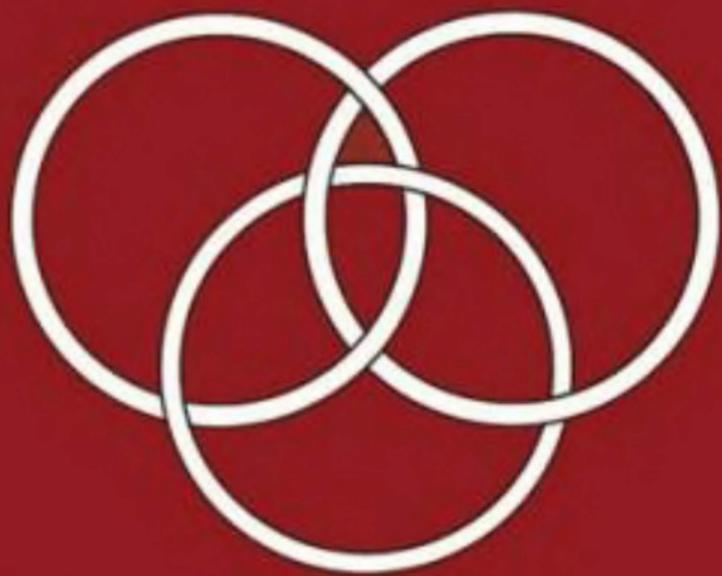


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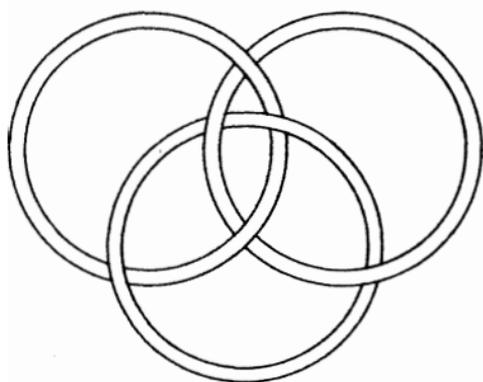


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INTRODUCTION

This is a series of four books packaged together for your convenience, you can also purchase any of the four volumes separately.

This volume describes the human body. It shows how the body functions in its relationship in the human personality.

An automobile has 14,000 different parts. When they all perform in unity you have soft and pleasurable transportation.

When your total person is united in oneness with God you are happy, resourceful, and delight in sharing your success with others.

I have been more than twenty years studying the subject of the dividing or separating the human spirit and the human soul. In my search for truth I found little material on the subject. But of recent years there have appeared books and magazine articles on the subject.

It may not be possible to live a victorious and fulfilling life without pertinent knowledge of the total man, spirit, soul, and body.



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THE MYSTERY OF THE HUMAN BODY

The Homo sapiens has exhausted the imagination of a million artists during the past 6,000 years. The masters have painted man's muscles, the contour of his face, and the light of his eyes. From his toes to his hair, nothing has escaped the keen eye of the artist. Yet the perfect portrait of the human remains to be completed.

The human body has puzzled doctors in the scientific laboratory. Every day scientists discover more truth about the human body.

The human body has mystified the philosopher in the classroom. The faces, the languages, the cultures of the earth challenge his ingenuity.

A few years ago, chemists said that the

value of the human body was about 98¢. They were estimating the value of the iron, the zinc, or the minerals in the human body. However, modern science says man's body is worth a million dollars!

Using a chemical supply catalog, a professor of the University of Washington recently calculated the value of the marketable substances in a normal 150 pound man. At today's prices, for example, the body's 10,200 units of the clotting agent prothrombin would sell for \$30,600. The 40 grams of myoglobin, another blood component, are worth \$100,000. The professor says, "I've always been kind of appalled at the people who sell their plasma for only \$10.00 a pint, when in that pint you have maybe 30 grams of albumin—and that is worth \$945.00."

God says that your human body is worth the total riches of Planet Earth. Matthew 16:26, "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"

AGILITY OF THE HUMAN BODY

The agility of the human body makes it

possible for man to skate on ice, jump high in the air, run like the wind, ride in space, or go to the depths of the ocean in a submarine.

The human body has fingers that can dance on a piano keyboard or strum a guitar. It has lungs that can blow a wind instrument to make beautiful music. The human body is capable of building houses, planes, cars, or scientific instruments.

FAMOUS BODIES *"The body beautiful"*

From time immemorial humans have admired the male and female physique. The mighty muscles of Atlas carrying the world are an exclamation of the strength and magnificence of the human form. The famous Pieta in Rome, with Mary holding Jesus, is a symphony in stone.

