

THE SOUL, THE SPIRIT AND THE HEART

SPIRIT, SOUL and HEART:

The Chinese Apostles Witness Lee and Watchman Nee described the Soul, the Spirit and the Heart in tripartite terms. They have become the standard teachings on this matter for a long time. They teach that the **Soul** consists of the **Mind**, the **Emotion** and the **Will**.

The **Spirit** they say is the **Conscience**, the **Communion** and the **Intuition**.

The **Heart** as they have studied the scripture, is the **SOUL** + One Part of the **SPIRIT**, i.e. the **CONSCIENCE**.

The Lord has led me to simplify and illustrate these ineffable qualities so that His transcendent intercourse with our natural and spiritual life could achieve the understanding and intimacy that is His original desire for our relationship with Him.

After all, if you were asked to umpire a baseball game, and didn't know what the difference was between "Home Plate", a "Strike" and a "Ball"... you should practice this question, "Do you want fries with that?", and get out of the umpiring business. Just grab a hotdog and wait for the next "Touch Down", LOL.

Not only are the terms describing the soul, spirit and heart difficult to remember, they are also hard to teach others. We are designed by God to learn with our whole being and 5 senses. Jesus told picture stories designed to enable us to "**see and experience**" what He was trying to teach. These pictures do not, and cannot, fully describe the numinous qualities of these Mystical realities. But with our total dependence on God's Holy Spirit, the LOGOS (Infinite totality of God's Knowledge and Principles) will "**become flesh and dwell amongst us**". And as the "**Rhema breath**" kisses our consciousness, we will enter into relationship with the flavor and essence of God's image in us. As the donkey carried Jesus (the Living Holy of Holies) into the Temple on Palm Sunday, these "Word Pictures" draped in our mundane coverings, will serve the same purpose. To unite God in His Temples, His Family, His Church....**His Bride**, to the chambers of the Bridegroom (Yeshua), where He makes all things NEW!!!

THE SOUL

I was lead to test my theory that very few Christians could adequately explain or describe what the soul, spirit and heart are, and no surprise.... 100% failed to be able to do it, even most ministers, shepherds and teachers!

The Lord started with the **SOUL** and I wrote out Mind, Emotion, Will. I really like acronyms that take the first letter from each word you want to remember and make a "new word" from those letters. Of course with mind, emotion and will you wind up with "**MEW**", which unless you are a cat lover doesn't really work. He guided me to change the order and start with **Will**. Following with **Emotion** was a natural progression. His suggestion to change **Mind** to **Brain** was the breakthrough I needed. **Will, Emotion** and **Brain** could now become the **WEB**. I immediately saw a spider's web: intricate, delicate, designed by the creator, strong but as light as air. And there was the Viper, a vampire hungry to eat the life from the poor wandering creature stuck in the gluelike substance designed to hold and trap the squirming victim. Instead of a

quick and merciful death the Viper injects it's numbing potion into the prisoner and insures itself plenty of fresh meals as the Viper slowly eats his living prey.



THE SPIRIT

As mentioned above our noble Chinese apostles describe the SPIRIT as the Conscience, the Communion and the Intuition. These, although accurate terms are not easily assimilated and once again our Dear LORD moved me to make them easier to understand with a simple picture/acronym. We start with the **CONSCIENCE** which almost everybody knows and has experienced. We then changed the word "communion" to simply **UNION**. The center and most important aspect of our spiritual and physical life is UNION with the LORD. Paul cannot seem to go 3 sentences without saying in most translations, "In Christ". My favorite translation, the Williams New Testament ("The New Testament in the Language of the People") which I sometimes call the "sexy/intimate translation", prefers, as I do, the rendering "In Union with Christ". The meaning is the same but the image is different and the sense is more relational than positional!

