

Deadly Delusions

How was man created?

Genesis 2:7

And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

We see from this scripture the way man was created and what man was made from. To put in simple mathematics, the dust of the ground (body) + the breath of life = a living soul. Now we need to be clear that when God created man, he did not create a ghostly apparition and place it inside Adam's body. God formed Adam's body from the dirt and then breathed into his nostrils his breath and these two things alone made a living soul. That being said, the following statement may be shocking to you. You do not have a soul; you are a soul! Now let's back this statement up with more biblical proof.

Acts 2:41

Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

Acts 27:37

And we were all in the ship two hundred threescore and sixteen souls.

In these two verses, we see both using the word soul to describe living people. In Acts 2:41 and Acts 27:37 surely, they were not referencing ghosts being added to the church and an actual ghost ship. Therefore, we can conclude that a soul is not what you have but what you are.

There is no such thing as the immortality of a soul before the second coming of Christ. Most sincere Christians believe that while their bodies might decay and die that their souls or ghostly apparition cannot be killed thus declaring them as immortal. The word of God does not support such a claim.

Ezekiel 18:4

...the soul that sinneth, it shall die.

Romans 6:23 verifies this statement by saying, "...the wages of sin is death". So, if the soul that sins shall die, then there is no such thing as an immortal soul.

What happens when someone dies?

Ecclesiastes 12:7

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

Genesis 3:19

In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it was thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

These two verses are coherent with how God created man in Genesis 2:7. A lot of people in our modern society today equate the word “spirit” or “soul” to be a ghostly apparition. However, in Ecclesiastes when God said, “the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.” The word “spirit” and “soul” actually translate to “breath” in the new and old testament. This would be synonymous with how God created man. Again, God did not give Adam a soul he breathed into Adam’s nostrils His breath and that made Adam a living soul. Therefore, when we die, the spirit (God’s breath) returns unto God who gave it.

Do we go anywhere when we die?

Job 21:32

Yet shall he be brought to the grave, and shall remain in the tomb.

Contrary to popular belief, the bible teaches that we do not go anywhere when we die. God’s word teaches that we remain in the grave until the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. Let’s take a closer look at Christ’s words in the book of John.

John 5:28-29

Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

Notice, Jesus states, “the hour is coming that all that are in the graves shall hear his voice and shall come forth”. This means that those that are in the graves have not yet heard the voice of God and they have not yet gone forth from the grave. Jesus is communicating the hour is coming when the resurrection of life and the resurrection of damnation will take place. If the wicked are already in hell, why would there need to be a resurrection? And if the righteous are already in heaven why would there need to be a resurrection? In this next passage you will see how God explains that even David is still in the grave awaiting the second coming of Christ.

Acts 2:29

Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulcher is with us unto this day.

Acts 2:34

For David is not ascended into the heavens...

Here we see the God making it clear that David is not in heaven yet. David even believed this himself when he stated the following in this psalm.

Psalm 13:3

Consider and here me, O Lord my God: lighten mine eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death;

David believed that when we die, we sleep in the grave and await the second coming of Jesus Christ. All throughout the bible we see this communicated. Below are just a few examples.

Death as a sleep in the bible

Deut. 31:16 Thou (Moses) shall sleep with thy fathers.

2 Sam. 7:12 Thou (David) shall sleep with thy fathers.

1 Kings 1:21 The king shall sleep with his fathers.

1 Kings 2:10 So David slept with his fathers.

1 Kings 11:21 David slept with his fathers.

1 Kings 11:43 Solomon slept with his fathers.

1 Kings 14:20 He (Jeroboam) slept with his fathers.

1 Kings 14:31 Rehoboam slept with his fathers.

1 Kings 15:8 Abijam slept with his fathers.

1 Kings 15:24 Asa slept with his fathers.

1 Kings 16:6 Baasha slept with his fathers.

2 Kings 8:24 Joram slept with his fathers.

Job 3:13 I should have slept.

Psalm 76:5 They have slept their sleep.

Jer. 51:39 ... and sleep a perpetual sleep.

1 Cor. 15:6 Some are fallen asleep.

How did Jesus describe death?

John 11:11-14

These things said he: and after that he saith unto them, our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep. Then said his disciples, Lord, if he sleep, he shall do well. Howbeit Jesus spake of his death: but they thought that he had spoken of taking of rest in sleep. Then said Jesus unto them plainly, Lazarus is dead.

In these texts, we can clearly see that Jesus called Lazarus' death a sleep. Let's keep reading the rest of the story and we will even see a greater picture of what the bible teaches regarding death.

John 11:21,

Then said Martha unto Jesus, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.

John 11:23-24

Jesus saith unto her, thy brother shall rise again. Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day.

I don't believe there is a passage in all bible that communicates this teaching so clearly. Martha knew what the bible teaches regarding death. When she proclaimed that she knew her brother would rise again in the resurrection at the last day Jesus did not meet her with a rebuke to correct her thinking. Jesus did not tell Mary that Lazarus was in a better place and that she needed to get over it. Instead, he was about to prove that He had the power over the grave.

John 11:43

He cried with a loud voice... "Lazarus, come forth."

It's important to understand that Christ did not command Lazarus to come down from Heaven or come up from Hell. Christ simply commanded that Lazarus come forth from the grave because biblically that is where Lazarus would be. We see this same idea supported in the book of Acts at the stoning of Stephen.