In the Bible God tells of the strongest man in history, Samson. Judges 16:3 says, "And Samson lay till midnight, and arose at midnight, and took the doors of the gate of the city, and the two posts, and went away with them, bar and all, and put them upon his shoulders, and carried them up to the top of an hill that is before Hebron." Those heavy city gates for chariots and horses, possibly covered with metal to hold back the enemy in

the time of war, were ripped off their hinges by naked hands. He placed them on his shoulders and he walked up a Judean hill. What a sight to behold! What a body!

Feminine bodies have been commercialized from Jezebel, who tried to kill Elijah, to Herodias, who had John the Baptist beheaded, to Cleopatra who used her body allurements to capture the hearts of rulers of empires.

The Bible describes the legendary monstrosity Goliath, the Philistine giant, in I Samuel 17:4, "And there went out a champion out of the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span." Finis J. Dake says this measures 13 feet, 4 inches. Imagine seeing a human standing over 13 feet tall!

The Bible says there was a family of these giants. II Samuel 21:18-22, "And it came to pass after this, that there was again a battle with the Philistines at Gob: then Sibbechai the Hushathite slew Saph, which was of the sons of the giant. And there was again a battle in Gob with the Philistines, where Elhanan the son of Jaareoregim, a Bethlehemite, slew the brother of Goliath the Gittite, the staff of whose spear was like a weaver's beam. And there was yet a battle in Gath, where was a man of great stature, that had on every hand

six fingers, and on every foot six toes, four and twenty in number; and he also was born to the giant. And when he defied Israel, Jonathan the son of Shimeah the brother of David slew him. These four were born to the giant in Gath, and fell by the hand of David and by the hand of his servants.”

THE HUMAN BODY IS A HOUSE OF FIVE ROOMS

For 6,000 years of human history, one of man's greatest astonishments has been the human body. Almost daily, science discovers something new about the amazing operations of the human body. This is because the human body was created by the Most High God. It forever remains the most mysterious of all creations.

Man must not forget that his physical body is important! God designed the contours of his outer person. God gave man five senses, or personalities, who live together in the house called body.

Your eyes watch where you are going and receive information for the brain. This is the room of sight. So much delightful living comes to us through the miracle of sight. The flowers, the stars, the oceans thrill the human

mind through the joy of sight.

Your ears hear the voices and the audio vibrations of Planet Earth. There are sweet sounds of a baby's laughter and bitter sounds of war and hate. Much of man's living is in this room.

The smell of delicious food being prepared and the smell of exotic flowers fill the air around us. The body delights itself with the stimulating aromas of Planet Earth.

Once I visited a perfume factory where there were hundreds of exotic scents from all over the world. It was impossible to decide on the sweetest fragrance.

Touch is so marvelous. Our sense of touch feels the majesty of God's creation. The touch of water running over the the body, the touch of a baby's skin, and the touch of a gorgeous flower are all part of the wonderful *room of feeling*.

There is a delightful world of delicious *tastes* for men to enjoy. Your ability to taste gives a million flavors to vibrant living.

Then there is the most remarkable pump that God designed and placed in your chest called the heart. It is a veritable miracle! It works harder and longer than any engine ever made by man.

There is also the majesty of the human brain. The Most High God figured it out and placed it in your head. It is far beyond medical comprehension. It is now known that this computer of the brain holds billions of pieces of information on its “micro chips” and “floppy discs.”

To all this, the Bible simply says that man is fearfully and wonderfully made. Psalm 139:14, “I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.”

THE HUMAN BODY DID NOT EVOLVE

God, the Sovereign of the universe, in His eternal wisdom conceived the desire to create an intellectual, moral and physical earth creature with spiritual responsibility and integrity. He made him to express His own nature of love and to receive love back from man.

Man is the most intricate creature of all original creations that God created. Even to this moment, man is a labyrinth of mystery and beauty.

Genesis 1:26-28, “And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness:

and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.”

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.”

Man did not slowly evolve by the power of fortuitous forces. Man did not arrive on Planet Earth by accident. Of a truth, he is fearfully and wonderfully made to the fullest meaning of those human expressions.

THE HUMAN BODY OUT OF CONTROL

From the Fall of Man in the Garden of Eden, the human body and its lusts have created sorrow and pain for man.

For example, David, king of Israel, has been mocked for 3,000 years because of his affair with Bathsheba. David's bodily transgression has caused much of his greatness to be forgotten. He was a great warrior. He was a mighty king for forty years. He composed some of the earth's most beautiful songs.