The final aspect called Intuition we changed to **PERCEPTION** (dictionary defines as "the ability to see, hear, or become aware of something through the senses") because it infers the senses of the SPIRIT and the ability to exercise the new senses of the now alive SPIRIT. I believe Paul would agree just look at 1Corinthians 2:14, "But the natural man (Psychichos/Soul Man) does not **receive** (perceive in his senses) the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. The "SOUL MAN" (WEB HEAD) has no spiritual senses by which to

So with these new descriptions of our tripartite SPIRIT, we arrive with the simple acronym **CUP**. For years during my time with the Catholic Charismatic Movement, we would love and often sing, "Fill my CUP LORD, I lift it up LORD, come and quench this thirsting of my SOUL, "Bread of Heaven" feed me til I want no more...fill it up, fill my CUP and make me whole". Think of the Day of Pentecost when tongues of flames appeared on the heads of the 120.

Adam and Chavah (Eve/Life) lost something in their disobedience, and I believe it was the **UP**. They lost first their **U**NION/Marriage vows which took away their ability to **P**erceive the things of the **Spirit**. They were left with their **SOUL** (Will Emotion Brain WEB) and just one part of the Spirit, the **CONSCIENCE**/LOGOS OF GOD.



Born from Above

Just as an aside but very important to our spiritual understanding, the word “Faith” Pisteo in Greek, has been by the influence of the enemy, made the synonym of “believe”. In actuality and reality faith means “to allow yourself to be persuaded”. This lines up perfectly with G-D’s thinking because He doesn’t believe in atheists. Romans 1:18-23, “For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown *it* to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible *attributes* are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are **without excuse**, because, **although they knew God**, they did not glorify *Him* as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.”

And Ecclesiastes 3:11 “God has set eternity in every mans heart”. All we can ever do is agree with what we already know is the truth God has set in our hearts.

ISamuel 15:22-23 “Has the LORD as *great* delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, As in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, *And* to heed than the fat of rams. For **rebellion** *is* as the sin of witchcraft, And **stubbornness** *is* as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He also has rejected you from *being* king.” Adam and Eve and Satan

Mary taught us the perfect prayer of faith when she learned that receiving the Messiah would not be a work of the flesh but that of His Spirit, “Yes Lord, I am your love slave”. It is the honest and realistic agreement that God is faithful, predictable and loving that has allowed us to trust Him if we can reject the rebellious soul that wants to be God.

ICorinthians 2:10-13, “But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. 11 For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God. 13 These things we also speak, not in words which man’s wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

Try to remember that this is the “fallen” state of us as a soul= living being. We became incomplete when we lost union with God and now live only as a potential of what we were intended to be. We are the immature future Bride of Christ which is the full expression of God’s desire and destiny for us. Adam and Chavah had the wholeness of their perfect creation and so had the WEB (Will, Emotion and Brain) as well as the CUP (Conscience, Union and Perception).

In Hebraic thought we don’t actually have something we call a “soul”, we **are someone** God calls “a **Soul**”
Nephesh נפש in Paleo Hebrew pictures says “Life by the Mouth of El Shadai”

The knowledge of good and evil separated us into incomplete units which conflict with each other for dominance, comfort and pleasure. The “Final Reformation” will be the synthesis of our renewed God Image reflecting the unity

Echad אחד & Ahavah אהבה 13+13=26 = יהוה The Hand י Reveals ה the Nail ו Reveals ה
4+8+1 5+2+5+1 5+6+5+10
UNITY + LOVE = YAHWEH

We will have a resurrected and glorified Body which will reflect the nature of our personality, i.e. our Soul which is in total surrender/marriage to our Spirit by which we are the B’nai Elohim, the Sons of God.

The original lie of the enemy was “You will not die, you are immortal like Elohim”. The concept of death is multifaceted as is the concept of life. It can mean to cease to exist, to become separated from or to be out of touch with your environment. We were created to live in communion with G-D , body, soul and spirit and are headed back to our original relational existence i.e. “Final Reformation”. Immortal life is what we lost in the Garden of Disobedience pictured by us being chased out and denied access to the “Tree of Life”, the means by which by eating, taking into ourselves this everlasting nourishment, we can in union live forever. Our dear LORD forbade us from remaining forever in the torture of incomplete and unfulfilled union with Him. He set the stage for His Only Begotten Son to remove the power, penalty and pain of sin so we could be redeemed. Bought back by a **blood** relative, our Kinsman Redeemer, Christ. That is why Jesus favored the title, “Son of Man”. Hebrews chapter 2 for further confirmation.

