MEDITATIONS ON THE TRUE CHRISTIAN LIFE

...."This book of the law [the Word of God] shall not depart from [always be in] your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful [take heed] to do according to all that is written in it; for THEN you will make your way prosperous, and THEN you will have success".... Joshua 1:8 NASB

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THE CREATION OF MAN

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Man, a Triune Being

* Genesis 1:27 records the creation of man in the image of God. Adam was the first man. Genesis 2:7. Through his sin came the fall of man. Man, after the fall, in his condition of spiritual death, could not know what the image of God was, without a revelation from Him. John 4:24. Jesus Christ, the Incarnate One, revealed that the Father was a Spirit Being. I Thessalonians 5:23. Paul in his revelation disclosed the fact that man is a triune being, consisting of a spirit, soul and body.

The spirit is the real man, created in the image of God. The soul includes the reasoning faculties. The Father-God created man in His own image, a spirit being, with a soul and body. Man's soul and body fit him for his life upon this material universe which has been created for him. The real man is spirit. Man was to walk in fellowship with the Father-God in His realm, which is the realm of the spirit. Your body is not you. Your mind is not you. You have a mind which you use. You possess a body which you use. Your mind and body are merely the instruments of your spirit, the real YOU.

The man who is spiritually dead does not realize the fact that he was created in God's image, to walk with Him. This is due to the fact that all the natural man is able to know about reality, he gains through the five senses belonging to his physical body. These physical sense organs of the human body can only receive a stimulus from like substance, matter. Therefore, man's senses can perceive only for him a physical or material realm.

There exists, according to the Scriptures, a spiritual realm as well as a physical.

The Father, the Holy Spirit, the Angels, Satan and Demons, are all Spirit Beings. Our physical senses do not contact this spiritual realm. Ephesians 6:1-20 reveals the spiritual warfare surrounding us, from which our sense organs receive no stimuli.

We are not aware, through any physical contact, of the presence of the Holy Spirit or Angels.

Read John 16:7-15; Hebrews 1:14; John 14:23; I Corinthians 3:16; I Peter 5:8; Mark 16:17; I John 4:1-6; and James 4:7.

Because the doctor, with the point of his knife, has not been able to locate the spirit of man, the materialists and atheists have said that the body is the whole man.

Romans 1:18-25, 28. Man has refused to have God in his knowledge, because he has not been able to see Him with his physical eye, hear Him with his physical ear, or touch Him.

A fish might just as well say there is nothing outside of water, as for a man, limited to Sense Knowledge, to say there exists nothing but matter. We conclude that man is primarily a spirit being, created to walk with the Father-God on His level. We realize that when He created man, God had no body; yet man's fellowship was perfect and complete with Him. This reveals that man's body was subordinate to his spirit, and that his spirit was to dominate.

Man's spirit was to rule his mind and his body.

The body exists only for the spirit and soul of a body.

The spirit operates through the soul or intellect, and these in turn operate through the physical body. At death the man and his soul leave the body. When man has left his body, the body has no reason for existing; therefore, dissolution and disintegration set in at once.