Sabbath Marketplace Service

Is God A Real Person? Feb 11th 2023 3 pm to 5 pm

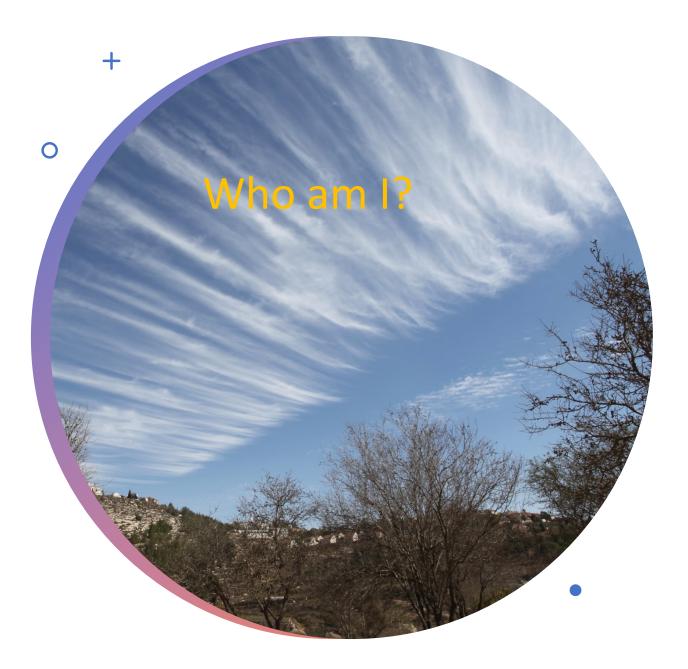


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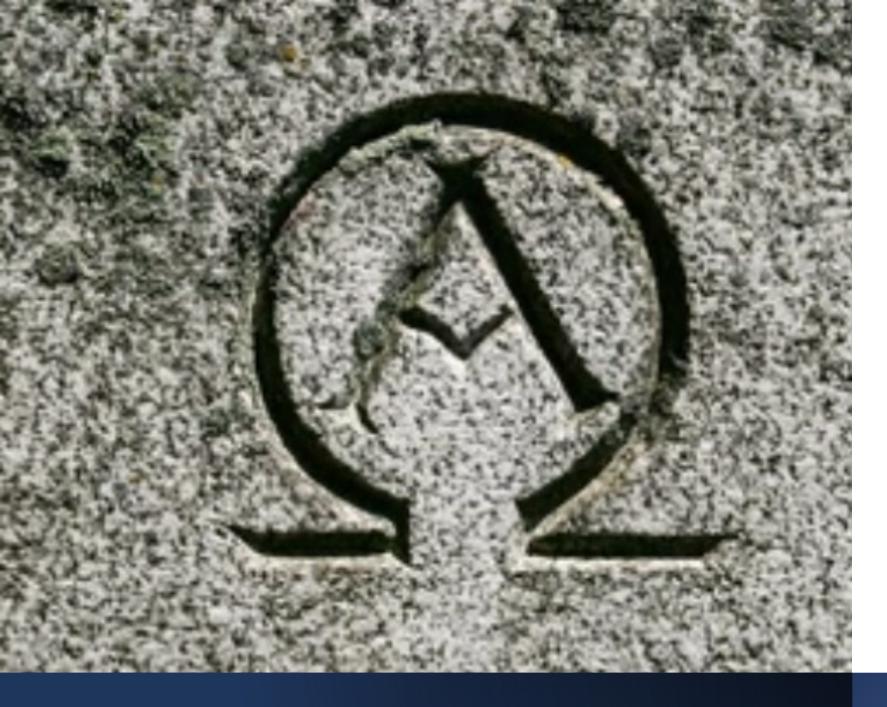


THE CITY CHURCH



Does God Exist?

 The very meaning and quality of your life is molded by your perception of GOD



God is Eternal & Uncreated

 If HE is anything less, HE cannot be GOD

Colossians 1:15-17 King James Version Bible

Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, o...

