

GOD'S EQUATION FOR HUMAN EXISTENCE: -

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NOTE: - All Bible texts are from the King James Version.

1. What two steps were required by the Lord in the giving of life to the first created man?
"And the LORD God formed man [of] the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." (Genesis 2:7.)

➤ The above verse contains the following equation for human existence: -

A body formed from the dust of the ground + God's imparting of the breath of life = A Living Soul.

2. How has the apostle Paul echoed Moses' statement concerning the creation of Adam as a living soul?
"And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam [was made] a quickening spirit." (1 Corinthians 15:45.)

WE ARE TOTALLY DEPENDENT UPON GOD FOR OUR LIFE AND VERY EXISTENCE: -

3. How have the Bible writers recorded the truth that we are totally dependent upon the Lord for our very existence?
*"All the while my breath [is] in me, and *the spirit of God [is] in my nostrils."* (Job 27:3.)

NOTE: - * The margin has "that is, the breath which God gave him".

"The spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life." (Job 33:4.)

"Thus saith God the LORD, he that created the heavens, and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; he that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein." (Isaiah 42:5.)

"God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things." (Acts 17:24 & 25.)

"For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring." (Acts 17:28.)

4. In whose hand or power does the godly man Job state that the soul of every living thing is in?
*"Who knoweth not in all these that the hand of the LORD hath wrought this? In whose hand [is] the *soul of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind."* (Job 12:9 & 10.)

NOTE: - * The margin has "Or, life".

5. Of what did the prophet Daniel accuse king Belshazzar of neglecting by his worship of the false and senseless gods while feasting in his palace?
"But hast lifted up thyself against the Lord of heaven; and they have brought the vessels of his house before thee, and thou, and thy lords, thy wives, and thy concubines, have drunk wine in them; and thou hast praised the gods of

silver, and gold, of brass, iron, wood, and stone, which see not, nor hear, nor know: and the God in whose hand thy breath [is], and whose [are] all thy ways, hast thou not glorified.” (Daniel 5:23.)

DEATH IS THE REVERSAL OF GOD’S LIFE GIVING EQUATION: -

6. What do the Bible writers record as happening to us when God takes away the breathe of life from us?
“If he set his heart upon man, [if] he gather unto himself his spirit and his breath; All flesh shall perish together, and a man shall turn again unto dust.” (Job 34:14 & 15.)

“Thou hidest thy face, they are troubled: thou takest away their breath, they die, and return to their dust. Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created: and thou renewest the face of the earth.” (Psalms 104:29 & 30.)

“Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.” (Ecclesiastes 12:7.)

NOTE: - The spirit that Solomon is referring to as returning to God who gave it when a person dies, is obviously the breath or spirit of life.

7. When men die, do their thoughts survive or perish?
“Put not your trust in princes, [nor] in the son of man, in whom [there is] no help. His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish.” (Psalms 146:3 & 4.)
8. Do men in the state of death remember God?
“For in death [there is] no remembrance of thee: in the grave who shall give thee thanks?” (Psalms 6:5.)
9. What is the place of the dead called?
“Wilt thou show wonders to the dead? shall the dead arise [and] praise thee? Selah. Shall thy lovingkindness be declared in the grave? [or] thy faithfulness in destruction? Shall thy wonders be known in the dark? and thy righteousness in the land of forgetfulness?” (Psalms 88:10 - 12.)
10. Do any of the dead praise the Lord?
“The dead praise not the LORD, neither any that go down into silence.” (Psalms 115:17.)

➤ Our life, our very existence, as a living soul is **TOTALLY DEPENDENT** upon God’s gift of the breath or spirit of life. When he decides to take that gift away, we die and our body decomposes and turns to dust again, and we are in a state of complete unconsciousness. The beliefs of spiritualists and new agers who hold that the soul of humanity is naturally immortal undermine any need for our continual dependence upon God in their beliefs. The simple understanding of what the above Scriptures are teaching show **WHY** these occultists are wrong! They don’t need God in any form whatsoever within their belief system; whereas the Christian Bible teaches us that we are **TOTALLY DEPENDENT** upon God for every day of our existence. It is clear that spiritualists believe the Devil’s first recorded lie – “Ye shall not surely die” – Genesis 3:4.

THE SOUL IS NOT IMMORTAL: -

11. How do the following Bible writers echo the words of Moses in our first passage in Genesis 2:7, that God has made us this soul – living souls?
“For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name [is] Holy; I dwell in the high and holy [place], with him also [that is] of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones. For I will not contend for ever, neither will I be always wroth: for the spirit should fail before me, and the souls [which] I have made.” (Isaiah 57:15 & 16.)

“So Zedekiah the king swore secretly unto Jeremiah, saying, [As] the LORD liveth, that made us this soul, I will not put thee to death, neither will I give thee into the hand of these men that seek thy life.” (Jeremiah 38:16.)

NOTE: - We are living souls who do **NOT** exist in a state independent of our Creator.

12. Do any of the following terms appear in the Bible?

- “The immortal soul”;
- “The eternal soul”;
- “The everlasting soul”; or,
- “The undying soul”.

NO! One can search the Bible and they will **NOT** find any of the above expressions used concerning the soul.

13. Why would the Bible writers not use any of the above terms to describe the soul, when it is so commonly believed amongst professed Christians that the above expressions do give a true description of the soul?

The reason why the Bible does **NOT** contain such expressions concerning the soul, is because the Bible writers have taught us that the soul is capable of dying, and is capable of being destroyed. Hence the soul **CANNOT** be immortal as far as the Christian Bible is concerned.

