

c. It is argued that the view avoids the pitfalls of Traducianism in Christology, because Creationism does not teach that Christ shared the same numerical non-material essence that sinned in Adam; otherwise Christ would have been a fallen, depraved human being.

3. Objections to this theory

a. It is objected that Creationism makes God the creator of that which is morally evil -- a sinful soul-spirit.

b. It is objected that Creationism views parents as begetting only the body of their child; and thus does not account for mental, emotional, and social likenesses and traits common to parents and children.

c. It is objected that Creationism ignores the fact that God has ceased from *ex nihilo* and immediate creative activity, and is now creating only mediately.

C. The Theory of Traducianism

1. Statement of the theory

Traducianism is the view that the soul-spirits of human beings are mediately created by God through their parents, and thus come into existence at the same time as their bodies, which God creates mediately (except in the case of Adam and Eve). The soul-spirit is already united to the body at conception, since both are created mediately.

2. Arguments put forward in favor of the theory

a. It is argued that the breath of life was breathed into man's nostrils only once, and thenceforth God perpetuated the race by means of ordinary generation. In fact, the record of Scripture does not even indicate that God breathed into Eve's nostrils.

b. It is argued that the work of creation was completed on the sixth day, which could not be true if God is momentarily creating soul-spirits.

c. It is argued that not only physical characteristics, but mental characteristics and family traits are passed on to children, and that these inherited characteristics are best explained by Traducianism.

d. It is argued that the "likeness" in which Adam begot Seth (Genesis 5:3 - "When Adam had lived one hundred and thirty years, he became the father of a son in his own likeness, according to his image, and named him Seth.") must have included more than a mere physical likeness.