Acts 7:59-60

And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

Speaking of Stephen's death, the bible teaches that he fell asleep. If Stephen went straight to heaven surely God could have inspired Luke (the author of Acts) to record such an event. Instead, the bible is clear that when we die, we really do rest in peace. This is why you have always seen R.I.P on the gravestones throughout your life.

Do the dead have conscious thoughts?

Ecclesiastes 9:5-6

For the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not any thing, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten. Also their love, and their hatred, and their envy, is now perished; neither have they any more a portion for ever in any thing that is done under the sun.

Ecclesiastes 9:10

Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest.

From these verses, we see God's word making it evident that there is no way the dead could have conscious thoughts. Verse 10 made it abundantly clear as well that there is no work, device, knowledge, or wisdom in the grave. To say otherwise it a rejection of the word of God.

Will those that have died be resurrected and return home?

Job 7:9-10

As the cloud is consumed and vanisheth away: so he that goeth down to the grave shall come up no more. He shall return no more to his house, neither shall his place know him any more.

Seeing this in scripture should cause every Christian to consider why all of the programs propagating this idea of spiritualism and necromancy are so promulgated on television today.

When will the dead be resurrected to live with Jesus?

John 6:39

And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.

1 Corinthians 15:52

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.

1 Thessalonians 4:16

For the lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

If those that have died are already in heaven, then why would there need to be a resurrection of the dead in Christ at the second coming of Jesus? The bible teaches that all the dead are asleep in their grave awaiting the second coming of Jesus.

Why does satan want us to believe in spiritualism?

Matthew 24:24

For there shall arise false christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

Jesus warned of many false christs that would come to work great signs and wonders. This text implies that through these signs and wonders they could deceive the very elect. We need to be careful not to think that we cannot be deceived as Christians. David was God' elect chosen as a child to be the victor over Goliath and the King of Israel; however, David was deceived by the devil to enter into his sin conspiring to have Uriah killed and committing adultery with Bathsheba. Therefore, we need not to think ourselves to be undeceivable! Many deceptions that occur regarding necromancy and spiritualism is accomplished through sorcerers and witches. All of which God's word forbids! See Deuteronomy 18:10-12

Spiritualism Is Made Possible By Devils.

Revelation 16:14

For they are the spirits of devils working miracles...

We must remember that the Egyptians sorcerers of Pharaoh could perform several of the 10 plagues of Egypt by the power of the devil. A lot of people that haven't been raised to study the bible are of the belief that every miracle comes from God. However, God's word is clear that the devils can work miracles too; therefore, we must be extremely careful in what we believe testing even our experiences to the word of God to see if they are coherent with it. I meet many people who make the mistake of placing their faith more in their experiences than they do the word of God. Unfortunately, these kinds of people will not be able to make it to the kingdom of God if they do not place their faith more in the word of God.

Will satan use spirits in the last days to deceive??

1 Timothy 4:1

Now the spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

Answering Objections

Doesn't the bible say, "to be absent from the body is to be present with the lord"?

This is a very popular misquoted text in the bible that is misquoted to support the erroneous doctrine that we go straight to heaven when we die. Let's look at what the scripture actually says.

2 Corinthians 5:8

We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.

Notice, Paul did not say, "to be absent from the bod IS to be present with the Lord". He said, I am confident and willing to be absent from the body AND to be present with the Lord." Did you catch the difference? All Paul was saying is that He would like to be present from this corruptible sinful body and be present with Jesus. So, he was in no way implying that we leave our bodies at death to go and be with God in heaven. If that was the case, then there would be no need for a resurrection of the righteous at the second coming if we are already in heaven.

What about the thief on the cross?

In order to understand what happened with the thief on the cross, we must take a look at the scripture itself.

Luke 23:43

And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.

While Christians believe that the words of the bible are inspired by God according to 2 Timothy 3:16, we have to understand that the original scrolls of the Bible were not written with punctuation. Therefore, the words are inspired by God without question, but the punctuation of the bible was added hundreds of years later after the development of the bible. As you may be aware, once misplaced comma in a sentence can change the meaning of the entire sentence. This is the case with Luke 23:43. Now, allow me to prove it.

The claim is made in this passage that Jesus went to heaven with the thief on the cross that very day. But, if this is the case and Jesus did go to heaven that very day, then Jesus lied to Mary Magdalene.

John 20:17

Jesus saith unto her, touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.

In this passage, Jesus was very clear that He had not yet ascended to His Father. That being said, Jesus and the thief could not have gone to heaven that day. So, if this is true, and indeed it is, then how do we explain Luke 23:43. Understanding this passage is as simple as understanding that the punctuation is not inspired by God. The men that added the punctuation placed a comma in the wrong place to give the passage a contradicting view to what Jesus had told Mary.

*Luke 23:43 reads in the bible as followed, “**And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.**”*

Notice, the comma was placed in front of the word “today” causing the reader to pause before continuing to read.

*The comma should have been placed as followed, “**And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee To day, shalt thou be with me in paradise.**”*

Did you catch the difference? In other words, Jesus was making the promise to the thief that very day that he would be with Him in paradise. Jesus was not saying that He and the thief would be in paradise that day together. That my friends is a big difference.

