him. 33 But when they came to*  
3916 *Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they*  
3917 *brake not his legs. 34 But one of the soldiers*  
3918 *with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith*  
3919 *came there out blood and water”.*

(Jn 19:31-34)

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3922 It is absurd to say that the thief did not die that  
3923 day. Not only did he lose blood while hanging from  
3924 the cross, but to be sure he died, they broke his legs,  
3925 probably slashing them with a sword which was the  
3926 easiest way to do it when a man was hanging from  
3927 the cross. This way he would lose the rest of his  
3928 blood in a matter of minutes. His legs were broken  
3929 so he would die soon. Besides, the demand of the  
3930 Jewish magistrates was that they had to die that day  
3931 because Passover was that evening.

3932 When the soldiers saw that Jesus was dead, **to be**  
3933 **sure he really was**, they pierced his side. They  
3934 could not afford that a man condemned to die could  
3935 escape alive. So more so, the two thieves had to be  
3936 killed before their bodies could be taken away. It is  
3937 not logical that the hardened Roman soldiers would  
3938 let the two thieves get away from them alive.

3939 In order to sustain a lie, another lie has to be made  
3940 up. That is what the anti-souls have had to do in  
3941 order to maintain the foolishness that the thief did  
3942 not die that day.

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3946 **The anti-soul doctrine says that the spirit is the**  
3947 **air we breathe. The word “spirit” is not used in**  
3948 **such a way in the Bible**

3949 Those who maintain a false or questionable  
3950 doctrine usually base their affirmations on this or  
3951 that Hebrew or Greek word, because since the  
3952 current translation denies their doctrine, they have  
3953 to claim that such and such Hebrew or Greek word  
3954 backs up their false doctrine. Those who deny the  
3955 existence of the soul as a spiritual being  
3956 independent of the body, say that when the Bible  
3957 talks about these issues, the word “spirit” means  
3958 “air”, “breath”, because it comes from the Greek  
3959 word “pneuma”, which means “air”.

3960 I have noticed that anytime someone invents a  
3961 new interpretation of a passage, and especially  
3962 when it comes to heresy, they have to rely on words  
3963 from the Hebrew or from the Greek, to which they  
3964 apply the meaning they need. This is how many  
3965 twist the Scriptures, for the common man does not  
3966 know these languages. But the reality is that anyone  
3967 can refute these inventions by just using the Bible  
3968 and a little bit of common sense.

3969 The fact that the word “pneuma” means “air” does  
3970 not mean it cannot mean “spirit” or “soul” as well.  
3971 In English, the word “arm” means “the upper limb”,  
3972 and also means “weapon”.

3973 **Well then, if the word “spirit” means only**  
3974 **“air” in the Bible**, which is what they would have  
3975 us believe, the phrase **“vexation of spirit”, which**  
3976 **is mentioned in several passages, would not**  
3977 **make sense.** It would mean “vexation of air”, and  
3978 air has no feeling; it cannot suffer or be afflicted.  
3979 Therefore, the Greek word “pneuma” **has** to refer to  
3980 the soul. We can see this also in the other passages  
3981 in Ecclesiastes that mention the phrase “vexation of

3982 spirit”, as in 1:14; 1:17; 2:11; 2:17; 2:26; 4:4;  
3983 4:6 and 4:16. We can see in the same book of  
3984 Ecclesiastes, which they use to deny the existence  
3985 of the soul, that “spirit” means soul, not air, not  
3986 breath. Let’s see:

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3988 *“I have seen all the works that are done*  
3989 *under the sun; and, behold, all is vanity **and***  
3990 ***vexation of spirit”**. (Eccl 1:14)*

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3992 *“And I gave my heart to know wisdom, and*  
3993 *to know madness and folly; I perceived that*  
3994 *this also is **vexation of spirit”**. (Eccl 1:17)*

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3996 *“Then I looked on all the works that my*  
3997 *hands had wrought, and on the labour that I*  
3998 *had laboured to do, and behold, **all was***  
3999 ***vanity and vexation of spirit**, and there was*  
4000 *no profit under the sun”*. (Eccl 2:11)

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4002 *“Therefore, I hated life, because the work*  
4003 *that is wrought under the sun is grievous unto*  
4004 *me; for **all is vanity and vexation of spirit”**.*  
4005 *(Eccl 2:17)*

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4007 *“For God giveth to a man that is good in his*  
4008 *sight wisdom, and knowledge, and joy, but to*  
4009 *the sinner he giveth travail, to gather and to*  
4010 *heap up, that he may give to him that is good*  
4011 *before God. This also is **vanity and vexation***  
4012 ***of spirit”**. (Eccl 2: 26)*

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4014 *“Again, I considered all travail, and every*  
4015 *right work, that for this a man is envied of his*  
4016 *neighbour. This is also vanity **and vexation of***  
4017 ***spirit”**. (Eccl 4:4)*



4054 humans don't have a soul. Then it says that we have  
4055 the same breath, as to emphasize that we both  
4056 depend on the air; that does not mean we don't have  
4057 a soul either.

4058 However, **the statement that the animals'**  
4059 **breath is the same as humans' is not totally true,**  
4060 for breathing is different for fish and insects. So we  
4061 can't even use this verse as a "revelation" with  
4062 respect to animals and humans. **We can't even say**  
4063 **that fish received the breath of life in their**  
4064 **nostrils because they breathe through the gills.**

4065 What Solomon says here is a simple observation  
4066 of how both types of bodies, animals and humans,  
4067 have a similar life process. But as we can see, it is  
4068 not a revelation that we don't have a soul, or that we  
4069 are just like the animals, for fish don't breathe like  
4070 we do, and neither do the microbes.

4071 If Solomon's statement about the breath for  
4072 animals and humans is not totally true, then it is not  
4073 a revelation, and therefore we cannot use it to form  
4074 a doctrine about the non-existence of the soul,  
4075 which is so contrary to **so many** other passages of  
4076 Scripture.

4077 **As a matter of fact, just a little bit further**  
4078 **down, in verse 21, Solomon himself says that the**  
4079 **spirit separates from the body.** In other words,  
4080 Solomon, whom the anti-souls use to back up their  
4081 heresy, shows us that the flesh and the spirit are two  
4082 different things. **First**, he states that there is a spirit;  
4083 and **second**, that they separate. I say that because,  
4084 according to him, the body decomposes and stays in  
4085 the grave, while the spirit goes either upward or  
4086 downward. So they can't say that the spirit is either  
4087 the air or the breath, because it is evident that air  
4088 and breath do not go downward below the earth, as  
4089 Solomon says the spirit could do.

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4091 *“Who knoweth **the spirit of man that goeth***  
4092 ***upward**, and **the spirit of the beast that goeth***  
4093 ***downward to the earth?”** (Eccl 3:21)*

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4095 Besides, if we were to take this passage as a  
4096 revelation that teaches that the process of animals  
4097 and humans **is the same in everything**, we would  
4098 have to reach the stupid conclusion that animals will  
4099 resurrect, since humans, Christians or not, will  
4100 resurrect.

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4104 **The phrase “the dead know not anything”**  
4105 **speaks of the present age, not of them ceasing to**  
4106 **exist**

4107 The Sadducees had a similar doctrine to those  
4108 today that deny the existence of the soul. Today’s  
4109 anti-soul think that the human being is nothing but a  
4110 body, breathing matter. They cite the following  
4111 passage in order to support this heretic idea,  
4112 alleging that if it says that the dead know not  
4113 anything it is because their soul does not exist, for  
4114 when the matter dies so does “the whole” of the  
4115 human being. When someone that thinks the  
4116 opposite asks them how then can there be  
4117 resurrection, Russellists respond that the person “is  
4118 kept in the memory of God”.

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4120 *“<sup>5</sup> For the living know that they shall die, **but***  
4121 ***the dead know not any thing**, neither have*  
4122 *they any more a reward; **for the memory of***  
4123 ***them is forgotten.** <sup>6</sup> Also their love, and their*  
4124 *hatred, and their envy, is now perished;*  
4125 ***neither have they any more a portion for***



4162 they use to support their heresy holds its  
4163 contradiction.

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4165 *“For there is no remembrance of the wise*  
4166 *more than of the fool for ever; seeing that*  
4167 *which now is, in the days to come shall all be*  
4168 *forgotten. And how dieth the wise man? As*  
4169 *the fool”.* (Eccl 2:16)

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4171 **Besides, who says that because someone**  
4172 **remembers someone else, that someone else**  
4173 **“exists” in the memory of the first?** In such case  
4174 all humans would have the gift of multi-presence  
4175 because we would “exist” in the memory of all who  
4176 remember us.

