

DICHOTOMY, TRICHOTOMY, OR...SOMETHING ELSE?

This introduces us to the question of definition &/ description:

1. We are **both** material and immaterial

We could also say outer man and inner man.

This **separates** Christianity from any and all evolutionary views which teach some form of monism / monistic view.

- When the body dies, you die
- When breathing & brain activity cease to function you cease to exist

All Christians believe we are material (a body) & immaterial (the you!).

When the body dies, you go to be with the Lord.

The you never dies (Saved and unsaved.)

The you will be reunited with a glorified body.

This understanding (material & immaterial) is where we begin and end!

2. The immaterial **seems** to have more than one part or...substance / element.

Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul (ψυχή) and spirit (πνεύματος), and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart καρδιάς.

1 Thessalonians 5:23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit (πνεῦμα) and soul (ψυχή) and body (σῶμα) be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. **1 Thessalonians 5:24** Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.

Mark 12:28 And one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered them well, asked him, Which is the first commandment of all? **Mark 12:29** And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord: **Mark 12:30** And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart (καρδιάς), and with all thy soul (ψυχή), and with all thy mind (διανοίας), and with all thy strength (ἰσχύος): this is the first commandment. **Mark 12:31** And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.

2 Corinthians 7:1 Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh (σαρκός) and spirit (πνεύματος), perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

Revelation 2:23 And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins (νεφροῦς) and hearts (καρδιάς): and I will give unto every one of you according to your works.

The Scripture seems to use an (bewildering) array of descriptors for the immaterial part of humankind!

Dichotomy: summarizes these under 2 heads (material / immaterial)

Trichotomy summarizes these under 3 heads (body, soul, spirit) → which is (nearly?) impossible to demonstrate Biblically how they fit together!

Kidneys: (כְּלֵי) literally kidneys, reins, innermost part of a person...

This word is found 31x in the OT

Psalm 7:9 Oh let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end; but establish the just: for the righteous God trieth the hearts (לְבוֹת) and reins (וּכְלֵי־וֹת).

Psalm 26:2 Examine me, O LORD, and prove me; try my reins (כְּלֵי־וֹתִי) and my heart (וּלְבָבִי).

Psalm 73:21 Thus my heart (לְבָבִי) was grieved, and I was pricked in my reins (וּכְלֵי־וֹתִי).

Proverbs 23:15 My son, if thine heart (לְבָבְךָ) be wise, my heart (לְבָבִי) shall rejoice, even mine.

Proverbs 23:16 Yea, my reins (כְּלֵי־וֹתִי) shall rejoice, when thy lips speak right things.

Jeremiah 11:20 But, O LORD of hosts, that judgest righteously, that triest the reins (פְּלִיּוֹת) and the heart (לֵב), let me see thy vengeance on them: for unto thee have I revealed my cause.

Jeremiah 12:2 Thou hast planted them, yea, they have taken root: they grow, yea, they bring forth fruit: thou art near in their mouth, and far from their reins (מִכְלִי־תִיקָהּ).

Jeremiah 17:9 The heart (הֶלֶב) is deceitful (עָקָב) above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? **Jeremiah 17:10** I the LORD search the heart (לֵב), I try the reins (פְּלִיּוֹת), even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.

Jeremiah 20:12 But, O LORD of hosts, that triest the righteous, and seest the reins (פְּלִיּוֹת) and the heart (לֵב), let me see thy vengeance on them: for unto thee have I opened my cause.

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Heart (לֵב) (καρδία): the center of man, thinking, feeling, willing – the inner man, the command center

(לֵב) 593x in the OT

(καρδία): 156x in the NT

Genesis 6:5 And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart (לֵב) was only evil continually. **Genesis 6:6** And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart (אֶל-לִבּוֹ).

Genesis 8:21 And the LORD smelled a sweet savour; and the LORD said in his heart (אֶל-לִבּוֹ), I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart (לֵב) is evil from his youth; neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done.