14. What would the Lord do to the soul that consorted with spiritualistic mediums?

“And the soul that turneth after such as have familiar spirits, and after wizards, to go a whoring after them, I will even set my face against that soul, and will cut him off from among his people.” (Leviticus 20:6.)

15. What did the prophet Balaam want to be the fate of his soul?

*“Who can count the dust of Jacob, and the number of the fourth [part] of Israel? Let *me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his!” (Numbers 23:10.)*

NOTE: - * The margin has based upon the Hebrew, “my soul,” or “my life”, making Balaam’s statement read as follows: - “Let my soul die the death of the righteous”.

16. What did Joshua and the children of Israel do to the souls they conquered during their conquest of the Promised Land? How plainly is it stated by the inspired writer what they did to these souls?

“And that day Joshua took Makkedah, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and the king thereof he utterly destroyed, them, and all the souls that [were] therein; he let none remain: and he did to the king of Makkedah as he did unto the king of Jericho.” (Joshua 10:28.)

“And from Lachish Joshua passed unto Eglon, and all Israel with him; and they encamped against it, and fought against it: And they took it on that day, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and all the souls that [were] therein he utterly destroyed that day, according to all that he had done to Lachish.” (Joshua 10: 34 & 35.)

“And Joshua went up from Eglon, and all Israel with him, unto Hebron; and they fought against it: And they took it, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and the king thereof, and all the cities thereof, and all the souls that [were] therein; he left none remaining, according to all that he had done to Eglon; but destroyed it utterly, and all the souls that [were] therein.” (Joshua 10:36 & 37.)

“And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to Debir; and fought against it: And he took it, and the king thereof, and all the cities thereof; and they smote them with the edge of the sword, and utterly destroyed all the souls that [were] therein; he left none remaining: as he had done to Hebron, so he did to Debir, and to the king thereof; as he had done also to Libnah, and to her king. So Joshua smote all the country of the hills, and of the south, and of the

vale, and of the springs, and all their kings: he left none remaining, but utterly destroyed all that breathed, as the LORD God of Israel commanded.” (Joshua 10:38 - 40.)

“And Joshua at that time turned back, and took Hazor, and smote the king thereof with the sword: for Hazor beforetime was the head of all those kingdoms. And they smote all the souls that [were] therein with the edge of the sword, utterly destroying [them]: there was not any left to breathe: and he burnt Hazor with fire.” (Joshua 11:10 & 11.)

17. What did Samson pray for concerning his soul at the time of his death?

“And Samson said, Let *me die with the Philistines. And he bowed himself with [all his] might; and the house fell upon the lords, and upon all the people that [were] therein. So the dead which he slew at his death were more than [they] which he slew in his life.” (Judges 16:30.)

NOTE: - * The margin has based on the Hebrew “my soul”, making Samson’s prayer read as follows: - “Let my soul die with the Philistines.”

18. What happens to the soul of the hypocrite?

“For what [is] the hope of the hypocrite, though he hath gained, when God taketh away his soul?” (Job 27:8.)

“But the hypocrites in heart heap up wrath: they cry not when he bindeth them. They *die in youth, and their life [is] among the unclean.” (Job 36:13 & 14.)

NOTE: - * The margin has based upon the Hebrew, “Their soul dieth”.

19. Can any person keep alive his or her own soul?

“All [they that be] fat upon earth shall eat and worship: all they that go down to the dust shall bow before him: and none can keep alive his own soul.” (Psalms 22:29.)

NOTE: - No person can keep alive his or her own soul. Thus the soul **cannot** be immortal and self-existing.

20. What did God do to the souls of the Egyptians who were persecuting the children of Israel?

“He made a way to his anger; he spared not their soul from death, but gave their life over to the pestilence.” (Psalms 78:50.)

21. What will the Lord do for the souls of those who fear him?

“Behold, the eye of the LORD [is] upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy; To deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.” (Psalms 33:18 & 19.)

NOTE: - The Lord will deliver the soul of those who fear him from death. Obviously the soul can therefore die.

22. What does the adulterous man do to his soul?

“[But] whoso committeth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding: he [that] doeth it destroyeth his own soul.” (Proverbs 6:32.)

23. What has the prophet Ezekiel recorded as the fate of the soul that sins?

“The soul that sinneth, it shall die. ... The soul that sinneth, it shall die.” (Ezekiel 18:4 & 20.)

24. What did Ezekiel liken the apostate leaders of Israel to, and what were they doing to certain souls?

“Her princes in the midst thereof [are] like wolves ravening the prey, to shed blood, [and] to destroy souls, to get dishonest gain.” (Ezekiel 22:27.)

25. According to Jesus, what is God able to do to both body and soul?

“And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.” (Matthew 10:28.)

26. In the Garden of Gethsemane, what point did Jesus' soul reach?
"And saith unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful unto death: tarry ye here, and watch." (Mark 14:34.)
27. What was to be the fate of the soul that did not accept the message of "That prophet"?
"And it shall come to pass, [that] every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people." (Acts 3:23.)
28. Those who aid in the conversion of a sinner, what shall they save the soul from?
"Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins." (James 5:20.)

☞ The soul clearly is **NOT** immortal but is subject to death and destruction.

29. In light of the above facts, what relevant question did the Psalmist ask?
"What man [is he that] liveth, and shall not see death? shall he deliver his soul from the hand of the grave? Selah." (Psalms 89:48.)
30. Because of the dependent state of our existence, who is the only One who can redeem our souls from the power of the grave?
"But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave: for he shall receive me. Selah." (Psalms 49:15.)