4177 **Anyone who wants to understand this verse**  
4178 **will also understand that Solomon is talking**  
4179 **about the apparent state of the dead,** as seen by  
4180 the living. He is talking about the lack of  
4181 communication between us and them, and about the  
4182 fact that the memory of the dead is forgotten by the  
4183 living. It does not make sense to think that God  
4184 forgets anyone, or that Solomon would refer, in one  
4185 part of the verse, about the real state of the dead,  
4186 and in another, their apparent state in respect to the  
4187 living.

4188 These anti-soul proponents also say that when this  
4189 verse says “the dead know not anything” it is  
4190 implied that they stay dead, sleeping, unconscious,  
4191 because there is no soul; if there were, they say, it  
4192 could not be said that “they know not anything”. It  
4193 would be like saying that **Snow White “doesn’t**  
4194 **know anything”**. Since Snow White does not exist  
4195 the only thing that can be said is that she does not  
4196 exist, not that “she doesn’t know anything”.  
4197 However, of those who died it is said that they

4198 know not anything, because **they do exist, but**  
4199 **know nothing about what we do or think here on**  
4200 **Earth.**

4201 If there were no soul and the only thing that  
4202 existed were the body, since it decomposes and  
4203 becomes dust, it could not be said that the dead  
4204 “know not anything” of what happens here. They  
4205 would have to say that the dead do not exist. To say  
4206 that “the dead know not anything” **would be the**  
4207 **same platitude as saying that “dust knows not**  
4208 **anything”,** or that a stone “knows not anything”.  
4209 Solomon would not say that.

4210 It cannot be said that the dead know not anything,  
4211 because even ignoring, not knowing, implies  
4212 existence. It can't be said that the dead are as  
4213 sleeping, because that would imply existence. And  
4214 it can't be said that they are unconscious because  
4215 that too implies existence. If sleeping were like  
4216 death, when someone is sleeping and someone else  
4217 asks about him, the anti-soul should respond, “He  
4218 does not exist now, but will exist in a couple of  
4219 hours”.

4220 Another very important fact to consider is that if  
4221 the soul did not exist, the mind, the personality, the  
4222 memories, the feelings, the bad intentions,  
4223 everything typical of the human being would  
4224 disappear “into a nothing”. **If that were so, how**  
4225 **then can that person resurrect and be as he was**  
4226 **before?** In order to save themselves from such mud  
4227 hole they have invented the idea that everything that  
4228 was a particular human being is preserved in God's  
4229 memory who will form him just as he was before.  
4230 Besides asking them where in the Bible they find  
4231 such a thing, and after they confess that nowhere in  
4232 the Bible does it say such a thing, we can reason the  
4233 following.

4234 As we can see in Eccl 7:29, God created man  
4235 righteous, but they deviated from the way God  
4236 created them, by becoming sinners, acquiring bad  
4237 feelings, developing ill attitudes, adopting lusts and  
4238 diverse forms of evil. **If the soul did not exist, then**  
4239 **all those bad things live in the flesh, and when**  
4240 **the unbeliever dies, they disappear, because they**  
4241 **rot with his flesh.** When the Second Resurrection  
4242 comes, when the not-saved will be judged, God will  
4243 have to resurrect them.

4244 **If the soul exists,** the only thing God will do is  
4245 give a body to a rebellious and evil soul that kept its  
4246 lust, evil acts, bad feelings, etc., and never repented.  
4247 In other words, God puts flesh again on the same  
4248 being that was there before; He does not have to  
4249 remake it, just clothe it with flesh again. Now, since  
4250 that soul never disappeared, it conserved its  
4251 personality and its evil, and therefore it is  
4252 condemned to Hell.

4253 **But if the soul does not exist,** since the unsaved  
4254 man has been dissolved, it has become dust, it  
4255 ceased to exist, God would have to create him  
4256 again, **but this time instead of making him**  
4257 **righteous, He would have to make him full of evil**  
4258 **and unrighteousness, bad feelings, ill attitudes,**  
4259 **hatred, etc..** In other words, according to this  
4260 heretic doctrine, God will create a wicked, perverse,  
4261 and corrupt mind, with all its sins, corruption and  
4262 wickedness this human being had and that,  
4263 according to them, God has kept in His memory.

4264 **It is illogical** to think that if all that was bad about  
4265 the human being was in his body, and upon dying it  
4266 ceased to exist along with all its evil and  
4267 wickedness, God would remanufacture that evil and  
4268 wickedness, creating for him a brain in which the  
4269 chemical and molecular strands would form

4270 themselves in a way that constitutes rebellion,  
4271 wickedness, and evil.

4272 Since according to this heresy the human being  
4273 does not have a soul, everything in him is matter,  
4274 his thoughts, his feelings, his wickedness, his evil,  
4275 etc., are chains or associations of atoms and  
4276 molecules which upon death and decomposition  
4277 disintegrated. **So in order to resuscitate this man,  
4278 those evil chains of atoms and molecules would  
4279 have to be remanufactured. A series of  
4280 biochemical units would have to be made in the  
4281 brain of that man in order to make him have all  
4282 the same corrupted ideas and attitudes he had  
4283 before. Absurd!**

4284 **One more thing to notice** is that they do not take  
4285 into consideration other passages from Scripture, as  
4286 in Rev. 6:9, which clearly shows the existence of  
4287 the soul. Solomon in Ecclesiastes spoke, having as  
4288 his observation point what the common man in his  
4289 natural habitat can see with respect to death. On the  
4290 contrary, John, who was much more anointed than  
4291 the common man, spoke of what he was looking at  
4292 personally, having been taken to Heaven in the  
4293 spirit. There he saw the souls of the martyrs of the  
4294 Great Tribulation, something Solomon could not  
4295 see.

4296 **Besides, Solomon was talking before the  
4297 resurrection of Christ,** when souls still did not go  
4298 to Heaven; while John was speaking after the  
4299 resurrection of the Lord.

4300 Another foolish argument brandished by those  
4301 who deny the existence of the soul and of Hell is to  
4302 say that, **according to them, it would be unfair on  
4303 God's part to hold in Hell those who died before  
4304 Noah, longer than those closer to the Second  
4305 Coming of Christ.** First of all, everything God does

4306 is fair, but if we are going to think like that, it would  
4307 also be unfair that those sinners who lived before  
4308 the Flood enjoyed a life of 900+ years and then  
4309 died; while sinners now enjoy only 70-80 years of  
4310 life and also die. They would also have to consider  
4311 unfair the fact that someone with a few sins would  
4312 die at 20 and be destroyed in Hell, while someone  
4313 else who lived in sin for 90 or 900 years is also  
4314 destroyed in Hell. The one who sinned little  
4315 receives the same sentence as the one who sinned  
4316 much.

4317 **Solomon is not the only one to deny that the**  
4318 **dead are in someone's memory.** If we go to  
4319 Psalms 88:5 we see that it says that God forgets the  
4320 slain that are in the grave. So if they are going to  
4321 claim that the dead are in God's memory, we can  
4322 show them this verse that also contradicts their  
4323 heretic hypotheses.

4324 If they would claim that this can only be applied  
4325 to the slain, we can answer then that the Russellists  
4326 that have been murdered don't enjoy the  
4327 resurrection, because God says here that God has  
4328 forgotten them.

4329  
4330 ***“Free among the dead, like the slain that lie***  
4331 ***in the grave, whom thou rememberest no***  
4332 ***more, and they are cut off from thy hand”.***  
4333 (Ps 88:5)

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4337 **The foolishness of basing a doctrine on just one**  
4338 **verse or book of the Bible**

4339 Those who deny the existence of the soul and of  
4340 Hell use isolated verses from Ecclesiastes to enforce  
4341 their heretic hypotheses. We are going to expose

4342 their lack of common sense, showing them a few  
4343 isolated verses from Ecclesiastes, from which we  
4344 can come to the most ridiculous and stupid  
4345 conclusions, if used by themselves.

4346  
4347 *“What profit hath a man of all **his labour***  
4348 ***which he taketh under the sun?”*** (Eccl 1:3)

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4350 From this verse we can come to the stupid  
4351 conclusion that working is of no value, and the  
4352 wisdom is in being lazy.

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4355 *“The sun also ariseth, and the sun goeth*  
4356 *down, and **hasteth to his place where he***  
4357 ***arose”.*** (Eccl 1:5)

4358  
4359 It says here that the sun “returns to the place it  
4360 came from to rise again”. Therefore we should  
4361 admit that the sun rotates around the earth and not  
4362 the other way around. It is obvious that Solomon is  
4363 not talking about how things really are, but rather  
4364 how they are perceived by humans. He does not say  
4365 what is really happening, but what is apparently  
4366 happening. It is the same as when he says that the  
4367 dead know not anything.