Genesis 17:17 Then Abraham fell upon his face, and laughed, and said in his heart (בְּלִבּוֹ), Shall a child be born unto him that is an hundred years old? and shall Sarah, that is ninety years old, bear?

Genesis 24:45 And before I had done speaking in mine heart (אֶל-לִבּי), behold, Rebekah came forth with her pitcher on her shoulder; and she went down unto the well, and drew water: and I said unto her, Let me drink, I pray thee.

Genesis 27:41 And Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing wherewith his father blessed him: and Esau said in his heart (בְּלִבּוֹ), The days of mourning for my father are at hand; then will I slay my brother Jacob.

2 Samuel 6:16 And as the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal Saul's daughter looked through a window, and saw king David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart (לִבָּהּ).

1 Kings 3:12 Behold, I have done according to thy words: lo, I have given thee a wise and an understanding heart (לֵב); so that there was none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee.

Psalms 4:7 Thou hast put gladness in my heart (בְּלִבִּי), more than in the time that their corn and their wine increased.

Psalms 33:11 The counsel of the LORD standeth for ever, the thoughts of his heart (לֵב) to all generations.

Jeremiah 17:9 The heart (הֶלֶב) is deceitful (עָקָב) above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? **Jeremiah 17:10** I the LORD search the heart (לֵב), I try the reins (פְּלִיּוֹת), even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.

Proverbs 4:23 Keep thy heart (לִבְּךָ) with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

Proverbs 23:7 For as he thinketh in his heart (בְּנַפְשׁוֹ), so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart (לִבּוֹ) is not with thee.

Matthew 12:34 O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart (Ἐκ γὰρ τοῦ περισσεύματος τῆς καρδίας) the mouth speaketh. **Matthew 12:35** A good man out of the good treasure of the heart (ἐκ τοῦ ἀγαθοῦ θησαυροῦ) bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure (ἐκ τοῦ πονηροῦ θησαυροῦ) bringeth forth evil things.

Matthew 15:8 This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart (ἡ δὲ καρδία αὐτῶν) is far from me. **Matthew 15:16** And Jesus said, Are ye also yet without understanding? **Matthew 15:17** Do not ye yet understand, that whatsoever entereth in at the mouth goeth into the belly, and is cast out into the draught? **Matthew 15:18** But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart (ἐκ τῆς καρδίας); and they defile the man. **Matthew 15:19** For out of the heart (Ἐκ γὰρ τῆς καρδίας) proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies: **Matthew 15:20** These are the things which defile a man: but to eat with unwashen hands defileth not a man.

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thy heart (ἐξ ὅλης τῆς καρδίας σου), and with all thy soul (ἐξ ὅλης τῆς ψυχῆς σου), and with all thy mind (ἐξ ὅλης τῆς διανοίας σου), and with all thy strength (ἐξ ὅλης τῆς ἰσχύος σου): this is the first commandment. **Mark 12:31** And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is **none** other commandment greater than these. **Mark 12:32** And the scribe said unto him, Well, Master, thou hast said the truth: for there is one God; and there is none other but he: **Mark 12:33** And to love him with all the heart (ἐξ ὅλης τῆς καρδίας), and with all the understanding (ἐξ ὅλης τῆς συνέσεως), and with all the soul (ἐξ ὅλης τῆς ψυχῆς), and with all the strength (ἐξ ὅλης τῆς ἰσχύος), and to love his neighbour as himself, is more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.

Luke 6:43 For a good tree bringeth not forth corrupt fruit; neither doth a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. **Luke 6:44** For every tree is known by his own fruit. For of thorns men do not gather figs, nor of a bramble bush gather they grapes. **Luke 6:45** A good man out of the good treasure of his heart (ἐκ τοῦ ἀγαθοῦ θησαυροῦ τῆς καρδίας αὐτοῦ) bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart (ἐκ τοῦ πονηροῦ θησαυροῦ τῆς καρδίας αὐτοῦ) bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart (ἐκ γὰρ τοῦ περισσεύματος τῆς καρδίας) his mouth speaketh.

Soul (Ψυχή): soul, life, self – the “you”

In the NT it is used 103x.