The uncontrolled body of Samson has made him a laughing stock for generations. Today films are made about Samson and Delilah.

The human body made wise King Solomon a fool. The Bible says he had a thousand wives and concubines. They finally took his heart away from God. We read in I Kings 11:1-13, "But King Solomon loved many strange women, together with the daughter of Pharaoh, women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Zidonians, and Hittites; Of the nations concerning which the LORD said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall not go in to them, neither shall they come in unto you: for surely they will turn away your heart after their gods: Solomon clave unto these in love. And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines: and his wives turned away his heart. For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned away his heart

after other gods: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as was the heart of David his father. For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites. And Solomon did evil in the sight of the LORD, and went not fully after the LORD, as did David his father. Then did Solomon build an high place for Chemosh, the abomination of Moab, in the hill that is before Jerusalem, and for Molech, the abomination of the children of Ammon. And likewise did he for all his strange wives, which burnt incense and sacrificed unto their gods. And the LORD was angry with Solomon, because his heart was turned from the LORD God of Israel, which had appeared unto him twice. And had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods; but he kept not that which the LORD commanded. Wherefore the LORD said unto Solomon, Forasmuch as this is done of thee, and thou hast not kept my covenant and my statutes, which I have commanded thee, I will surely rend the kingdom from thee, and will give it to thy servant. Notwithstanding in thy days I will not do it for David thy father's sake: but I will rend it out of the hand of thy son. Howbeit I will not rend away all the kingdom; but will give one tribe to thy son for David my

servant's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake which I have chosen."

So the intellectually wisest man of history permitted his body, the lowest part of his person, to rule him. Living by sinful flesh almost destroyed his eternal destiny.

MAN MUST LEARN THAT THE BODY IS MORE

Matthew 6:25, "Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?"

THE BODY IS THE TEMPLE OF GOD

I Corinthians 3:16, "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?"

II Corinthians 6:16, "And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people."

What a house! What excitement!

KEEP THE HOUSE

God makes man responsible for his own

body. God said it is better to lose parts of the body than for the total person to be lost.

Matthew 5:29, "And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell."

Matthew 10:28, "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."

The apostle Paul addresses all Christians in I Corinthians 9:27, "But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway." What a word of caution to all of us.

SATAN WANTS THE HUMAN BODY

The Bible says there are three enemies of the body:

1. The world
2. The flesh
3. The devil

I John 2:15-17, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is

not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.”

II Peter 2:10, “But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. Presumptuous are they, self-willed, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities.” When the flesh yields to these distractions, it cannot please the God who created it.

The devil wants to take the movements of the human body and distort them. The devil desires for lust to leer from the human eye. The devil wants man to scream with his voice in hate and violence. The devil wants men and women to hear the obscene and the demonic. I have personally witnessed the human body twisted by sin—the alcoholic, the drug addict, and the sex deviate.

Sickness also twists and destroys the human body. Rheumatoid arthritis, cancerous cancer, and deterioration of the mind until the victims are put away like criminals, are all examples of the terrible attacks of Satan. Those who yield to the occult,

spiritism, oriental gurus and mantras, become so controlled that they find it impossible to shake off the bondage. This bondage can totally warp the mind and body God created for His glory.

I have also witnessed the body suffering from the lusts of the soul. The body is a servant of the soul. It can become a slave to the mind, emotions, and will. The body is a real photograph of your soulical being. The body has to obey the soulical powers of mind, emotion, and will. It can revolt unto death, but in life the body carries out all the manifestations of the human soul.

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THE FALL OF THE HUMAN BODY

Adam must have been magnificent when he rose up from the earth— alive by the breath of Elohim, the Creator God.

God, with His fingers, had shaped him, designed him, and created the internal organs to function within him.

Adam did not have a navel; he was not born of a woman. God did not have to tie an umbilical cord. Adam was made from the earth.

God breathed upon his creation of red earth, or Adam, and infused His spirit within him. What a mixture of divinity and dust! Elohim liked the results.

Adam did not have to learn to walk or talk; he walked and talked with God. Then God further surrounded Adam with a covering of the same Shekinah glory which covers His majesty. Adam was beautiful. God made him the king of all His creation.

Genesis 1:26, "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth."

There was no evolution. On the other hand, from the time of man's rebellion against God, there has been a state of devolution. The pygmies of the forest of the world possibly reveal the lowest level of the Fall of Man.