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4369  
4370 *“**All the rivers run into the sea; yet the sea is***  
4371 ***not full; unto the place from whence the rivers***  
4372 ***come, thither they return again”.*** (Eccl 1:7)

4373  
4374 While this is generally true, it is not true that  
4375 absolutely all rivers end up in sea; some end up in  
4376 lakes. In other words, they don't all empty out into  
4377 that sea where other rivers do. The Jordan River

4378 ends up in the Dead Sea, which is nothing more  
4379 than a lake. Therefore, we cannot take everything  
4380 Solomon says as some revelation, for many times  
4381 he spoke of how things are perceived

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4384 *“<sup>9</sup> The thing that hath been, it is that which*  
4385 *shall be; and that which is done is that which*  
4386 *shall be done; and there is no new thing*  
4387 *under the sun. <sup>10</sup> Is there any thing whereof it*  
4388 *may be said: See, this is new? It hath been*  
4389 *already of old time, which was before us”.*

4390 (Eccl 1:9-10)

4391  
4392 If we were to take Solomon’s words literally,  
4393 **without using our common sense, as do those**  
4394 **who deny the existence of the soul based on**  
4395 **isolated verses,** we would reach erroneous  
4396 conclusions. For example, since there is nothing  
4397 new under the sun, my refrigerator, which I thought  
4398 was new, had already existed before, and I didn’t  
4399 know. Today’s newspaper is not new, because there  
4400 is nothing new under the sun. Since whatever has  
4401 been done is the same that will be done, we need to  
4402 conclude that Alexander the Great will conquer  
4403 Asia once more, and Adolph Hitler will take over  
4404 Europe.

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4408 *“There is no remembrance of former things;*  
4409 *neither shall there be any remembrance of*  
4410 *things that are to come with those that shall*  
4411 *come after”.* (Eccl 1:11)

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4413 If this were true then why do we study history, for  
4414 it seems that there is no memory of former things.  
4415 In this case the dead would not be in God's  
4416 memory, as told by those that do not believe in the  
4417 soul.

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4421 ***“I have seen all the works that are done***  
4422 ***under the sun; and, behold, all is vanity and***  
4423 ***vexation of spirit”.*** (Eccl 1:14)

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4425 Reasoning as those that rely on one verse to deny  
4426 the existence of the soul, since all things done under  
4427 the sun is nothing but vanity, the preaching of the  
4428 Gospel must be vanity and vexation of spirit, rather  
4429 than joy to soul.

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4431  
4432 ***“That which is crooked cannot be made***  
4433 ***straight, and that which is wanting cannot be***  
4434 ***numbered”.*** (Eccl 1:15)

4435  
4436 If, in fact, that which is crooked cannot be made  
4437 straight, why do they preach the Gospel to  
4438 straighten people? And, if that which is crooked  
4439 cannot be made straight, how could I straighten the  
4440 piece of wire I am holding in my hand?

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4443  
4444 ***“I said of laughter: It is mad; and of mirth,***  
4445 ***What doeth it?”*** (Eccl 2:2)

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4447 Psychiatrists should perhaps interpret this verse as  
4448 a sign that what causes mental disease is laughter.  
4449 Maybe laughing in public should be prohibited.

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4453 *“That which hath been is now; and **that***  
4454 ***which is to be hath already been; and God***  
4455 *requireth that which is past”.* (Eccl 3:15)

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4457 If we were to believe this verse without common  
4458 sense, we would have to think that reincarnation is  
4459 true, for he which will be born, has already been.

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4463 *“**Sorrow is better than laughter, for by the***  
4464 ***sadness of the countenance the heart is made***  
4465 ***better”.*** (Eccl 7:3)

4466  
4467 From now on we should go around sad, and  
4468 never laugh; if we are to isolate these verses  
4469 and use them as a guide for our lives, as do  
4470 those who deny the existence of the soul and  
4471 of Hell.

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4475 *“**The heart of the wise is in the house of***  
4476 ***mourning; but the heart of fools is in the***  
4477 ***house of mirth”.*** (Eccl 7:4)

4478  
4479 Those who take a verse and isolate it in order to  
4480 deny the existence of the soul are fools when they  
4481 attend a wedding, for according to this verse it is  
4482 foolish to go where there is pleasure. They should

4483 go to as many funerals as possible, even when they  
4484 do not know the deceased or the family, and they  
4485 will be wise.

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4487  
4488 ***“Be not righteous over much; neither make***  
4489 ***thyself over wise, why shouldst thou destroy***  
4490 ***thyself?”*** (Eccl 7:16)

4491  
4492 I imagine that they interpret this verse to say that  
4493 it is all right to be a bit mischievous and stupid, to  
4494 not be destroyed, since that is what this verse says  
4495 when isolated.

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4498  
4499 ***“<sup>26</sup> And I find more bitter than death the***  
4500 ***woman, whose heart is snares and nets, and***  
4501 ***her hands as bands. Whoso pleaseth God***  
4502 ***shall escape from her, but the sinner shall be***  
4503 ***taken by her. <sup>27</sup> Behold, this have I found,***  
4504 ***saith the preacher, counting one by one, to***  
4505 ***find out the account, <sup>28</sup> which yet my soul***  
4506 ***seeketh, but I find not: one man among a***  
4507 ***thousand have I found, but a woman among***  
4508 ***all those have I not found”.*** (Eccl 7:26-28)

4509  
4510 Those who rely on isolated verses to form  
4511 doctrine must conclude, on applying this  
4512 passage, that women are worse than death  
4513 itself, that they are not good for anything, and  
4514 that it is best to remain single.

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4517 ***“For the living know that they shall die, but***  
4518 ***the dead know not any thing, neither have***

4519 *they any more a reward; for the memory of*  
4520 *them is forgotten”. (Eccl 9:5)*  
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4522 If the memory of the deceased is forgotten, then it  
4523 is not true that the dead are in God’s memory. By  
4524 “reasoning” as we have in these past verses, is that  
4525 the anti-souls have concluded that the soul does not  
4526 exist.

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4530 *“7 Go thy way, eat thy bread with joy, and*  
4531 *drink thy wine with a merry heart; for God*  
4532 *now accepteth thy works. 8 Let thy garments*  
4533 *be always white; and let thy head lack no*  
4534 *ointment”. (Eccl 9:7-8)*  
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4536 If we follow this isolated verse, all believers  
4537 should dress in white, drink wine, and put ointment  
4538 on their head.

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4541 *“Curse not the king, no not in thy thought;*  
4542 *and curse not the rich in thy bedchamber, for*  
4543 *a bird of the air shall carry the voice, and*  
4544 *that which hath wings shall tell the matter”.*  
4545 *(Eccl 10:20)*  
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4547 If we were to “reason” as those who rely on one  
4548 isolated verse “reason” to form doctrine, we would  
4549 have to conclude that the kings and the rich speak to  
4550 the birds, and seem to have telepathic powers,  
4551 because we could not even entertain bad thoughts  
4552 about them without them knowing.

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4555 As we can see, taking one verse without  
4556 considering the context, and especially that of the  
4557 integrity of the Bible teachings, leads to an infinite  
4558 realm of stupidity and heresy. That is what those  
4559 who take a few verses from Ecclesiastes do, and  
4560 thus expect to “prove” that the soul does not exist.

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4564 **Let’s examine four more passages that the anti-**  
4565 **souls use to “prove” that the soul does not exist**

4566 One of these verses is in Psalms 6:5, where it says  
4567 that the tomb cannot praise God.

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4569 *“For in death there is no remembrance of*  
4570 *thee; in the grave who shall give thee*  
4571 *thanks”.* (Sal 6:5)

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4573 Here we see that the speaker (in this case David),  
4574 expresses his thoughts as one who lives  
4575 contemplates death. We who live cannot see what  
4576 happens on the other side of death. What he says is  
4577 true, nobody praises God in death, and no one  
4578 praises God from the grave; if it were not so there  
4579 would be a constant concert of praise in the  
4580 cemeteries, by all the Christians buried there. But  
4581 that does not mean that the soul does not exist.

4582 Another passage they use is Psalm 146:3-4, where  
4583 it speaks of not trusting men:

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4585 *“<sup>3</sup> Put not your trust in princes, nor in the*  
4586 *son of man, in whom there is no help. <sup>4</sup> His*  
4587 *breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth;*  
4588 *in that very day his thoughts perish”.*

4589 (Ps 146:3-4)

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4591 As we can see, here it is not talking about whether  
4592 or not the human being has a soul; what we are  
4593 being told here is that as believers we should not put  
4594 our trust on other humans, because they can die at  
4595 any moment, and their plans and thoughts will die  
4596 with them. In fact, all the intentions this prince had  
4597 to help us will die when he dies, since the dead  
4598 can't do anything for the living from the other side.  
4599 But that doesn't mean the soul does not exist. It is a  
4600 verse used to confuse, for they use only verse four  
4601 and not three, which explains the meaning of four.

