

animal soul related to universal life, and divine spirit related to the eternal God. The body and soul are not in themselves naturally immortal. God provided conditional immortality for the body through "the tree of life" in Eden, and for the soul unconditional immortality through the in-breathed spirit. "The spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty giveth me life." "And the dust return to the earth as it was, and the spirit return unto God who gave it." The spirit is the vital principle that directly quickens the soul with its own immortal existence, and indirectly animates the body, through the soul, with vitality. The spirit is the rational part of man, the power by which he acts, thinks, wills, decides, and upon which the Spirit of God exerts its influence. Through it man has communication with higher powers, not only with God but with spirits, yea, even with evil spirits. The soul may have shape, features, etc., corresponding to its body, but the spirit is simple essence, emanating from God, possessed of the power of knowing, desiring, deciding and acting. Spirit is the *tertium quid* to the body and soul, without which man would not be man; through it is his personality, his *self*, the *ego*. Our conclusion is, therefore, that when in the solemn council of the Trinity, "God said, Let us make man," He purposed the giving "an earthly house" to a spiritual being, "created (not formed, *bara*) in (*into, after*) His (God's) own image (*tselem*, copy, ideal, *genos*, species)," and "made (formed, *assah*) in (*after*) the likeness (*d'muth*, similarity, appearance, manifestation) of God." Man in his origin was a new creation; distinct from every other earthly creature in that his inmost nature was the same in kind as God's, and capable of reflecting the divine character. Man is only distinguished from all heavenly beings, by the union of this divine spirit nature with the material world and animal life. "There is a spirit in man" which is essential and indestructible, natural and permanent. It is that "image of God" which was uneffaced by the fall, and is ineffaceable by sin, and still exists in every human being. This indestructible, natural essence, reflecting every attribute of the divine nature, is referred to in the Bible as existing in sinful man. For this reason the shedding of "man's blood" was