ADAM'S PRISTINE GLORY

Adam walked and talked with God in his human body. The human body was originally created to live forever. At the Fall of Adam into transgression his body, along with other parts of the original person, suffered great change.

Adam's body lost its covering in the

Garden of Eden. God in his love and mercy made garments of skin for the human body.

From the Fall, the human body changed. It became weary and sick. It came to know death.

In the Fall, Adam lost his communion with God and one-third of him died. Genesis 3:10, "And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." God said Adam would die the day he sinned. Adam's body and soul did not die, but his spirit ceased to enjoy relationship with God.

ADAM'S TOTAL REBELLION

Because God created in Adam the power of deliberate action, he could obey God or rebel. The sin of Adam was volitional.

Adam was created in the image and likeness of God. Ezekiel 8:1-2, "And it came to pass in the sixth year, in the sixth month, in the fifth day of the month, as I sat in mine house, and the elders of Judah sat before me, that the hand of the Lord GOD fell there upon me. Then I beheld, and lo a likeness as the appearance of fire: from the appearance of his loins even downward, fire; and from his loins even upward, as the appearance of brightness,

as the colour of amber.” As Jehovah is clothed with fire that does not consume, so Adam was clothed.

The pristine clothing of Adam was the same as that of the burning bush when the Lord appeared unto Moses. Exodus 3:1-2, “Now Moses kept the flock of Jethro his father in law, the priest of Midian: and he led the flock to the backside of the desert, and came to the mountain of God, even to Horeb. And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed.” Adam and Eve must have been beautiful.

THE HUMAN BODY WITHOUT GOD

From the day of Adam’s transgression, man away from God has lived by the works of human flesh. Galatians 5:19-21, “Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like. . .”

Adam walked out of Eden with Eve, his wife. They were devastated losers. Now they

had only two parts functioning—soul and body. They had lost their identity as triune beings. Neither Adam nor his seed were now the Total Man.

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WHAT MAN MUST DO WITH HIS HUMAN BODY

Romans 12:1-2, "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. 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."

The Homo sapiens are body conscious. Man's body is his corporeal presence. It is the nearest entity to him. He washes it, he clothes it, he feeds it, and sometimes he abuses it!

Jesus' first attack from Satan came against His body. "Make this stone bread." The

tempter recognized that Christ possessed such power. But the Spirit of Christ controlled His body. By the use of the Word of God, "Man does not live by bread alone," Jesus destroyed Satan's attack against His body.

Christ, at all times, taught against self-gratification. Some people live only to gratify the desires of the human body. Jesus refused to do this.

THE HUMAN BODY IN BATTLE

Since time immemorial rulers have penalized their captured prisoners by causing them to fight wild animals.

The royal lions were kept to combat and devour humans. It is amazing that the Roman emperors demanded gladiators with their human bodies to engage in deadly combat with wild beasts. The human gladiators were made to battle to the death against ferocious and hungry beasts. The Caesars and the noblemen of Rome applauded while carnivorous beasts tore men and women limb from limb.

Still today in several modern nations there are bull fights. *El Torreador* walks into the ring and fights *el torro*, the bull. Thousands of people watch and scream "*Vive el torro*"

when the beast sinks his horns into the human body. It is sickening to watch a human body fight with a wild animal.

In our own country much of today's sports are body contests. The human body on the football field is thrust with total impact against another body. In the wrestling ring, one huge body is casting another human body against the canvas. In the boxing arena, it is one human body punishing another body with heavy blows.

This seems to be the eternal story regarding the human body: it is constantly mutilated by man or beast. The devil is the conceiver of such abuse. For sure, God never planned for the human body to be abused.

God's view of the human body, and the Bible teaches us that the human body is to be immortal.

I Corinthians 15:51-55, "Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 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. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incor-

ruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?"

The body is a treasure in earthen vessels. II Corinthians 4:7, "But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us." God says your body is a treasure to be protected and appreciated.

The human body is a member of Christ. The great apostle Paul revealed that the human body is actually a member of the body of Christ.

I Corinthians 6:15, "Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid."

We must remember that it is not possible for the human body to be good and bad at the same time. When the members or senses of the body are members of Christ's body they are not sold in the market place like a harlot selling her body.

The body you live in is not yours. I Corinthians 6:19, "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost

which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?" It is a tremendous fallacy to declare that your body is yours to misuse as you wish. Your body is a worship center or temple where Jehovah God is worshiped.

I Corinthians 6:20, "For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." We are purchased with the supreme price of Christ's own blood, and we are commanded to glorify God in this fleshly body.