4602 As "proof" that the soul does not exist they also  
4603 use the fact that death sometimes is compared  
4604 euphemistically with sleep, as in the case of Jn  
4605 11:1, 5, 11-14. The fact that it is compared to sleep  
4606 does not mean that the soul does not exist, because  
4607 a person asleep is still alive. So if we were going to  
4608 take sleep as a comparison to the real death, we  
4609 would have to conclude that people would continue  
4610 to live, for they are alive during sleep.

4611 Using Acts 2:29 and 34-35 they also want to  
4612 "prove" that the soul does not exist.

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4614 *"Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto*  
4615 *you of the patriarch David, that he is both*  
4616 *dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us*  
4617 *unto this day". (Acts 2:29)*

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4619 *"<sup>34</sup> For David is not ascended into the*  
4620 *heavens, but he saith himself: The LORD said*  
4621 *unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, <sup>35</sup>*  
4622 *until I make thy foes thy footstool".*  
4623 *(Acts 2:34-35)*

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4625 The only thing that the first passage says is that  
4626 David's sepulcher was still with them. The second

4627 one says only that after this David had not ascended  
4628 to heaven. It is true, David could not have ascended  
4629 to heaven after his death because he had to wait, as  
4630 everyone else, for Jesus to be crucified, redeem  
4631 them, and get them from Abraham's bosom to take  
4632 them to heaven.

4633 This does not mean that the soul does not exist. I  
4634 don't know why they take it as a "powerful  
4635 argument".

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4639 **If the anti-souls were honest they would isolate**  
4640 **and take the following verses literally**

4641 Those who do not believe in the existence of the  
4642 soul refer to certain isolated passages from Job and  
4643 Ecclesiastes, which say things like "...**the dead**  
4644 **have no knowledge...**", and from there on they  
4645 fabricate heresy and false doctrines. If they were  
4646 honest, then they would have to isolate and take  
4647 literally the following passages from Job, 7:9-10;  
4648 10:20-21 and 16:22, from which we would have to  
4649 conclude that **resurrection does not exist.**

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4651 *"9 As the cloud is consumed and vanisheth*  
4652 *away, so he that goeth down to the grave*  
4653 ***shall come up no more.** 10 He shall return no*  
4654 *more to his house, neither shall his place*  
4655 *know him any more". (Job 7:9-10)*

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4657 *"20 Are not my days few? Cease then, and let*  
4658 *me alone, that I may take comfort a little, 21*  
4659 ***before I go whence I shall not return, even***  
4660 ***to the land of darkness and the shadow of***  
4661 ***death". (Job 10:20-21)***

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4698 It was not necessary for Jesus to tell the thief that  
4699 what he was telling him he was telling him “today”,  
4700 because the thief was listening. It is a twisting of the  
4701 Scriptures that they have to use in order to  
4702 strengthen their false doctrine. Nowhere in the Bible  
4703 is the phrase “today I tell you” used.

4704 The anti-souls dare say that it would be cruel of  
4705 God to take Lazarus to Paradise only to bring him  
4706 back to Earth. The Bible does not say that Lazarus  
4707 went to Paradise; however, it **does** say that a friend  
4708 of Paul’s did go and come back, in which case the  
4709 cruelty accusation of these daring fools is sustained.

4710 Something else that the anti-souls make up is that  
4711 the thief did not die that day. The Bible says no  
4712 such thing. Common sense tells us that if he bled  
4713 out on the cross, and then his legs were broken, he  
4714 had to have died. Besides, if Christ’s side was  
4715 pierced even after dead, it is logical that they would  
4716 do the same to the thieves to make sure they die.

4717 Another lie that they affirm is that in the Greek  
4718 language the word “spirit” simply means air, or  
4719 breath. We presented eight examples of passages  
4720 that denied such a thing, right from the book of  
4721 Ecclesiastes, which they so like to use to say that  
4722 the soul does not exist.

4723 In order to show that the soul does not exist, they  
4724 say that when Solomon said that the breath of  
4725 humans and animals are the same, he is giving us a  
4726 “revelation” in order to say that we are like the  
4727 animals, that we don’t have a soul. The truth is that,  
4728 not only that passage does not say such a thing, but  
4729 it can’t be taken as a revelation, but as an  
4730 observation of Solomon, from the point of view of  
4731 the human being. The breath of the fish, the bugs  
4732 and insects in general is not the same as man’s.  
4733 Besides, in Eccl 3:21 Solomon himself admits that

4734 both the human spirit and that of the animals  
4735 separates from their body.

4736 The next absurdity they invented is that the dead  
4737 are saved in God's memory to be resurrected. But in  
4738 Eccl 9:5, which is what they use to say that the dead  
4739 are not aware of anything, it says that their memory  
4740 is erased. Besides, if the human being ceased to  
4741 exist at death, it can't be said that the dead don't  
4742 know, just like no one would say that Snow White  
4743 doesn't know anything.

4744 To deny that the soul exists is to say that bad  
4745 feelings are the result of bad molecular  
4746 combinations in the chemical composition of the  
4747 brain, in which case the human being would not be  
4748 accountable for his actions. In that case, in order to  
4749 resuscitate an evil person, God would have to  
4750 regroup those molecules same as before, before  
4751 condemning him and sending him to Hell.

4752 In order to show that we cannot take isolated  
4753 verses to form doctrines that go against the rest of  
4754 the Bible, I cited 16 verses from the same book of  
4755 Ecclesiastes, which, taken in isolated form, would  
4756 lead to the most stupid doctrines. I then presented  
4757 eight more verses with the same purpose, but from  
4758 other books of the Bible.

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## Chapter 11

### “Original sin” is a myth

**The human being has a soul. What he inherits from his parents is the flesh, not the soul**

There is an erroneous concept spread around Christianity. It is called “original sin.” According to this false hypothesis, the human being is a sinner since birth, and is condemned to hell, since Adam and Eve sinned and transmitted that sin to us. This, they call “original sin”. The truth is that we become sinners; the blame is on us, not Adam and Eve.

**Adam and Eve’s sin did affect all of nature;** in other words, the Earth, the climate, people’s bodies, but not their soul. We will only speak of how it affected the human being. The sin that Adam and Eve committed, which they call, “original sin,” affected the soul of our first parents, since they directly committed the sin. But it also affected their bodies, since that is how death entered the human physiological system. However, that sin only affected the bodies, the physical aspect of their descendants, to whom they passed on the sickliness, the mortality of their bodies, but did not affect their soul.

**Their descendants’ soul was not born condemned; they were condemned to death physically, not spiritually.** This last one was a condemnation that they would get for themselves with their own behavior, after being able to understand right from wrong at a certain age, which I can’t say when it is.

My foundation to say that humans are born **without condemnation**, and they lose that condition one by one, is on the fact that, as shown

4804 in the verse below, **Jesus says, referring to**  
4805 **children that “theirs is the Kingdom of God.”**  
4806 Therefore, children are not condemned since birth. I  
4807 would rather say that **the human being is born**  
4808 **with an innate right to the Kingdom of God, and**  
4809 **then loses it through his bad behavior.** If children  
4810 can enter the Kingdom of Heaven, this means that  
4811 they have no sin at birth, because no one with sin  
4812 can enter the Kingdom of God. Thus we can easily  
4813 conclude that there is no such thing as an “original  
4814 sin” that condemns us to Hell from birth.

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4816 *“But when Jesus saw it, he was much*  
4817 *displeased, and said unto them: Suffer the*  
4818 *little children to come unto me, and forbid*  
4819 *them not, for of such is the kingdom of God.”*  
4820 (Mr 10:14)

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4822 As holy as a person can be, corporal death will  
4823 reach him eventually because, **the cause of death is**  
4824 **congenital, hereditary;** but regardless of how evil  
4825 a father is, the soul of his child is not lost.  
4826 Therefore, there **cannot** be an “original sin”  
4827 transmitted from soul to soul through the  
4828 generations. To think that a father “produces” the  
4829 soul of the child and passes on his genetic character  
4830 is to think (as do the Russellists, Adventists, etc.)  
4831 that body and soul are one and the same.

4832 **There are some who believe in the existence of**  
4833 **a sin that is passed on to subsequent generations.**  
4834 This is what they call “original sin.” According to  
4835 this hypothesis, due to the sin of Adam and Eve, our  
4836 first parents, all of humanity is lost from before  
4837 birth; all are condemned to Hell since birth. Parents  
4838 can pass on corporal imperfections and illness to  
4839 their children, but they cannot pass on the evil

4840 tendencies of the soul, because the parents do not  
4841 fabricate the soul.

4842 **There is no logic to such a thing. What the**  
4843 **human being passes on to the following**  
4844 **generations is the physical characteristics, not**  
4845 **the kindness or evilness of his soul.** The soul's  
4846 characteristics are not transmitted. This is proven by  
4847 the well-known fact, both in everyday life and in the  
4848 Bible, that parents, saved or lost can have children  
4849 lost or saved.