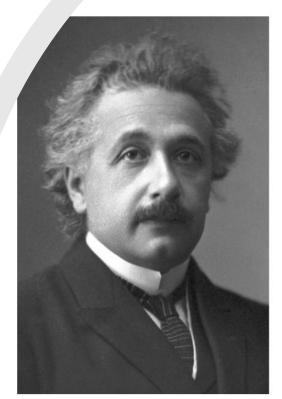


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Albert Einstein The Nobel Prize in Physics 1921

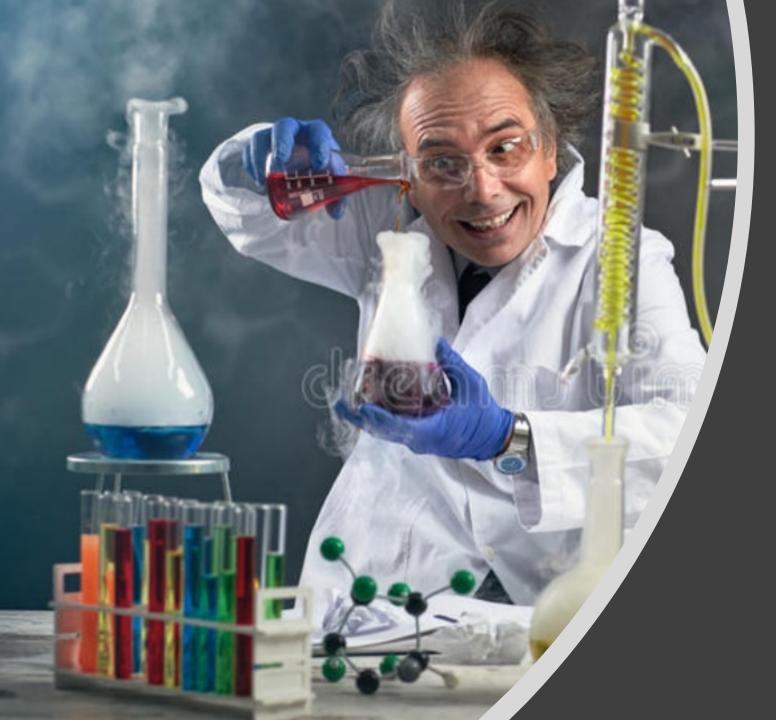
Born: 14 March 1879, Ulm, Germany

Died: 18 April 1955, Princeton, NJ, USA

Affiliation at the time of the award: Kaiser-Wilhelm-Institut (now Max-Planck-Institut) für Physik, Berlin, Germany

Prize motivation: "for his services to Theoretical Physics, and especially for his discovery of the law of the photoelectric effer

Albert Einstein received his Nobel Prize one later, in 1922.



Can you prove GOD exist?

What Do you Believe?





"But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear" 1 Peter 3:15

What are Real - Satan and his army are real

- "Now Satan stood up against Israel, and moved David to number Israel." – 1 Chronicles 21:1
- 2. "Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him." Matthew 4:11
- "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world." – 1 Peter 5:8-9
- "whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them" – 2 Corinthians 4:4

Fallen Angels are Real too

- ⁷ And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, ⁸ but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. ⁹ So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.
- ¹⁰ Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. ¹¹ And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death. ¹² Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time." Revelation 12:7-12

Demons are real too

- ²³ And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people. ²⁴ Then ^[a] His fame went throughout all Syria; and they brought to Him all sick people who were afflicted with various diseases and torments, and those who were demon-possessed, epileptics, and paralytics; and He healed them." – Matthew 4:23-24
- "Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons" - 1 Timothy 4:1

The Gospel of John – 1:1-14

• In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.² He was in the beginning with God.³ All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. ⁴ In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name *was* John. ⁷ This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. ⁸ He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. ⁹ That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world.⁰ H e was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. ¹¹ He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. ¹² But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: ¹³ who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. 12

Is God a Spirit or a Force?