The human body is not to be disfigured. Leviticus 19:28, "Ye shall not make any cuttings in your flesh for the dead, nor print any marks upon you: I am the LORD." The heathen and some in our land make tatoos on their flesh. God demands that men do not mutilate their skin.

Man is to manifest Christ in his body. I do not believe that many people recognize this great truth. II Corinthians 4:10-11, "Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body. For we which live are alway delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh."

Our mortal bodies redeemed by Christ's

blood are to manifest and reveal the nature of Jesus Christ in mortal flesh.

God says that man must not permit sin to rule his mortal body. Romans 6:12, "Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof." Sin is rebellion and transgression against the law of God. Therefore sin must not be seated upon the throne of your life to rule and enslave you.

WHAT GOD WANTS YOU TO KNOW ABOUT YOUR BODY

God desires that you present your body a living sacrifice. 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." This is not a dead sacrifice but a daily giving of your body and its five senses to Jehovah. This is a volitional action that God said was reasonable.

Man is required to bridle the body. James 3:2, "For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body." Just as a horse or other animal has a bridle to hold it in obedience to its master, God says the human body must be bridled. The devil wants your body wild, untamed, rebellious,

and Satan-oriented, but God says “bridle the whole body.” This means to hold your body in check the same as the rider holds his horse by the bridle in the tender mouth. God says this is the way of the perfect man.

Man will be judged by the deeds of the body. II Corinthians 5:10, “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.” All of our human deeds done in this body must one day be judged by Christ at the judgment seat of Christ.

Romans 14:10, “But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.”

Man is to manifest Christ in his body. Paul said in II Corinthians 4:10, “Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.” What a privilege for the life of Christ to be manifest in the human body.

The human body was not created for moral uncleanness. I Corinthians 6:13, “Meats for the belly, and the belly for meats: but God

shall destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for fornication, but for the Lord; and the Lord for the body.” God specifically warns the total human family that the body is not for illicit sex. It is to be dedicated to God.

God demands that Christ be magnified in the human body, Philippians 1:20, “According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death.” The human body is to exalt Christ. The human body is to magnify or enlarge Christ as a magnifying glass enlarges print. The human body is to increase the image of Christ on this earth.

The body can be made blameless in Christ. I Thessalonians 5:23, “And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.” The body is cleansed of all bodily transgressions by the power of the New Birth. You become dead to sin but very much alive in your spirit.

WHAT SATAN WANTS YOU TO DO WITH YOUR BODY

The devil desires you to yield to him. The

devil has always hated man's body because it is made in the image of God.

The first sin committed on earth was of the body. Eve first saw the forbidden fruit with her eyes, felt it with her hands, tasted it with her mouth, listened to the devil with her ears, and surrendered her total person to Satan.

The devil desires to make the body sick. Sickness is limited death. He wishes to bring upon all mankind pain and hurting and physical death.

The devil would like your body unclean. Romans 1:24, "Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves."

If the human person obeys the devil, his body will be unclean morally, spiritually, and physically. The devil is unclean. Some of his demons are called "unclean" spirits. Mark 5:8, "For he said unto him, Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit."

The devil would like to destroy your body prematurely. Matthew 17:15-18, "Lord, have mercy on my son: for he is lunatic, and sore vexed: for oftentimes he falleth into the fire, and oft into the water. And I brought him to thy disciples, and they could not cure him.

Then Jesus answered and said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him hither to me. And Jesus rebuked the devil; and he departed out of him: and the child was cured from that very hour.”

The devil told Jesus to jump off the pinnacle of the temple. Matthew 4:5-7, “Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, and saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.” What a glorious rebuff to Satan.

We have an account of how Satan tormented a young man into mutilating his own body in Mark 5:1-5, “And they came over unto the other side of the sea, into the country of the Gadarenes. And when he was come out of the ship, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit, who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no man could bind him, no, not with chains: Because that he had been often bound with fetters and chains, and the chains

had been plucked asunder by him, and the fetters broken in pieces: neither could any man tame him. And always, night and day, he was in the mountains, and in the tombs, crying, and cutting himself with stones.”

Man must either obey God or the devil with his human body. The human body can be in the image and likeness of God or the image and likeness of Satan. Decide for God.

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THE HUMAN BODY OF JESUS

When you study the remarkable human body of man, it is necessary to consider the human body of the Lord Jesus Christ. I feel confident that in our generation many people do not understand the importance of the human body, nor, possibly what the Bible says about the human body. In this chapter we shall seek to particularly understand the human body of Jesus.