4850 To admit that our parents pass on the soul and its  
4851 characteristics, **we would have to think that the**  
4852 **soul is physical, biological.** The elements that  
4853 come into the formation of an offspring are only  
4854 physical, for only matter comes into the formation  
4855 of a fetus. If through this biological matter the soul  
4856 is transmitted, then we would have to think that soul  
4857 and body are one and the same, which is the thesis  
4858 of the atheist scientists, the Adventists and the  
4859 Russellists.

4860 **Besides, we would have to think that a little**  
4861 **piece of the soul of the father (or the mother) is**  
4862 **torn off,** and goes into each of the male or female  
4863 sex cells, both those that enter the formation of the  
4864 fetus, and those that are lost or are misused. At this  
4865 rate, the soul of an over sexually active man would  
4866 be left rather damaged, since he would be  
4867 constantly losing "microscopic pieces of his soul."

4868 The other alternative would be to think that the  
4869 soul is not damaged, because it restores itself, or  
4870 renews itself, or replenish itself or whichever you  
4871 want to call it. In that case we would have to ask  
4872 what it uses to restore itself, **is it daily food?** So if  
4873 someone suffers from prolonged hunger, is the soul  
4874 diminished then?

4875 On the other hand, if the father or mother passes  
4876 on, in their reproductive cells a microscopic fraction  
4877 of their own soul, then **we would have to reach**  
4878 **several conclusions, also absurd:**

4879 **a)** The soul increases in volume as the fetus  
4880 increases in size while receiving its nurture in the  
4881 womb; or the “volume” of the soul of a person is  
4882 but a small fraction of that of his father’s, which  
4883 was small fraction of that of the grandfather, etc,  
4884 and so on and so forth, back to Adam and Eve;

4885 **b)** The soul of the first cell of the embryo  
4886 duplicates itself as that first cell duplicates, thus  
4887 making two souls (or more), one for each cell; or  
4888 the “volume” of the soul duplicates; otherwise the  
4889 microscopic fraction transmitted by the parents  
4890 would be what rules the body of the adult;

4891 **c)** If the soul “grows” in the fetus, “how does it?”  
4892 Is it with the physical food? Is the soul something  
4893 physical, of this dimension in which we live?  
4894 Besides, how much does it grow? Until birth, as his  
4895 body grows, how long? Is the soul of a child or a  
4896 midget “smaller” than that of an adult?

4897 **d)** If the soul of the parents is transmitted to their  
4898 descendants in some form that we don’t seem to  
4899 understand, then we would all have Adam and  
4900 Eve’s souls; why then do we all think and feel  
4901 differently from each other, and we understand we  
4902 are different people? Besides, who do we get our  
4903 soul from, Adam or Eve? From whom do we get  
4904 our soul, our father, our mother, or both?

4905 **e)** And if they insist that the soul is something  
4906 hereditary, but each personality is different, then  
4907 please someone tell me, what is the soul? What is  
4908 the “self” or the personality of each person, and  
4909 how are they different? And above all, who sins?

4910 My soul, my “self”, my body, or what? Where do  
4911 the thoughts and the feelings live?

4912 As we can see, then, the faithful believe errors  
4913 such as that of original sin, because it was taught by  
4914 religiously prestigious people, and it never occurred  
4915 to them to question it; but once we do, we  
4916 understand that either **common sense has to be**  
4917 **grossly ran over, or we have to be superstitiously**  
4918 **dogmatic, to accept such heretic hypothesis.**

4919 What lies closest to the Scripture teachings is that  
4920 the human being passes on to his descendants the  
4921 body characteristics, which is called genotype. But  
4922 the soul of each person is placed by God or his  
4923 angels, in his body, any moment after conception,  
4924 perhaps during pregnancy, during birth, or at some  
4925 indefinite time afterward. It is even possible that for  
4926 some it happens at one time and for others at  
4927 another time.

4928 **If we inherited our soul and its characteristics**  
4929 **from our parents, then no one would be guilty**  
4930 **for sinning, since it is inherited.** It would be like to  
4931 inherit an illness, it is not our fault. It would be like  
4932 an Indian or an African inheriting the body  
4933 characteristics of his ancestors. Why condemn to  
4934 Hell someone because he is Indian or Chinese?  
4935 What fault is it of theirs to have inherited such  
4936 characteristics? By the same token, why condemn  
4937 someone just because his ancestors passed on to  
4938 him his sinful attitude? **This is not what the Bible**  
4939 **teaches.** Solomon said that God created man  
4940 upright, but he created many ways to stray from this  
4941 path.

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4943 *“Lo, this only have I found, that **God hath***  
4944 ***made man upright;** but they have sought out*  
4945 *many inventions.” (Ecl 7:29)*

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4947 As we can see, when the souls left God's hands  
4948 they were upright. It was later, that those souls were  
4949 contaminated. Notice that Solomon says "they",  
4950 referring to many, and not just to Adam. Therefore,  
4951 according to Solomon, the problem was not Adam's  
4952 sin, but the sin in each one of us. **If God made men**  
4953 **upright, they are not sinners by birth.** Then there  
4954 is no such thing as "original sin" weighing over  
4955 every person born. We are not dragging the weight  
4956 of a sentence that doesn't belong to us but to our  
4957 parents. On the contrary, the sentence we carry is  
4958 our own, not that of our ancestors.

4959 **Jesus taught the opposite of what the heretic**  
4960 **doctrine of "original sin" proclaims.** He never  
4961 said anything that could be misinterpreted to imply  
4962 that the soul of a human being is condemned  
4963 because of Adam's sin. On the contrary, his words  
4964 teach us that we are born without sin and without  
4965 condemnation.

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4967 *"But Jesus said: Suffer little children, and*  
4968 *forbid them not, to come unto me, for **of such***  
4969 ***is the kingdom of heaven."** (Mt 19:14)*

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4971 **If children can enter the Kingdom of Heaven,**  
4972 **it is clearly evident that they are without sin,**  
4973 because no one can enter the Kingdom of Heaven  
4974 with sin. This easily implies that there is no such  
4975 thing as **original sin**, passed on from parents to  
4976 children, since Adam. Otherwise, children would be  
4977 sinners from birth and could not enter the Kingdom  
4978 of Heaven until they converted. Besides, if a parent  
4979 could pass on his sinful nature to his offspring, then  
4980 there would never be a Christian generation from a  
4981 sinful patriarch, which is not true.



5018 In Dt 24:16, Moses teaches us that we should not  
5019 punish the children for the sins of their parents. **If**  
5020 **that is what God teaches us, how can we even**  
5021 **think He is going to turn around and do the**  
5022 **opposite Himself?** I don't see in Scripture anything  
5023 that backs up this heretic doctrine of "original sin".  
5024 If God says that children should not be condemned  
5025 by the deeds of their parents, let alone God will  
5026 send someone to Hell for the sin of Adam.

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5028 *"The fathers shall not be put to death for the*  
5029 *children, neither shall the children be put to*  
5030 *death for the fathers; every man shall be put*  
5031 *to death for his own sin."* (Dt 24:16)

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5033 **In Ex 32:31-33 we also see that man is born**  
5034 **without sin. In a personal conversation with**  
5035 **God,** Moses asked the Lord to erase his name from  
5036 the Book of Life if He would not forgive the people.  
5037 The Lord replied that He would erase those who  
5038 sinned against Him. From God's words we can  
5039 conclude that the name of every human being is  
5040 written on the Book of Life, and it isn't until a  
5041 person sins and does not repent that it is erased.  
5042 Consequently, all human beings are born without  
5043 sin, **otherwise, there would be no name written**  
5044 **on the Book of Life,** but if they are written on that  
5045 book it is because they were born sinless. This  
5046 excludes the possibility of the existence of "original  
5047 sin." It makes sense to think that God writes the  
5048 name of the human being on the Book of Life when  
5049 he is born, because **if He did so only after**  
5050 **conversion, then He didn't have to erase anyone.**  
5051 **If He erases some, it is because He had them**  
5052 **written in from birth.**

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5089 In order to believe that sin is passed on from  
5090 parents to children, we would have to believe that  
5091 the soul is something physical that is found in the  
5092 chromosomes of the fetus. A father could pass on  
5093 physical conditions to his children if he had  
5094 syphilis, AIDS, or if he was a drunk, or a drug  
5095 addict, etc., but he could never pass on the evilness  
5096 or kindness of the soul.

5097 If we inherited sin at birth, then no one would be  
5098 guilty of sin, because it would be something like  
5099 inheriting a disease. On the contrary, the Bible says  
5100 that **God made man upright, but they sought**  
5101 **many inventions.** And by saying “they” he is  
5102 referring to the human race, not only Adam.