Hebrews 2:5 “For He did not subject to angels the world to come, about which we are speaking. 6 But someone has testified somewhere, saying, “WHAT IS MAN, THAT YOU THINK OF HIM? OR **THE SON OF MAN**, THAT YOU ARE CONCERNED ABOUT HIM? 7 “YOU HAVE MADE HIM FOR A LITTLE WHILE LOWER THAN ANGELS; YOU HAVE CROWNED HIM WITH GLORY AND HONOR 8 YOU HAVE PUT EVERYTHING IN SUBJECTION UNDER HIS FEET.”

For in subjecting all things to him, He left nothing that is not subject to him. But now we do not yet see all things subjected to him. 9 But we do see Him who was made for a little while lower than the angels, namely, Jesus, because of His suffering death crowned with glory and honor, so that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone.

10 For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things, and through whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to perfect the originator of their salvation through sufferings. 11 For **both He who sanctifies and those who are sanctified are all from one Father**; for this reason He is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, 12 saying,

“I WILL PROCLAIM YOUR NAME TO MY BROTHERS, IN THE MIDST OF THE ASSEMBLY I WILL SING YOUR PRAISE.” 13 And again, “I WILL PUT MY TRUST IN HIM.” And again, “BEHOLD, I AND THE **CHILDREN WHOM GOD HAS GIVEN ME.**”

14 Therefore, since the children **share in flesh and blood** (literally Ki-dom-utenu) כִּדְמוּתָא

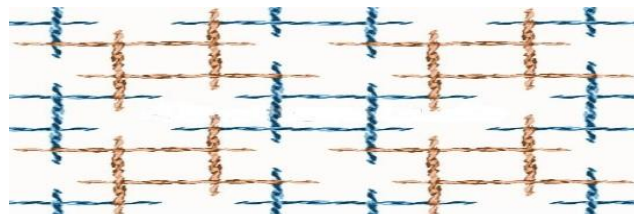
Gen 1:26 “and in **His likeness**” the **כ kaph** means “like or as” and **דם dam** means “**blood**” like “A Dam” **אדם** which pictorially means **א** the ox head/strong leader “**Alef**” which is short for **EL or G-D** and **ד** “**dalet**” or “**door to the** **ת tent** and **מ** “**mem**” or “**water**”

And so the **blood** is the watery door of life to the Tent/tabernacle/body And so **Adam = God's Blood/Red Clay**

He Himself likewise also partook of the same, so that through death He might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and free those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives. 16 For clearly He does not give help to angels, but He gives help to the descendants of Abraham. 17 Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brothers so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make [q]propitiation for the sins of the people. 18 For since He Himself was tempted in that which He has suffered, He is able to come to the aid of those who are tempted.

The viper's WEB can be redeemed and become the NET by which we the fishers of men catch living souls for the Kingdom of God.

Although I am not prone to visions I also am not immune to them. When the Spirit needs to hit us with a 2x4 in mule like fashion to “get our attention”, He will often shock us with a “vision” to get us out of our souls and into our spirit. One day I saw 2 hands drawing a fishing net out of the water. He asked me, “What do you see?”, arrogant fool that I am I replied, “A net”. Duhhhhhhhh, “Look more closely...now what do you see?” “I see many, many crosses, all connected in their centers”. “Aha!!! **This is my communion of the saints/My “Ecclesia” called out ones/ My bride/my family.** I catch with soft and secure nets, not with **shiny hooks** like the enemy. And what do fishermen do when they are not fishing?. They mend, tend and clean their nets!!!”