- Scriptures tell us that God is a loving Father and a real Person
- ¹³ Then Moses said to God, "Indeed, when I come to the children of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they say to me, 'What is His name?' what shall I say to them?"
- ¹⁴ And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'
 "¹⁵ Moreover God said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel: 'The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This *is* My name forever, and this *is* My memorial to all generations.' Exodus 3:13-14

Holy Spirit Is a Divine Person

- If the Holy Spirit is a power, we will want to get hold of it. If the Holy Spirit is a Divine Person, we will want Him to get hold of us
- If the Holy Spirit is a power, we will want it to accomplish our will and whim. *If the Holy Spirit is a Divine Person,* we will want to surrender more to Him in awe and wonder
- If the Holy Spirit is a power, we will be proud that we have it and feel superior to those who do not. *If the Holy Spirit is a Divine Person*, we will be humbled that in His great love the very Third Person of the Trinity has chosen to dwell within us

GOD has a personal body, soul and spirit

²⁶ And above the firmament over their heads was the likeness of a throne, in appearance like a sapphire stone; on the likeness of the throne was a likeness with the appearance of a man high above it. ²⁷ Also from the appearance of His waist and upward I saw, as it were, the color of amber with the appearance of fire all around within it; and from the appearance of His waist and downward I saw, as it were, the appearance of fire with brightness all around. ²⁸ Like the appearance of a rainbow in a cloud on a rainy day, so was the appearance of the brightness all around it. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD." - Ezekiel 1:26-28

God is a Triune God-Head

- The joining of three spiritual beings the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit in one unified Divinity
- Although one in unity and eternal substance, they retain a separate. Distinct individuality
- "For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one. ⁸ And there are three that bear witness on earth: the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree as one." – 1 John 5:7-8
- It requires two separate entities to be Father and Son.
- They could be in union as any two persons could

GOD has a Body, Soul and Spirit

- So does every angel and human in the Universe
- They are separate and distinct from all others in existence
- Let's look at the evidences

The Holy Spirit is not the Father or the Son

- The Holy Spirit is a real Person
- Separate and distinct from both the Father and the Son
- The Holy Spirit has body, soul and spirit
- The BODY houses the soul and the spirit
- ⁷ 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 being." – Genesis 2:7
- ²⁶ For as the *body without the spirit* is dead, so faith without works is dead also." James 2:26
- ²³ Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." ! Thessalonians 5:23

Body, Soul and Spirit

- The SOUL is that part of all living beings which is invisible and feels.
- It is the source of emotions, affections and desires
- It makes a person a thinking, self-conscious being
- ⁴³ that your generations may know that I made the children of Israel dwell in booths when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.' " – Leviticus 23:43
- "Hungry and thirsty, Their soul fainted in them." Psalm 107:5
- ³⁸ "Then He said to them, "My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch with Me." - Matthew 26:38
- "For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." – Hebrew 4:12

Body, Soul and Spirit

- The Spirit is the invisible part of all living beings that knows
- Because of the spirit, we are free moral agents and rational, self-determinate beings
- "⁴¹ Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." – Matthew 26:41
- "²¹ Then everyone came whose heart was stirred, and everyone whose spirit was willing, and they brought the LORD's offering for the work of the tabernacle of meeting, for all its service, and for the holy garments." – Exodus 35:21
- "The spirit of a man is the lamp of the LORD, Searching all the inner depths of his heart." – Proverbs 20:27
- ²³ Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ" – 1 Thessalonians 5:23

The Holy Spirit is Separate person

• ¹⁶ When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the *Spirit of God* descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. ¹⁷ And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." -Matthew 3:16-17



Holy Spirit has a personal spirit-body

- No person can exist without a body or a shape
- In 1 Cor 15:35-50 Paul wrote
- 1. All things in creation have bodies
- 2. Bodies for human beings, fish, birds, beasts, sun, moon, and stars, heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, and natural bodies and *spiritual bodies*
- In Daniel 7:9-14 the prophet saw Father God and Yeshua with separate bodies at the same time
- Therefore God, the Son and the Holy Spirit have bodies too

In Conclusion

- If God is not Real with Body, Soul and Spirit
 - Then we are not made in His image and likeness
 - Then we will never need to stand before Him to be judged
- God the Father is a real person
- God the Son is real person and He dwelled with us
- God the Holy Spirit is a real person
- Finally, if any part of Scripture proves one person of the Godhead has a personal body, soul and spirit, it also prove that this is true of each of the three separate and distinct members of the Deity.