5103 The teachings of Moses and Ezekiel also show us  
5104 that children do not inherit, nor are they to be  
5105 punished for the sins of their fathers.

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## 5112 Chapter 12

### 5113 The difference between soul and spirit

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#### **The difference between humans and animals**

The word “spirit” is often used in the Bible in  
place of the word “soul”, with the same meaning. In  
many passages both words are used indistinctively  
of each other, but there is a difference, and we are  
going to find it in this chapter. There is also the use  
of the word “spirit” and the word “animal”, to name  
some beings that are not of this dimension, but of

5123 the spiritual dimension, as the visions of Ezekiel  
5124 and Revelation.

5125 **The soul is a spiritual entity**, created by God to  
5126 live on Earth, in a human body made of flesh. It is  
5127 the soul that houses the characteristics found in  
5128 human beings. These characteristics are those of  
5129 being conscious of his own existence, loving,  
5130 hating, understanding, praising God, or be against  
5131 God, etc..

5132 This soul lives in a body made of flesh, and has an  
5133 energy that keeps it alive. When that energy ceases  
5134 and the flesh dies, the soul abandons the body. Of  
5135 all the living creatures that populate the world, only  
5136 the humans have a soul living inside that flesh.  
5137 Animals do not have a soul.

5138 Every living creature has that energy called  
5139 “spirit” that keeps it alive. Bulls, elephants,  
5140 earthworms, microbes, cells, whales, fish, the  
5141 human body, all alike have this spirit. These  
5142 animals have flesh and spirit, and that is why they  
5143 are alive. But the human being has the flesh, the  
5144 spirit to keep the flesh alive, and a soul that lives  
5145 inside that flesh.

5146 **Animals and other living things in general only**  
5147 **have a body and spirit.** They are like living  
5148 computers to whom God has given the necessary  
5149 “software” for their survival and reproduction. This  
5150 software, or instincts dominate the lives of animals  
5151 and plants; they lack intelligence. Their “hard  
5152 drive” comes already programmed almost hundred  
5153 per cent, with very little section programmable to  
5154 learn, so that they remember where the water is,  
5155 where there is food, where their burrow is, etc..

5156 On the other hand, the human being comes with  
5157 very little programming; almost everything he has  
5158 to “program” himself throughout his life. When he

5159 comes he knows how to cry, how to suck, and a few  
5160 other things. Everything else he needs to learn. So  
5161 he learns to walk, read, type, drive, etc.. Not only  
5162 that, but he invents, creates, puts two ideas together  
5163 to come to a third one, things that an animal can  
5164 never do.

5165 **Bees manufacture hexagon cells** which can  
5166 resist the most pressure, while saving space.  
5167 Circular cells would hold more pressure, but take up  
5168 too much space. At first, one would think bees are  
5169 incredibly intelligent. Then we see that even though  
5170 the harvester “steals” their honey, we find they are  
5171 not intelligent enough to move somewhere else  
5172 where they are not “robbed”. They have a  
5173 “program” that makes them act the right way,  
5174 making their hexagon cells, accumulating honey,  
5175 etc., toward that for which they were created.

5176 **Hens hide to make their nest.** It looks as if they  
5177 are intelligent enough to realize that their eggs are  
5178 going to be stolen. But after making the nest, they  
5179 stay there even though the farmer “steals” the eggs;  
5180 they don’t think of going elsewhere. I could literally  
5181 quote hundreds of examples, but that is not the  
5182 objective of this book.

5183 **Animals don’t accumulate the knowledge of**  
5184 **their parents,** humans do. Animals don’t progress,  
5185 humans do. An animal, left alone in the jungle can  
5186 live, because its “programs” guide it. A man left in  
5187 the jungle may suffer greatly to survive, if he  
5188 survives at all. They don’t have “programs”, all has  
5189 to be previously learned. Animals know what they  
5190 can and cannot eat, even if they didn’t learn it from  
5191 their parents. Humans don’t.

5192 **What I want to emphasize is,** animals live like  
5193 walking plants, they don’t have a spiritual being  
5194 inside, the soul that humans have.

5195 **If I were to define the soul, I would say that it**  
5196 **is the real “I” of the human being, and only of**  
5197 **the human beings,** with his feelings, his  
5198 intelligence, memory, reasoning, concept of self  
5199 existence, and other faculties. This “I” lives in, or is  
5200 clothed with a body of flesh and bones. **This flesh**  
5201 **and bones body has a spirit that gives life to the**  
5202 **flesh for merely animal functions. That spirit has**  
5203 **no reasoning, or concept of self existence, it is**  
5204 **only energy.** The soul lives in that human body of  
5205 flesh.

5206 The space of the animal brain comes occupied  
5207 with a series of “software” that help him attend to  
5208 his vital functions. On the other hand, the human  
5209 brain comes with very little “software” that helps  
5210 him attend to those functions, but it does have a lot  
5211 of programmable space.

5212 **Animals cannot deprogram themselves;**  
5213 **humans can. That is why animals have to yield to**  
5214 **their instincts; humans can refrain from their**  
5215 **instincts, and even go against them,** like a mother  
5216 who abandons her child or even aborts it.

5217 **In summary, there is a difference between soul**  
5218 **and spirit.** Animals have “flesh” and spirit; human  
5219 beings, in addition to having flesh and spirit to live,  
5220 is a spiritual being that lives in that living body.  
5221 This differentiation between soul and spirit that we  
5222 can make by way of observation is noted in several  
5223 places in the Bible. Let’s see.

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5227 **Isaiah makes a difference between soul and spirit**

5228 In this verse we can see how it speaks of both the  
5229 soul and the spirit. On occasion these two words are  
5230 used indistinctively, but here, they seem to indicate

5231 two different things. The human being is made of  
5232 flesh and spirit, which is what gives life to the flesh,  
5233 but he also has a soul, which is the true human  
5234 being, since the flesh with spirit is nothing but its  
5235 dwelling.

5236 Animals also have flesh and spirit, but they don't  
5237 have a spiritual being living within them. The  
5238 human being is like an animal, in the sense that he  
5239 has flesh as well as a spirit that keeps that flesh  
5240 alive and working. But human is different from  
5241 animals in that God has put in that body a spiritual  
5242 being, the true human being, with intelligence,  
5243 personality, feelings, etc., which is what  
5244 characterizes him as a human being.

5245 That is why even though man has instincts, as  
5246 animals do, he can shape them to his will, if he  
5247 wishes, while animals cannot modify their instincts.

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5249 *“For I will not contend for ever, neither will*  
5250 *I be always wroth, for **the spirit** should fail*  
5251 *before me, and **the souls** which I have made.”*  
5252 (Isa 57:16)

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5254 As we can see, Isaiah is quoting something that  
5255 God had said, he talks about spirit and soul; the first  
5256 he uses in singular, the latter in plural.

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5260 **Paul also makes a difference between spirit, soul,**  
5261 **and body**

5262 The members of the Russellist Governing Body  
5263 deny that the soul is a non-physical entity. They  
5264 have no way of explaining this verse, nor are they  
5265 interested in doing so, because they know that their  
5266 followers, afraid to be thrown out of the cult, are not

5267 going to dare ask, much less refute the answers they  
5268 give them.

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5270 *“And the very God of peace sanctify you*  
5271 *wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and*  
5272 *soul and body be preserved blameless unto*  
5273 *the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.”*

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(I Thes 5:23)

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5276 We can see in this verse that Paul knew that men  
5277 had a physical body, just as animals did, a **spirit,**  
5278 **which is what gives life to the body, and a soul,**  
5279 **which is the true personality of the human being**  
5280 **which animals don't have.**

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5282 **Animals are like living computers,** they do not  
5283 reason, have no conscious, are programmed to be  
5284 what they are. Humans, in addition to his physical  
5285 body, had a soul that lives in that body. The best of  
5286 this passage is that Russellists have not altered it  
5287 yet. The Russellist version reads: “may the **spirit,**  
5288 **and soul and body** of you brothers be preserved...”

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5289 Apparently, they recognize that within the human  
5290 being there is spirit, and apart from that there is a  
5291 soul, and independently from that there is a body.

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5294 **According to Paul's words we realize that he**  
5295 **knew of the existence of three things: soul, spirit**  
5296 **and body**

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5298 In this verse the Apostle mentions three  
5299 components of the human being. They are the soul,  
5300 the spirit and the body.

