

airplane and fly to the highest altitude achieved in an aircraft (23.39 miles), God is already there. If we blast off in a spacecraft and orbit the earth at an altitude of 150 miles, God is already there.

If we descend into the deepest mine (the East Rand Proprietary Mine in South Africa, with a depth of 11, 246 feet), God is already there. If we descend into the deepest part of the ocean (35, 802 feet in the Marianas Trench of the Pacific Ocean), God is already there.

No matter where we go or are, God is already there before we arrive!

e. Questions regarding the spirit world and the physical world

(1) Can a spirit and a material object occupy the same space?

I Corinthians 2:11 says: "For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the spirit of the man, which is in him?"

Luke 23:46 says: "And Jesus, crying out with a loud voice, said, 'Father, into Thy hands I commit my spirit.' And having said this, He breathed His last."

Human beings are constituted of a nonmaterial and material part. The nonmaterial part is sometimes referred to as spirit. The spirit of man occupies the same space as his body.

There should therefore be no problem acknowledging that the Spirit of God occupies the same space as the body of a human being.

(2) Can two spirits occupy the same space?

Matthew 12:43-45 states:

- 43 Now when the unclean spirit goes out of a man, it passes through waterless places, seeking rest, and does not find it.
- 44 Then it says, "I will return to my house from which I came"; and when it comes, it finds it unoccupied, swept, and put in order.
- 45 Then it goes, and takes along with it seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there; and the last state of that man becomes worse than the first.

Demonic possession means that an evil spirit takes over, gains control over a person's spirit, by entering and dominating the space that person's spirit occupies. In such a case two finite spirits occupy the same space.