OUR SOULICAL PARTS

Most of us have studied man's mind, man's emotions, and man's will. However, we often stop there and do not realize the importance of the human body. John 1:1, "In the beginning was the Word. . ." This *logos*, Living

Word, was the beginning of everything. Whatever it was, the Living Word was there. A word, as you know, is an offspring of a thought and Jesus Christ is the total expression of God. Who are God and Jesus? What do God and Jesus look like? A word is an expression and fulfillment of a thought. It is the bringing forth of a thought that others might see it and understand it. The Word was with God. . . *Elohim*. The Word was with God, the Maker. The Word was God. Then you go to verse fourteen "And the Word was made flesh."

Maybe these are the most dynamic words that were ever said by human lips. That which was eternal and that which was creative was made flesh. John 1:14, "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth."

It is so amazing that divinity and humanity ever collaborated and became joined together in one. Actual divinity was housed in a human body. How amazing, how remarkable, how wonderful!

A PREPARED BODY

Christ's human body came to this earth by

God's preparation. Hebrews 10:5, "Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me." The body was prepared by the eternal Father. The Word was saying here that God no longer desired a sacrifice of sheep, lambs, or doves for the remission of their sins. God prepared a body that is the one which is accepted by God as a sacrifice and an offering for the remission of all sins. It was a prepared body. It was a prophetic body, and it was known that it was coming before it came. In Genesis 3:15 God prophesied, "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." There was to be a battle between the seed of the woman and Satan. Though you and I are the seed of the woman, the true seed of the woman was the body called Jesus.

The Lord Jesus Christ came as the final expression of that seed. "He shall bruise thy head and thou shalt bruise his heel." Here was the first promise. The first promise had to do with a body. The seed of the woman was to be a human body. The first prophecy ever given from heaven was the promise of a body that would come one day from a woman like

any other man. A body, a human body, would bruise the head of the devil. That body would accept the hurt of a heel. It was prophesied by God in Genesis and again in Isaiah 7:14, "A virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." Seven hundred years before the body came on this earth it was prophesied that a girl who had never been married, or known a man, would in a miraculous way conceive something inside of her. A sperm, by the power of the Holy Ghost, would come and enter into her and she would bring forth a son and His name would be called Immanuel, "God with us." This prophetic seed of human flesh and human blood was manifest when Jesus Christ was born in Bethlehem.

HIS BODY WAS JUST LIKE OURS

I am trying to show you how a human body came from heaven, yet that human body was like your body. In Luke 2:7, "And she brought forth her first born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn." In the conception something very minute was placed within this woman. In this woman it grew and matured and changed and was born a seventeen or eighteen-inch baby

and from that increased in stature. Jesus had human flesh, human blood, and human bone.

This prophesied seed was to come to save the human race. In Hebrews 10:10 it says, "By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all." We are sanctified. The human body of Jesus was offered to God for your sins, and for my sins. His human body, the Bible says, was offered once and for all, it cannot be offered every Sunday. He was offered one time forever and you do not ever need to offer it anymore.

HIS COMING WAS A MIRACLE

The body of Jesus was the greatest miracle ever performed on the face of this earth. God was able to slip His Son into a little cell, place him into a woman as he promised 4,000 years before in the Garden of Eden and bring forth the Saviour of the world for all. In John 3:16 you have it from a very elevated text. It says God, *Elohim God*, loved the world—not the geographical world, but the world of people, the world of humans, the world of hurts, of problems, of sorrows, and of depressions. God loved the world so much that He found a means and a way whereby He could bring us His only begotten Son, who had been with

Him forever and forever, that “whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” The greatest miracle took place when this Son of God entered the human family and said, “I will be the promised seed from Genesis to bring reconciliation between the Father God and humans to save the human race.”

I Peter 2:24, “Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.” Christ’s body was the only avenue to eternal life. The Bible said that “His own self bare our sins in his own body. . .” You are healed by His flesh. I do not think we have begun to realize what we could do in our flesh for God. We have always downgraded the flesh, and called it bad names, but the flesh can be spiritual. The flesh can walk in holiness and dress right. The flesh can talk right, and God would like us to dedicate our bodies to him. Romans 12:1-2, “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. 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.”

It is easy to offer God a dead sacrifice. Some of you say, “When I die I am going to give so much money to God.” I believe that if you have something to give to your kids, you should give it to them while you are alive. You might want to see how they waste it. If you have something to give to God, give it to Him now, because the Bible says you are going to be judged by the deeds done in the body, not in the spirit.