Matthew 16:24 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. **Matthew 16:25** For whosoever will save his life (ψυχήν) shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life (ψυχήν) for my sake shall find it. **Matthew 16:26** For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul (ψυχήν)? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul (ψυχῆς)?

John 10:11 I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life (ψυχήν) for the sheep.

John 10:15 As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life (ψυχήν) for the sheep.

John 10:17 Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life (ψυχήν), that I might take it again.

John 12:23 And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified. **John 12:24** Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit. **John 12:25** He that loveth his life (ψυχήν) shall lose it; and he that hateth his life (ψυχήν) in this world shall keep it unto life eternal. **John 12:26** If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour. **John 12:27** Now is my soul (ψυχή) troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour.

Acts 14:22 Confirming the souls (ψυχὰς) of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.

Acts 15:24 Forasmuch as we have heard, that certain which went out from us have troubled you with words, subverting your souls (ψυχὰς), saying, Ye must be circumcised, and keep the law: to whom we gave no such commandment: **Acts 15:26** Men that have hazarded their lives (ψυχὰς) for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Acts 20:24 But none of these things move me, neither count I my life (τὴν ψυχήν μου) dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.

Acts 27:10 And said unto them, Sirs, I perceive that this voyage will be with hurt and much damage, not only of the lading and ship, but also of our lives (τῶν ψυχῶν ἡμῶν).

Acts 27:22 And now I exhort you to be of good cheer: for there shall be no loss of any man's life (ψυχῆς) among you, but of the ship.

Acts 27:37 And we were in all in the ship two hundred threescore and sixteen souls (ψυχαί).

Soul (נַפְשׁ): soul, self, life person, creature, the “you”

This is found 734x in the OT

Genesis 1:20 And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life (נַפְשׁ), and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven.

Genesis 1:21 And God created great whales, and every living creature (נַפְשׁ-לַיִם) that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

Genesis 1:30 And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life (נַפְשׁ), I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so.

Genesis 2:7 And the LORD God formed man (אָדָם) of the dust of the ground (עֹפָרָה), and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man (אָדָם) became a living soul (נַפְשׁ חַיָּה).

Genesis 9:4 But flesh with the life (נַפְשׁ) thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall ye not eat.

Genesis 9:5 And surely your blood of your lives will I require; at the hand of every beast will I require it, and at the hand of man; at the hand of every man's brother will I require **the life (אַתְּיָנֶפֶשׁ הָאָדָם)** of man.

Deuteronomy 4:9 Only take heed to thyself, and keep **thy soul (נַפְשֶׁךָ)** diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but teach them thy sons, and thy sons' sons;

Spirit (רוח): wind, breath, spirit, mind....

This word is found 377x in the OT

Genesis 1:2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And **the Spirit of God (רוח אֱלֹהִים)** moved upon the face of the waters.

Genesis 6:3 And the LORD said, **My spirit (רוחִי)** shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.

Genesis 7:22 All in whose nostrils was **the breath (רוּחַ)** of life, of all that was in the dry land, died.

Genesis 8:1 And God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the cattle that was with him in the ark: and God made **a wind (רוּחַ)** to pass over the earth, and the waters asswaged;

Ezekiel 37:1 The hand of the LORD was upon me, and carried me out **in the spirit of the LORD (בְּרוּחַ יְהוָה)**, and set me down in the midst of the valley which was full of bones,

Ezekiel 37:5 Thus saith the Lord GOD unto these bones; Behold, I will cause **breath (רוּחַ)** to enter into you, and ye shall live:

Ezekiel 37:6 And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put **breath (רוּחַ)** in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall know that I am the LORD. **Ezekiel 37:8** And when I beheld, lo, the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above: **but** there was no **breath (רוּחַ)** in them.

Ezekiel 37:9 Then said he unto me, Prophesy **unto the wind (אֶל־הַרוּחַ)**, prophesy, son of man (בְּרִיאַת־אָדָם), and say **to the wind (אֶל־הַרוּחַ)**, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Come from the four **winds (רוּחוֹת)**, **O breath (הַרוּחַ)**, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.