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5301 *“For the word of God is quick, and powerful,*  
5302 *and sharper than any two-edged sword,*

5303 *piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul*  
5304 *and spirit and of the joints and marrow, and*  
5305 *is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of*  
5306 *the heart.” (Heb 4:12)*

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5308 Most importantly in this verse is that **Paul**  
5309 **differentiates between the soul and the spirit.** In  
5310 many occasions the soul is referred to as the “spirit”  
5311 in the Bible. Paul makes a difference between them  
5312 besides mentioning the body. We all know what the  
5313 body is and there is no need to define it. As for the  
5314 spirit, we already saw it was that “something” that  
5315 keeps the flesh alive and functioning, but it does not  
5316 think or reason, and has no personality. That is the  
5317 case with animals, from the elephant to the ant, and  
5318 from the microbes to the plants cells. They are  
5319 alive, because of the spirit that dwells in the flesh,  
5320 in the matter, but it has no personality, it merely  
5321 obeys a program.

5322 Human beings, however, besides having flesh,  
5323 this flesh has a spirit so it can live, but inside that  
5324 flesh with spirit is the soul, with concept of self-  
5325 existence, knowledge, feelings, personality, etc.. In  
5326 other words, it is the true “self”, which has good  
5327 and bad feelings; the true “self” which will be  
5328 judged by God. Animals are not going to be judged.  
5329 Animals die and nothing from them remains; but  
5330 with humans, the soul remains even after death.

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5334 **Summary of chapter 12.** The soul is the spiritual  
5335 being that God created to live in a flesh body in this  
5336 planet and in this dimension. It is characterized by  
5337 having consciousness of its existence, feelings,  
5338 thoughts, intelligence, etc..

5339 The spirit, in humans, refers to the energy that  
5340 keeps the flesh (or the body where the soul lives)  
5341 alive and functioning. The human being has soul,  
5342 spirit and body.

5343 Animals only have spirit and flesh. They have  
5344 “software” in their brains that make them live and  
5345 realize the chores for which they were created,  
5346 without even be aware of their own existence, or  
5347 having other knowledge, or show any intelligence  
5348 different than that with which they were  
5349 programmed. The case of the bees and the hens, are  
5350 only two of hundreds that could be mentioned.

5351 By the words of Isaiah and Paul we can see that  
5352 they differentiated between the soul, the spirit and  
5353 the body, even though in other places the word  
5354 “spirit” is used with other meanings.

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## Chapter 13

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### The theory of a soul warehouse before birth

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#### The soul “warehouse” and predestination

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A clearly revealed biblical truth is different than a theory that can be implied in its reading. However, any theory extracted from the Bible must be in harmony with the entire Bible, and not be refuted by any passage. It even needs to be in harmony with **proven knowledge**. Such a theory must be subject to debate, and it **should** be debated in order to

5373 discard it, improve it, or consolidate it. Let's see  
5374 what this "soul warehouse" theory is all about.

5375 From my integral reading of the Bible, as well as  
5376 my own reasoning, I have concluded that God made  
5377 a set number of souls, and He keeps them  
5378 somewhere, where even though they exist, they  
5379 neither feel nor suffer, because they have no flesh,  
5380 which is what puts a soul in contact with the  
5381 physical world. Since they have no feeling of any  
5382 kind they can't be aware of their own existence; and  
5383 because they never had it before, they can't  
5384 remember, so they can't be aware of either through  
5385 memory.

5386 It is as the fetus in the mother's womb. In reality  
5387 these souls would be more isolated than a fetus,  
5388 without the least sensation of being. However, these  
5389 souls do exist; God knows them; He knows how  
5390 they are and how they will develop, what they will  
5391 do, etc.. This place is what I call, "the warehouse of  
5392 created souls". This **existence without awareness**,  
5393 is what I think is referred to in verses such as this  
5394 verse that follows, and even more in other verses  
5395 such as Ecc 6:10.

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5397 *"<sup>2</sup> Wherefore, I praised the dead which are*  
5398 *already dead more than the living which are*  
5399 *yet alive. <sup>3</sup> Yea, better is he than both they,*  
5400 ***which hath not yet been**, who hath not seen*  
5401 *the evil work that is done under the sun."*

(Ecc 4:2-3)

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5404 *"**Whatever one is, he has been named***  
5405 ***already**, for it is known that he is man; and*  
5406 *he cannot contend with Him who is mightier*  
5407 *than he."* (Ecc 6:10 NKJ)

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5409       **The first passage** says that he held the ones who  
5410 had not yet been, as better-off than both: the dead  
5411 and the living. **In other words, those who had not**  
5412 **yet been sent to a body of flesh.** He can't be  
5413 talking about those who have not yet been created,  
5414 because **someone who does not exist cannot be**  
5415 **better or worse than one who does exist.**  
5416 Therefore, we have to think that he is referring to  
5417 someone who exists, but has not yet been born in  
5418 the flesh. In other words, a created soul that has  
5419 never had a conscious existence, like a fetus in his  
5420 mother's womb; a soul that will come to live among  
5421 us for the first and only time, and that later will go  
5422 live where God determines, be it Heaven or Hell.

5423       **The second verse** declares that he who is, has  
5424 already been named. In other words, that he who  
5425 has been born, has been known from before, both in  
5426 name and qualities. In a certain way this agrees with  
5427 what can be implied from **the prophecies of**  
5428 **Josiah, and about Cyrus**, King of Persia, both of  
5429 which were made centuries before the birth of the  
5430 persons they named.

5431                   *“<sup>1</sup> And, behold, there came a man of God out*  
5432 *of Judah by the word of the LORD unto*  
5433 *Bethel; and Jeroboam stood by the altar to*  
5434 *burn incense. <sup>2</sup> And he cried against the altar*  
5435 *in the word of the LORD, and said: O altar,*  
5436 *altar, thus saith the LORD: Behold, a child*  
5437 *shall be born unto the house of David,*  
5438 *Josiah by name; and upon thee shall he offer*  
5439 *the priests of the high places that burn*  
5440 *incense upon thee, and men's bones shall be*  
5441 *burnt upon thee.”*                   (I K 13:1-2)  
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5444        “44:28 *That saith of Cyrus: He is my*  
5445        *shepherd, and shall perform all my pleasure,*  
5446        *even saying to Jerusalem: Thou shalt be built;*  
5447        *and to the Temple: Thy foundation shall be*  
5448        *laid. 45:1 Thus saith the LORD to his*  
5449        *anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have*  
5450        *holden, to subdue nations before him; and I*  
5451        *will loose the loins of kings, to open before*  
5452        *him the two leaved gates; and the gates shall*  
5453        *not be shut.”*        (Isa 44: 28 to 45: 1)

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5455        So, as we have seen in these four passages, we get  
5456        the feeling that the souls were created all at once;  
5457        but not all at once were they sent to be clothed in  
5458        flesh, but they are being sent progressively as per  
5459        the divine plans. **But suppose that this theory of**  
5460        **mine is wrong; let’s analyze the alternatives.**

5461        If we cannot admit the theory that **God created**  
5462        **all human souls at once**, and they will continue  
5463        being born to the end, and that He keeps them  
5464        somewhere, we at least have to admit one of these  
5465        two alternatives: **a) either God has not finished his**  
5466        **creative work** since its beginning about 6,000 years  
5467        ago; or **b) God did stop creating**, but the soul  
5468        creates itself, automatically, from the male and  
5469        female gametes, just as the bone structure, the  
5470        muscles, the nerves, etc. of the fetus create  
5471        themselves.

5472        **Accepting alternative “a”** would contradict Gen  
5473        2:1-3, Heb 4:4 and 10, just as the rest of the Bible,  
5474        that teaches that God’s creation lasted six days and  
5475        then He rested on the seventh; and that from there  
5476        on, all matters functions on its own, reproducing  
5477        automatically, changing form, etc., according to the  
5478        laws He established; which matter cannot stop  
5479        fulfilling.

5480 In other words, we would have to discard this  
5481 healthy teaching and think that God, since creation,  
5482 continued to create souls on a daily basis, each  
5483 hour, each minute and each second, to put them in  
5484 the bodies of thousands and thousands of babies that  
5485 are born in the world. Absurd!

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5487 *“<sup>1</sup> Thus the Heavens and the Earth were*  
5488 *finished, and all the host of them. <sup>2</sup> And on*  
5489 *the seventh day God ended his work which*  
5490 *he had made; and he rested on the seventh*  
5491 *day from all his work which he had made. <sup>3</sup>*  
5492 *And God blessed the seventh day, and*  
5493 *sanctified it, because **that in it he had rested***  
5494 *from all his work which God created and*  
5495 *made.”* (Gn 2:1-3)

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5497 *“For he spake in a certain place of the*  
5498 *seventh day on this wise: And God did rest*  
5499 *the seventh day from all his works.”*  
5500 (Heb 4:4)

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5502 *“For he that is entered into his rest, he also*  
5503 *hath ceased from his own works, as God did*  
5504 *from his.”* (Heb 4:10)

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5506 **Accepting theory “b”** would take us to  
5507 something even more illogical: thinking that  
5508 something spiritual, as the soul, can be produced by  
5509 something physical, as the body, and that this not-  
5510 physical thing that is the soul, multiplies itself in the  
5511 sexual cells of the human being, in order to grow  
5512 with nourishment. This aligns itself with the  
5513 Russellist theory that says that the soul, like  
5514 something non-physical, it doesn’t exist, and

5515 therefore it is completely absurd, as I already  
5516 proved in former chapters.