Wow... He answered so many questions with one simple picture. Not only did He save us by His cross, He literally knits His Body (the Church/called out ones) in the matrix of His womb into ONE BODY fitly joined together with His Son in the center of all these crosses, with each small expression joined through relationship with all the others. It is quantum entanglement in the flesh.

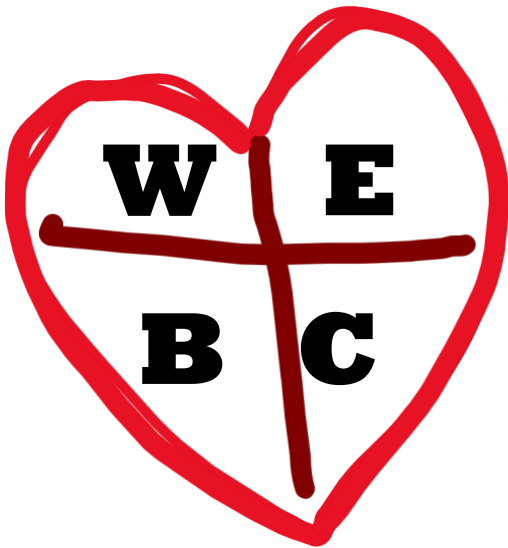
Ephesians 4:1-5 “So I, a prisoner for the Lord's sake, entreat you to live lives worthy of the call you have received, 2 with perfect humility and gentleness, with patience, lovingly bearing with one another, 3 continuing with eager earnestness to maintain the unity of the Spirit through the tie of peace. 4 There is but one body and one Spirit, just as there is but one hope resulting from the call you have received; 5 there is but one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 one God and Father of all, who is over us all, who pervades us all, and who is within us all.”

Now I knew one main reason the LORD counted 153 “big” fish in John 21:11. Because there was 153. And each fish was important to the LORD just as He numbers/which means He names, each hair on our head. They were “big” because each of us is “BIG” in His eyes as His Bride, sons and daughters of His family. And so one torn/broken relationship means a “big fish” will slip through the net and will not be caught into His Kingdom and Family.

THE HEART

One morning the LORD said to me, "John, the heart has 4 chambers". Suffering from congestive heart failure it was another duhhhhh moment. Then I got it!!! The Chinese apostles taught that when the Bible uses the word "Heart" it is referring to the Soul with it's 3 components i.e. Will, Emotion and Brain + one unique part of the Spirit

The Heart in the Bible consists of the Soul, **"WEB" Will, Emotion and Brain** and 1 part of the **SPIRIT...the CONSCIENCE**...look at Romans 2:14-15 The Conscience in Greek means to "see together with" it is the LOGOS written in our Hearts. 4 Chambers =WEB+C . IT HAS BEEN WELL SAID THAT "THERE TRULY IS A CROSS IN THE HEART OF GOD"



I don't think it is coincidence that when we see the Will Emotion Brain + the Conscience in the human Heart we also get WE BC or **"WE Before Christ"**

**YOU CAN BE SURE THAT FROM ETERNITY PAST
THERE IS... AND ALWAYS WILL BE**

A CROSS IN THE CENTER OF GOD'S HEART

Isaiah 28:16 "Therefore thus says the Lord God, "Behold, I am the one who has laid as a foundation in Zion, a stone, a tested stone, The precious cornerstone, of a sure foundation: And I will make justice the line, and righteousness the plumb line."



When a plumb line is hung and comes to rest... like our hearts do when we practice centering prayer, it points to the exact incalculable center mass of the Earth. It points to the HEART OF THE EARTH.. Jesus has been made for us our RIGHTEOUSNESS i.e. "The ability to stand in the presence of God without any sense of **GUILT, CONDEMNATION or INFERIORITY**" "He who knew no sin has become sin for us, so that we might become the righteousness of GOD"

"Righteousness the plumb line" points to the center of GOD's **HEART**

His Son the **LORD JESUS CHRIST**. Who by His Cross is **the RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD** and we by marriage union **THE REDEEMED, RESCUED AND RECOVERED BRIDE OF CHRIST!!**