

living soul ;"—when God formed the spirit of man within him ; then there is no contradiction, but perfect harmony. Man, who is a compound being, is here spoken of abstractly. Job says : " Man lieth down and riseth not," &c., speaking of the corporeal, or outward man, as an actor here,—the organism that was formed of dust. Moses says, " They (our days) are soon cut off, and *we fly away*." We know it is not our body that flies away at death, as that lies down in the grave, where it is all darkness and silence. And the personal pronoun *we* is here used, which cannot mean our breath. Surely our breath is not we ourselves. Moses says, *We fly away* ; evidently speaking of the inward man, or the soul and spirit which was formed in man at his creation (created in the image of God), and which survives the body at death, and ascends to God, either to be admitted into paradise, or consigned down to hell, as the fallen angels were, to await their judgment at the last day. The consciousness of the dead is clearly taught by Jesus in one short sentence, in connection with the raising of Lazarus. John xi. 25 : " Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection and the life : he that believeth on me, though he were dead, yet shall he live." " He that *believeth* ;"—not he that did believe before he died ; but " he that believeth (now), though he were dead, yet shall he live." You see it is in the present tense. Thus we learn from the Bible that believers who have died in the Lord, still believe in their spiritual nature which lives unto God in the invisible world, rejoicing in the full assurance of triumphant faith in Christ, who is the resurrection and the life, that he will at the appointed time raise their bodies from their long sleep of death ; when they will " be fashioned like unto his glorious body," to die no more, but to live and reign with him forever and ever. How comforting, how heart-cheering, how consoling to the christian pilgrim in these days, when the dense fog of materialism is spreading all around, to find interspersed all through the inspired word of God, such clear testimony of the spiritual nature of man, as a conscious entity which survives the body at death ; thus most