5517 **So, we either accept that there is a “warehouse**  
5518 **of souls” or we fall into the absurd. I don’t think**  
5519 **there is another alternative, but if someone sees**  
5520 **it, please write to me and explain it clearly, as I**  
5521 **have done; I will be most thankful.** Likewise the  
5522 reader could write if he does not see another  
5523 alternative, but rather sees a lack of internal or  
5524 external logic harmony to this theory of a  
5525 warehouse of souls that I explain; or if he sees  
5526 errors in the chain of reasoning used to reach such  
5527 conclusion.

5528 **Well then, the existence of a “warehouse of**  
5529 **souls” would perfectly explain predestination.**  
5530 God does not force some to be saved, and others to  
5531 be condemned, rather, since He knows them ahead  
5532 of time, sin He “sees” how they are while in the  
5533 “warehouse”, he sends some to be born in a certain  
5534 epoch, family, race, or nation, and others in another.

5535 It is the same differentiation that a sculptor would  
5536 do as he looks at the different materials or the  
5537 different styles of marble he can use for his statue;  
5538 he would know what the statue would look like,  
5539 since he is looking at the material he will use, and  
5540 has the proper knowledge and experience to do so.

5541 **The soul of the Pharaoh that would not let the**  
5542 **Israelites leave Egypt,** was sent to be born in the  
5543 body being developed in the womb of the wife of  
5544 the previous pharaoh; so that this evil soul came to  
5545 the world to the place, time and family that were  
5546 convenient to the plans of God. In that sense, God  
5547 predestined it, but He did not predestine it to be  
5548 evil, but rather to be in the right place at the right  
5549 time so it could fulfill with his evil inclinations,  
5550 God’s plans.



5586 **God knew Jeremiah before he was formed in his**  
5587 **mother's womb**

5588 According to this verse we can see that God knew  
5589 the quality of Jeremiah's soul before his body  
5590 existed; before he was formed in his mother's  
5591 womb. That could prove that there is a "warehouse  
5592 of souls", where they are kept since their creation  
5593 and until the time when they are to be born in a  
5594 body. Before that time it would not be called birth,  
5595 but creation. This would explain that God could  
5596 send a bad soul to be born of a father He wants to  
5597 punish; or to one good father that would be a living  
5598 testimony for that bad soul that, having been created  
5599 already, is going to be born now.

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5601 *"Before I formed thee in the belly I knew*  
5602 *thee; and before thou camest forth out of the*  
5603 *womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a*  
5604 *prophet unto the nations."* (Jer 1:5)

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5606 Paul makes a similar comment about his own  
5607 calling:

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5609 *"But when it pleased God, who separated me*  
5610 *from my mother's womb, and called me by*  
5611 *his grace."* (Gal 1:15)

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5613 From the womb is not the same as before the  
5614 womb. Paul's case is the latter (from the womb).  
5615 Jeremiah's case is the first, from before the womb.  
5616 In both cases we see the probability that it refers to  
5617 the knowledge of the soul that had already been  
5618 created, but was not born yet.

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5658 some time before or after birth, **He can send a soul**  
5659 **that He knows is evil or problematic to the body**  
5660 **of a baby whose father He wants to punish.** And  
5661 vice versa, **He can send a soul that He knows will**  
5662 **be faithful, to the body of a baby to be born of a**  
5663 **person He wants to bless.**

5664 And there's more. He can send to that family just  
5665 one good soul, or several, or none. Or He can send a  
5666 bad soul, to make them suffer by having it as a son  
5667 or daughter. Even the degree of evil can be  
5668 predetermined: Agrippina was well served by a son  
5669 like Nero, who murdered her. It was not enough to  
5670 send her a sinner for a son; for she did not care that  
5671 he was a sinner. She had killed her own husband as  
5672 well as others; sin for her was nothing. But her own  
5673 life and her position of regent over her son and the  
5674 Roman Empire was important for her.

5675 That is why it's not only probable to decide if the  
5676 soul sent to the body of a baby of a given person  
5677 will be good or bad, it is also probable to decide  
5678 how bad or how good that soul will be. **This way**  
5679 **parents can be blessed or punished in their**  
5680 **children, and even in their descendant, without**  
5681 **injustice being done nevertheless.**

5682 Perhaps God sends to the bodies of our babies  
5683 souls that act **with** us, totally, partially, temporally,  
5684 sporadically, or continuously, **just as we act with**  
5685 **God**, in order to teach us or punish us. On the other  
5686 hand, perhaps **God sends a specially twisted soul**  
5687 **to righteous parents**, in order to show that he who  
5688 wants to be bad will be bad regardless of what he is  
5689 taught or how he is treated. There is less  
5690 justification for he who does wrong having been  
5691 taught right, than he who was taught wrong and did  
5692 wrong, or he who was taught wrong and did right.

5693 It may not look logical to us that a person we  
5694 consider good goes through bad things or has evil  
5695 children; but we need to take into consideration that  
5696 we do not see everything that goes on inside the  
5697 soul of a human being, nor we could judge, even if  
5698 we did see it, what that human being deserves, or  
5699 what God has determined for him, in order to show  
5700 his patience and acceptance of the divine  
5701 determinations.

5702 Let's examine the example of King David, to  
5703 whom God sent two sons (Amon and Absalom). At  
5704 the appropriate time these two sons acted as  
5705 punishment for what he did to Uriah the Hittite.  
5706 David was a man of God, yet God, knowing he was  
5707 going to sin, prepared the way (**I believe**) by  
5708 sending him the sons he sent him. **Anyone who**  
5709 **knew David in a superficial way, and did not**  
5710 **know the vile and great wrong he did to Uriah**  
5711 **would be appalled at what happened to his sons.**

5712 This is a complex issue that only God can process  
5713 correctly. There are parents who care so little about  
5714 their children that they don't care how they turn out,  
5715 and don't even know if they eat or not; some don't  
5716 even know them. Parents like that (even though  
5717 because of special circumstances they keep their  
5718 children at home), don't care about their children,  
5719 so it is no punishment for them how they turn out.  
5720 That is why I say once more, it is a complex matter,  
5721 but **God has everything under control.**

5722 If we read Dt 24:16 we'll see that God does not  
5723 punish the parents for the sins of the children or the  
5724 children for the sins of the fathers. The same can be  
5725 said of Ezekiel 18. Therefore, it is logical to think  
5726 that God would not punish a man by making his  
5727 children be sinners even if those children don't want  
5728 to be, nor making the children suffer when they

5729 don't deserve it. We also need to remember that  
5730 some times there are human beings that suffer, not  
5731 because of their deeds, but because of some plan of  
5732 God, like the blind man, of whom Jesus said that  
5733 neither he nor his parents had sinned, but that would  
5734 serve to make manifest the works of God.

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5736 ***“The fathers shall not be put to death for the***  
5737 ***children, neither shall the children be put to***  
5738 ***death for the fathers; every man shall be put***  
5739 ***to death for his own sin.”*** (Deut 24:16)

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5741 ***“The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son***  
5742 ***shall not bear the iniquity of the father,***  
5743 ***neither shall the father bear the iniquity of***  
5744 ***the son; the righteousness of the righteous***  
5745 ***shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the***  
5746 ***wicked shall be upon him.”*** (Ezk 18:20)

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5750 **Summary of chapter 13.** I call it “warehouse of  
5751 souls” a probable place where God keeps souls He  
5752 already created all at once, and who will be sent to  
5753 Earth according to the divine plans. Two easily  
5754 recognizable cases are those of Josiah and Cyrus,  
5755 King of Persia.

5756 If we did not admit that God created all souls at  
5757 once, we would have to think that he never ceased  
5758 from his creative work, since He has to create the  
5759 souls of all the babies that continue to be born all  
5760 around the world every day, every hour every  
5761 minute and every second. The other alternative  
5762 would be to suppose that the soul does not exist and  
5763 the human being is nothing but matter; that it

5764 manufactures itself, automatically, thanks to the  
5765 laws that God set in this world, including plants.

5766 By accepting the theory of the warehouse of  
5767 souls, predestination is clear, as in the cases of  
5768 Pharaoh, and the betrayal of Judas; and in the case  
5769 of a man who is punished in the person of his son,  
5770 as in the case of Agrippina and Nero.

5771 There are some verses in which those who talk  
5772 express themselves as if they had knowledge that  
5773 there is a warehouse of souls.

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