YOUR ETERNAL LIFE IS RELATED TO HIS BODY

John 6:53, “Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.” Your salvation is related to His body—His flesh and His blood. The life of the flesh is in the blood, the Bible says. The life that He had in His flesh was His blood flowing through Him. If you want to live forever, you must partake of His flesh. Unless you eat of that flesh and drink of that blood, you will never have any eternal life in you.

John 14:6, “Jesus saith unto him, I am the

way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.” If you go to the Father, there is only one way to go. That way is by the person that lived in Nazareth, Galilee, and Judea and healed and blessed those people of that time. In His body He blessed them and helped them. He is God’s way, God’s truth, and God’s life.

John 6:54, “Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.” Jesus did not say, “He that cometh and drinketh of my soul and of my mind and of my spirit,” but, “He that eateth my flesh.” That is body. What I would like America to know is that if we were to dedicate our bodies to God, we might win this world that we live in. When people see that we have taken our own flesh and blood and dedicated them to God, they would see something they have never seen before. What a precious promise of eternal life from God. The resurrection from the dead through understanding the Holy Communion.

Mark 14:24, “And he said unto them, This is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many.”

Luke 22:20, “Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament

in my blood, which is shed for you.” You say, “Well, He said it many times.” That is what I want you to realize. We are building it on the context of the whole of the Word of God. God sent a body down from heaven. His name is Jesus. That body had two eyes, one nose, one mouth, and two feet like yours. That body is our example on the face of this earth. He gave that body. We have seen here that the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ is your redemption factor.

Romans 3:25, “Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God.” It was the red blood in Jesus’ veins which produced the propitiation for our sins and to declare righteousness to every generation. It was the blood that flowed through His veins.

We often speak of the great emotions of Jesus. We speak of His great faith, we desire His great love, and we identify with His body. Humans can identify with the body of Jesus. Jesus gave His body to save the human soul.

MAN’S IDENTIFICATION IN HEAVEN

Heaven understands us through Jesus. Christ is our advocate at this moment. When

we say that we are hurting, He says, "Father, I had a body down there. That is how I used to hurt, too. Now you take that hurt away." The Father replies, "Yes, I will do that." So that body in heaven is an identification of you. The purpose of Jesus' earthly body was to represent the redeemed in heaven.

In His earthly body Christ was known as the last Adam. I Corinthians 15:45-47 it says, "And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit. Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven."

Man was given a second chance to please God. He fell on his face and missed the whole purpose of being in the Garden of Eden. God sent a second Adam, His Son, and clothed Him in a human body in order that He would be the second Adam and would defeat and destroy the devil and bring you into the right relationship to the Father God. The Bible teaches that this was man's second and last chance when Christ came as the second Adam.

Hebrews 9:12, "Neither by the blood of

goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.” The blood of bulls and goats was not enough. His own body’s blood was taken into the holy place. There it obtained eternal redemption. His own blood obtained eternal redemption for human kind.

In Hebrews 10:19-20, “Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh.” God was able to move into our inner parts through the veil of human flesh, correct them, heal them, convert them, or whatever was needed. The Lord Jesus Christ is our hope.

Hebrews 13:12, “Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate.” The flesh of the Lord Jesus Christ is our altar where the sacrifice was offered up before God and accepted. That was an eternal and universal restitution.

WE ARE GOD’S TREASURE

Revelation 5:9, “And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the

book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation." Christ is a universal Saviour! All races and peoples are redeemed by His blood.

II Corinthians 4:7 says that we have this treasure, "...in earthen vessels." This treasure in earthen vessels is our bodies. "... that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us." Therefore, we are carrying this excellent treasure, the treasure of heaven, in an earthen vessel. You are that earthen vessel.

That is the reason why you should be careful about your body. You are carrying heaven's treasure in that body. When you wake up in the morning and look in the mirror, look at the body and say, "This is an earthen vessel that carries the excellency of the power of God." You will smile when you see it. This is a whole new world. II Corinthians 4:10 says, "Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus..."

He did not say that we were carrying about His emotions, or His will. He did not even say that we were carrying His spirit. The word says, "Always bearing about in the body the

dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.” We might get a quickness in our step if we study this properly and see that maybe we are more than we thought we were. We are the tabernacles of divinity walking on the face of this earth. We carry the image of divine redemption in our bodies.

II Corinthians 4:11 says, “For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus’ sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh.”

