

while the soul is man's "self consciousness"; or if it could be shown that the spirit is that part of man's being that looks heavenward while the soul is that part of man's being that looks earthward; or if it could be shown that to the spirit belong the powers of reason, conscience, and free will, while to the soul belong the powers of man's imagination, memory, and understanding -- if these terms could be shown to have functional distinctions, then a case could be made for at least two sets of functions in man's nonmaterial being, or perhaps even two nonmaterial entities. It does not appear that on the basis of scriptural usage such a case can be made.

b. Before Trichotomy is espoused or maintained, some pointed questions should be addressed, in connection with the problem of consistency in tracing the body, soul, and spirit through various stages of human existence.

Questions such as the following must be asked and satisfactorily answered:

Which entity (body, soul, spirit) fell?

What was the result of the Fall?

Which entity now sins in the unregenerate?

Which entity is regenerate?

Which entity continues to sin?

What are the results of death as respects these entities?

Answers to these questions are charted on the next page.