Ezekiel 37:10 So I prophesied as he commanded me, and **the breath (הַרוּחַ)** came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army. **Ezekiel 37:14** And shall put **my spirit (רוּחִי)** in you, and ye shall live, and I shall place you in your own land: then shall ye know that I the LORD have spoken it, and performed it, saith the LORD.

Spirit (πνεῦμα, ατος, τό): wind, breath, spirit, Spirit

This word is found 379x in the NT

Matthew 1:18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child **of the Holy Ghost (ἐκ πνεύματος ἁγίου)**.

Matthew 1:20 But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her **is of the Holy Ghost (ἐκ πνεύματός ἐστιν ἁγίου)**.

Matthew 3:16 And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw **the Spirit of God (τὸ πνεῦμα τοῦ θεοῦ)** descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:

Matthew 4:1 Then was Jesus led up **of the Spirit (ὑπὸ τοῦ πνεύματος)** into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

Matthew 5:3 Blessed are **the poor in spirit (οἱ πτωχοὶ τῷ πνεύματι)**: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 26:41 Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: **the spirit (τὸ μὲν πνεῦμα) indeed** is willing, **but the flesh (ἡ δὲ σὰρξ ἀσθενής)** is weak.

Matthew 27:50 Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up **the ghost (τὸ πνεῦμα)**.

John 3:1 There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: **John 3:2** The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him. **John 3:3** Jesus answered and said unto him, **Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.** **John 3:4** Nicodemus saith unto him, **How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?** **John 3:5** Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born **of water (ἐξ ὕδατος) and of the Spirit (καὶ πνεύματος), he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.** **John 3:6** That which is born **of the flesh is flesh (ἐκ τῆς σαρκὸς σὰρξ ἐστίν)**; and that which is born **of the Spirit is spirit (ἐκ τοῦ πνεύματος πνευμά ἐστίν)**. **John 3:7** Marvel not that I said unto thee, **Ye must be born again.** **John 3:8** The wind (Τὸ πνεῦμα) bloweth (πνεῖ) where it listeth (ὅπου θέλει), and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst **not** tell whence it cometh, **and** whither it goeth: so is every one that is born **of the Spirit (ἐκ τοῦ πνεύματος)**. **John 3:9** Nicodemus answered and said unto him, **How can these things be?** **John 3:10** Jesus answered and said unto him, **Art thou a master (διδάσκαλος) of Israel, and knowest not these things?**

Flesh (σάρξ, σαρκός): flesh, body, & especially fallen human nature!

This word is found 147x in the NT

Matthew 16:17 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for **flesh (σὰρξ)** and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.

Matthew 24:22 And except those days should be shortened, there should no **flesh (σάρξ)** be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.

Matthew 26:41 Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the **flesh (σὰρξ)** is weak.

Romans 1:3 Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David **according to the flesh (κατὰ σάρκα)**;

Romans 7:5 For when we were in the **flesh (ἐν τῇ σαρκί)**, the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death.

Romans 7:18 For I know that in me (that is, **in my flesh (ἐν τῇ σαρκί μου)**), dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.

Romans 7:25 I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the **flesh (σαρκί)** the law of sin.

Romans 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk **not after the flesh (μὴ κατὰ σάρκα)**, but after the Spirit. **Romans 8:2** For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. **Romans 8:3** For what the law could not do, in that it was weak **through the flesh (διὰ τῆς σαρκός)**, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin **in the flesh (ἐν τῇ σαρκί)**: **Romans 8:4** That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, **who walk not after the flesh (τοῖς μὴ κατὰ σάρκα περιπατοῦσιν)**, but after the Spirit (**ἀλλὰ κατὰ πνεῦμα**). **Romans 8:5** For they that are **after the flesh (κατὰ σάρκα)** do mind the things of the flesh (**τὰ τῆς σαρκὸς φρονοῦσιν**); but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. **Romans 8:6** For to be carnally (**τὸ γὰρ φρόνημα τῆς σαρκὸς**) minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. **Romans 8:7** Because the carnal (**τὸ φρόνημα τῆς σαρκὸς**) mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. **Romans 8:8** So then they that are in the **flesh (οἱ δὲ ἐν σαρκί ὄντες)** cannot please God. **Romans 8:9** But ye are **not in the flesh (Ὑμεῖς δὲ οὐκ ἐστὲ ἐν σαρκί)**, but in the Spirit (**ἀλλ' ἐν πνεύματι**), if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. **Romans 8:10** And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. **Romans 8:11** But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. **Romans 8:12** Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the **flesh (σαρκί)**, to live after the **flesh (σάρκα)**. **Romans 8:13** For if ye live after the **flesh (σάρκα)**, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

