

The Roman Catholic Church believes that the soul is the subject of human consciousness and freedom; soul and body together form one unique human nature. Each human soul is individual and immortal, created by God. The soul does not die with the body. The soul is to be reunited with the body in the final resurrection. The spirit, soul and body— are a unity, an integrated whole. ‘Spirit’ signifies that, from creation, man is ordered to a supernatural end and that his soul can gratuitously be raised beyond all it deserves to communion with God. St. Paul reserves the word ‘spirit’ as a synonym for ‘soul’.

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YHWH is the I AM, the infinite, omnipotent awareness. YHWH (is life-giving) created souls who have free will. Souls are ‘bonded’ to the body by the Creator. Our Eternal Father sent His only consubstantial son Jesus Christ, the second person of the Trinity, into the world to enable human souls to be redeemed from their sins. There is one soul and one body.

Jesus Christ sent the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Trinity, to humans to guide them to Paradise often via purification in Purgatory. The Holy Spirit, also called the Comforter or Counselor, is the third person of the Trinity whose essence is YHWH.

YHWH is the life-giving essence of the soul which eternally strives by free will, grace and love of God for full union. The soul’s awareness is influenced by the experiences of its singular body. The soul when freed from the carnal body has a body of light as do the saints and angels in Paradise. With God’s permission, a saint or angel may manifest in various ways back on earth to perform God’s will. Spirit, soul, body and all created things are ‘imbued’ to varying degrees with YHWH’s awareness as all exists within YHWH.

The Trinity

Eternal Father/Jesus Christ/Holy Spirit

Spirit

Soul

Body

- pneuma (Greek)
- ruach (Hebrew)
- supernatural end
- divine principal dwelling within the soul
- indwelling of the Holy Spirit
- thirsts for souls
- spirit communicates to the soul whereby the soul becomes inflamed
- higher rational part of the soul
- higher faculty of communion with God
- summit or apex of the soul
- life of grace
- eternal life
- comprehends many things

- psyche (Greek)
- nephesh (Hebrew)
- the spirit of God indwells in the soul
- may be raised to union
- one rational and intellectual
- given free will
- may be inflamed by love via the spirit
- may be converted into the fire of love
- ‘lamps of fire’
- sensitive part
- experiences delight or bliss of spirit
- made in the image of God
- is aware of self
- emanates from the Spirit of God

- soma (Greek)
- willed by God
- has free will
- *‘the Lord God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life’*
- is animated by a spiritual soul
- a being is both corporeal and spiritual
- flesh, body
- signifies the spiritual principle in man
- is a temple of the Spirit
- the union of spirit and body form a single nature
- is a ‘load’ on the soul
- ‘bridles’ the spirit within
- ‘oppresses’ spirit’s freedom
- the heart is where one decides for or against God.

YHWH

created all things
 grants intelligence and free will
 has a Book of Life
 controls all things in His plan
 gives order to the universe
 infinite awareness
 omnipotent
 omniscient
 omnipresent
 all-knowing
 merciful and just
 TRUTH