We try to get Jesus into our spirits and into our soulful emotions, that we might manifest Christ; but the Word says our mortal flesh is supposed to manifest Christ. This includes our mouth, ears, eyes, tongue, hands, and feet.

Possibly the reason many Christians are sick is because their bodies are not in Jesus Christ like they ought to be. We should examine ourselves and see if our dedication to Jesus is like it should be.

In II Corinthians 4:6 it says, “For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, has shined in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.”

JESUS' SUBMISSION AT CALVARY

At Calvary it was the Jesus body, the Jesus soul, and also the Jesus spirit, in mighty divine unity that saved this world. This is the strongest thing I can say. It was the total man of the total spirit, of the total soul and of the total body!

Man's body can be rebellious, but Jesus' body was not rebellious. When Christ cried in the Garden, "Not my will, but thine be done," it was his body. It was His body that they were going to lash with a Roman cat-o'-nine-tails, and that His enemies were going to nail to the cross. They could not nail His mind or His spirit to the cross.

The flesh of Jesus did not draw back. Our flesh must not draw back. The body of Christ did not refuse to share in the redemption of the human race. The body marched to the cross to bear its share. The soldiers cut His back with deep stripes from the Roman cat-o'-nine-tails. They plucked his beard from his face by handfuls by twisting and pulling in madness. The long sharp thorns were made into a mock crown to cut deep into his forehead causing His human blood to run down His face. It was His body.

The Roman nails, forged in the

blacksmith's shop of the Roman Empire, pierced those sacred feet with indescribable pain, nailing Him to the cross. The double-edged sword of the battles of the Roman Empire plunged into His human side to quicken His death.

By His blood we are saved and healed. Christ died physically. Christ died humanly, to save the human race.

WHAT DOES JESUS LOOK LIKE?

The Bible does not declare the features of the body of Jesus. Nowhere in the Bible can you find what Jesus' human face looked like. None of the gospels reveal it. Nowhere do you read of the height of His human body—whether short, tall, or medium. You do not find it in the Bible. Portraits of Jesus are the opinion of the artist.

Why? Very simple. He does not want men worshiping His natural body. He wants us worshiping God. No one knows the color of Jesus' eyes. You say, "But in heaven we shall see Him." Yes, and in the Revelation it says they are like burning coals and flaming suns. No one knew the size of His feet, or the length of His hair.

Jesus said in John 4:23, "But the hour

cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him." So let us worship the Most High!

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THE REDEEMED AND EVERLASTING BODY

Man groans for the final expression of immortality, the final fulfillment of the hope of the human body.

Romans 8:23-26, "And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body. For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it. Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered."

What an amazing portrayal of the true human hope. This is not a human body on drugs or alcohol hallucinating, but the real human person in divine expectancy. II Corinthians 5:4, "For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life."

THE BODY LOOKS FOR TRANSFORMATION

Human frailty is very evident in the body portions of people. The human body looks for transformation. Job 19:26, "And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God." The book of Job is said to be Earth's oldest literature. It is amazing to read such an ancient account of the redeemed and everlasting body.

I Corinthians 15:35-44, "But some man will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come? Thou fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die: And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or some other grain. But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own body. All flesh is not the same flesh: but there is one kind of

flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, and another of birds. There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another. There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for one star differeth from another star in glory. So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body." What a statement! What excitement! This truth removes the fear of the future; it puts a golden frame around physical death knowing it is only a cosmic transition.

JESUS—FIRST BEGOTTEN OF THE DEAD

The everlastingness of man's existence is observed in that man's body bears the hallmark of eternalness. Revelation 1:5, "And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood." Because we are in Christ, and of Christ, and represent Christ, we

accept Him as the first begotten of the dead. As He lives so shall we live.

It was God the Father who promised the everlasting immortal body. John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." What greater proof could man aspire to?

Then Christ, in John 4:10, said, "...If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water."

It is further stated in John 4:13-14, "Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life."

By the witness of two shall every word be established. In further dynamic truth, John 6:39-40 says, "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. And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which

seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.”

For a person to disbelieve man’s immortality destroys the very heart of God’s Word. Jesus spoke again in John 11:25-26, “Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?” He is still saying to you and me, “Believest thou this?”

John 14:1-3, “Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.”

John 17:1-3, “These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: as thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.”

THE BODY FOREVER

I Peter 1:3, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you."

Paul sought the new body when he said in II Corinthians 5:8, "We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord."

II Timothy 4:8, "Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."

The eternal uniting of the immortals is stated in I Corinthians 15:50-58, "Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 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. For this corruptible must put on incorruption,

and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.”