The (upper) bowels (σπλάγχνον,σπλαγχνίζομαι): actual bowels, compassion, pity (as a metaphor this is always used positively!

This word is found as a verb 12x and 11x as a noun.

Acts 1:18 Now this man purchased a field with the reward of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst asunder in the midst, and **all his bowels (πάντα τὰ σπλάγχνα αὐτοῦ)** gushed out.

Philippians 1:8 For God is my record, how greatly I long after you all **in the bowels (ἐν σπλάγχνοις Ἰησοῦ χριστοῦ)** of Jesus Christ.

Philippians 2:1 If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, **if any bowels and mercies (εἴ τις σπλάγχνα καὶ οἰκτιρμοί)**,

Colossians 3:12 Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, **bowels of mercies (σπλάγχνα οἰκτιρμοῦ)**, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;

Philemon 7 For we have great joy and consolation in thy love, because **the bowels (τὰ σπλάγχνα τῶν ἁγίων)** of the saints are refreshed by thee, brother.

Philemon 12 Whom I have sent again: thou therefore receive him, that is, **mine own bowels (τὰ ἐμὰ σπλάγχνα)**:

Philemon 20 Yea, brother, let me have joy of thee in the Lord: refresh **my bowels (τὰ σπλάγχνα ἐν κυρίῳ)** in the Lord.

1 John 3:17 But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and **shutteth up his bowels (κλείσῃ τὰ σπλάγχνα αὐτοῦ)** of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?

Matthew 9:36 But when he saw the multitudes, he was **moved with compassion (ἐσπλαγχνίσθη)** on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.

Matthew 14:14 And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with **compassion (ἐσπλαγχνίσθη)** toward them, and he healed their sick.

Matthew 15:32 Then Jesus called his disciples unto him, and said, **I have compassion** (Σπλαγχνίζομαι) on the multitude, because they continue with me now three days, and have nothing to eat: and I will not send them away fasting, lest they faint in the way.

Matthew 18:27 Then the lord of that servant was moved with **compassion** (Σπλαγχνισθεῖς), and loosed him, and forgave him the debt.

Matthew 20:34 So Jesus **had compassion** (Σπλαγχνισθεῖς) on them, and touched their eyes: and immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed him.

The belly (lower bowels) (κοιλία): belly, womb, and when used metaphorically, it is usually used for lower emotions.

Luke 1:15 For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even **from his mother's womb** (ἐκ κοιλίας μητρὸς αὐτοῦ).

Luke 1:41 And it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped **in her womb** (ἐν τῇ κοιλίᾳ αὐτῆς); and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost:

Luke 1:42 And she spake out with a loud voice, and said, Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit **of thy womb** (τῆς κοιλίας σου).

Luke 1:44 For, lo, as soon as the voice of thy salutation sounded in mine ears, the babe leaped **in my womb** (ἐν τῇ κοιλίᾳ μου) for joy.

Luke 15:16 And he would fain have filled **his belly** (τὴν κοιλίαν αὐτοῦ) with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him.

John 7:38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, **out of his belly** (ἐκ τῆς κοιλίας αὐτοῦ) shall flow rivers of living water.

Romans 16:18 For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own **belly** (κοιλία); and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.

Philippians 3:19 Whose end is destruction, **whose God is their belly** (ὃν ὁ θεὸς ἡ κοιλία), and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.)

