

Are "THE DEAD" still "ALIVE?"

Most of us look upon **DEATH** as the final chapter of someone's **LIFE!** We go through the elaborate process of burial to include these words: **Rest In Peace (R.I.P.).** But, **ARE THEY?**



The *Word of God* has **ALL THE ANSWERS** to man's "*curiosities.*" **ALL MAN** need do is, *believe God!* Remember, Jesus **IS** "...the *Word of God*" (REV. 19:13), and he is **TRUTH** (JOHN 14:6).

My father died in 2010, and as I was visiting his *93 year-old cousin*, I said to him, "*I wonder what my father is thinking right now!*" He was astonished, and asked, "**WHAT?**" I began to tell him *what I'm writing here now!*

RELIGION is responsible for leading men and women *away* from **TRUTH!** It is **RELIGION** who has changed the **TRUTH** written down by the apostle John:

"...**Blessed are the dead which die IN THE LORD** from henceforth: *Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may REST FROM THEIR LABOURS; and their works to follow them*" (REV. 14:13), and **RELIGION** replaced **THIS** with, "**R.I.P.**" for **ALL THE DEAD**, both *good and bad!*



People tend to want to believe their *loved-ones* are in heaven looking down on them, or **RESTING**, lying **DORMANT**, or **SOUL-SLEEPING** in the grave until the **RESURRECTION!**

But, **YOUR LOVED-ONES AND MINE** are not **SLEEPING**, but are very much **AWAKE**, and **ALERT!** They **REMEMBER** *their life as it was before*, and they are **CONCERNED** for the **SOULS** they have *left behind*. How do we know? The *Word of God* **TELLS US SO!**

Understanding Who You Really Are!

When you **LOOK IN THE MIRROR**, you are looking at a **REFLECTION** of the **BODY OF DUST** you are living in, which "...the *Lord God* [then] **FORMED...of the dust of the ground**" (GENESIS 2:7). But, *this body of DUST* is not **YOU!**

God, who is an "**ETERNAL SPIRIT**" (HEBREWS 9:14), said, "...*Let US [THE GODHEAD] make man in OUR IMAGE, after OUR LIKENESS*" (GENESIS 1:26). We are a **SPIRIT** just as God is **SPIRIT!**

Remember when the Jews took up stones to stone Jesus because he said, "...*I am the Son of God*" (JOHN 10:36)? Jesus had to remind them, "*Is it not WRITTEN in your law, I said, YE ARE GODS*" (JOHN 10:34)?

Well, **IT IS INDEED** written! King David quoted God: "**I HAVE SAID, *Ye are gods; and ALL OF YOU [ALL OF HUMANITY] are the children of the Most High***" (PSALM 82:6)...because of our *Creation!*

The apostle Paul wrote, "*For WE are also His OFFSPRING*" (ACTS 17:28). Even **ADAM** is named as, "...the *son of God*" (LUKE 3:38), because "*male and female CREATED HE [GOD] THEM [THE MAN AND WOMAN], and CALLED THEIR NAME ADAM, in the day when THEY WERE CREATED*" (GENESIS 5:2)!

Satan DOES NOT WANT YOU TO KNOW WHO YOU ARE! *God has SENT HIS SON on a RESCUE MISSION, to rescue His OWN CREATED IMAGE, every last one of us!*

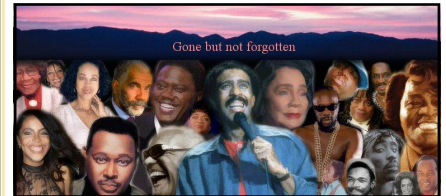
Since **HUMANITY** is **CREATED** in the **LIKENESS OF ALMIGHTY GOD**, and God is an "**ETERNAL Spirit**" (HEBREWS 9:14), then **WE TOO** are *gods!* No, not "*gods*" in the **PAGAN** sense, but in a **GODLY SENSE**, that is, "...*sons of God*" (GENESIS 6:2, 4; JOB 1:6, 2:1)!

YOU are a **LIVING ETERNAL SPIRIT**, *clothed* in a **BODY OF FLESH**. "...the *Lord God FORMED MAN of the DUST of the ground...*" (GENESIS 2:7).

If mankind can **GRASP THIS TRUTH**, man will be *delivered* from the **GREATEST DECEPTION** that Satan has **PLACED** on humanity, **BLINDING** "...the **MINDS** of them which **BELIEVE NOT**, lest the **LIGHT** of the glorious gospel of

Christ, who is the IMAGE OF GOD, should SHINE unto them" (2 COR. 4:4).

Since mankind **CANNOT DIE**, what are the dead **DOING?**



When these people **DIED**, their bodies *when back to dust*, but their spirits went to **HEAVEN** or **HELL**, a *temporary place of TORTURE* until *Judgment Day!*



Jesus told the thief on the cross, "**TODAY shalt THOU BE WITH ME in paradise**" (LUKE 23:42), and **ALL THE SAINTS OF GOD** are there too, expressing "...**JOY** in the presence of the angels of God over **ONE SINNER THAT REPENTETH**" (LUKE 15:7, 10)!

Was there "**JOY**" in paradise over "**THESE ABOVE**" that died? What about **YOUR family members and friends that have died?**

As for the **WICKED**, "...in **HELL** [THEY LIFTED UP THEIR] **EYES** [A "**SPIRIT**" HAS EYES, JUST LIKE GOD], *being in TORTURES* [SPIRITS FEEL PAIN]," and they **REMEMBER** *their loved ones and friends too* (LUKE 16:19-31).

Erupting volcanoes **TESTIFY** to the existence of **HELL**: "*For a FIRE IS KINDLED in mine anger, and shall BURN UNTO THE LOWEST HELL, and shall CONSUME THE EARTH with her increase, and SET ON FIRE THE FOUNDATIONS OF THE MOUNTAINS*" (DEUT. 32:22).

If **Hell** is *your choice*, then "*Hell from BENEATH is moved for thee to meet thee at thy coming*" (ISA 14:9).