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Illustrated and enforced as such language is by such unequivocal declarations of Scripture as the following:—

"And all the days that Adam LIVED, were nine hundred and thirty years, AND HE DIED."—Gen. v. 5.

"Wherefore as by one man sin entered into the world, and DEATH by sin, and so DEATH passed upon all men, for that all have sinned."—Rom. v: 12.

"For the wages of sin is DEATH."—Rom. vi. 23.

"Man that is in honour and understandeth not, IS LIKE THE BEASTS THAT PERISH."—Ps. xlix. 20.

"Put not your trust in princes, nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help, his breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth, IN THAT VERY DAY, HIS THOUGHTS PERISH."—Ps. cxlvi: 3-4.

"For that which befalleth the sons of men befalleth beasts; even one thing befalleth them; as the one dieth, SO DIETH THE OTHER, yea, they have all one breath, (**ruach*) so that a man hath no pre-eminence above a beast, for all is vanity; ALL GO UNTO ONE PLACE, ALL ARE OF THE DUST, AND ALL TURN TO DUST AGAIN."—Eccles. iii. 19-20.

"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might, for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, IN THE GRAVE, WHITHER THOU GOEST."—Eccles. ix. 10.

In prosecuting our inquiry regarding this fundamental article of christian doctrine, we will now endeavour to answer the question.

WHAT CONSTITUTES A SOUL?

By turning to Gen. ii. 7 we read:—

"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."

We would respectfully call the readers attention to the three following points, in the order in which they occur, in the above description of the creation of man;—

1. Man was formed of the dust of the ground, but so far inanimate.

2. There was then breathed into his nostrils, the breath of life.

3. With this effect, that the man formed of the dust of the ground, but hitherto inanimate, became alive. "A LIVING SOUL."

* *Ruach* is translated spirit in connection with both man and beast in verse 21.