These 2 words &/ concepts have a long history in Greco-Roman World:
Affections → higher & greater → eternal
Appetites → lower & less important → temporal

3. The parts are often used interchangeably and therefore indistinctly!

Genesis 41:8 And it came to pass in the morning that **his spirit** (רוּחֵו) was troubled; and he sent and called for all the magicians of Egypt, and all the wise men thereof: and Pharaoh told them his dream; but there was none that could interpret them unto Pharaoh.

Psalms 42:5 Why art thou cast down, **O my soul** (נַפְשִׁי)? and why art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance. **Psalms 42:6** O my God, **my soul** (נַפְשִׁי) is cast down within me: therefore will I remember thee from the land of Jordan, and of the Hermonites, from the hill Mizar.

John 12:27 **Now is my soul** (Νῦν ἡ ψυχή μου) troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour.

John 11:33 When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping which came with her, **he groaned in the spirit** (ἐνεβρμήσατο τῷ πνεύματι), and was troubled,

John 13:21 When Jesus had thus said, **he was troubled in spirit** (ἐταράχθη τῷ πνεύματι), and testified, and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me.

Acts 15:26 Men that have hazarded **their lives** (τὰς ψυχὰς αὐτῶν) for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 4:19 Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping **of their souls** (τὰς ψυχὰς αὐτῶν) to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator.

Matthew 27:50 Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, **yielded up the ghost** (ἀφῆκεν τὸ πνεῦμα).

Luke 23:46 And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend **my spirit** (τὸ πνεῦμά μου): and having said thus, **he gave up the ghost** (ἐξέπνευσεν).

Acts 7:59 And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, **receive my spirit** (δέξαι τὸ πνεῦμά μου).

Genesis 35:18 And it came to pass, as **her soul** (נַפְשָׁהּ) was in departing, (for she died) that she called his name Benoni: but his father called him Benjamin.

1 Kings 17:21 And he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried unto the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, I pray thee, let this child's **soul** (שׁוּל) come into him again.

Luke 1:46 And Mary said, **My soul** (ἡ ψυχὴ μου) doth magnify the Lord,

Luke 1:47 And **my spirit** (τὸ πνεῦμά μου) hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of **soul** (ψυχῆς) and **spirit** (πνεύματος), and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of **the thoughts and intents of the heart καρδίας**.

These are probably indistinguishable to us!

4. The parts must never be separated or divided up!

Dichotomy: 2

Trichotomy: 3

Polychotomy: many

We are always seen and addressed as a unity → one person, you / I!!!

The dangers lies in what we do with this!

➤ **Ranking the parts**

Spirit

Soul

Body

➤ **Then giving a specific function to each part**

Spirit: God

Soul: mind

Body: world

Spirit: responds to God / unfallen

Soul: sinful / easily misleads us

Body: center of sin

“When we sin, it is because we ignore or suppress the S/spirit and act out of the soul and body.”

Sam McVay Jr & Spenser Stewart

➤ **The Empty Room Theory:**

Spirit: needs a pastor

Soul: needs a psychologist

Body: needs a doctor

Obviously the last 2 rooms tend to grow.

5. The parts can only be and must only be understood as a unity!!!

Unity = you / a person / a complex unity!

1 Thessalonians 5:23 And the very God of peace sanctify **you wholly**; and I pray God **your whole** spirit (τὸ πνεῦμα) and soul (ἡ ψυχὴ) and body (τὸ σῶμα) be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. **1 Thessalonians 5:24 Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.**

God Himself will do His whole work on the whole man, so that we are wholly ready to see Him and we can be wholly sure of this!

James 4:1 From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members?

James 4:2 Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not.

James 4:3 Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts. **James 4:4** Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.

Matthew 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Romans 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. **Romans 12:2** And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Conclusions:

- 1. We are a unity.**
- 2. We will be a unity.**
- 3. We are a complex unity (material & immaterial).**
- 4. We exist, act, think, and live only as a unity!**
- 5. We must never go beyond this complex unity!!!**