

The Sin Nature of Mankind: Real or Imputed? — Creationism or Traducianism?

I was recently pondering, one afternoon, the idea of the nature of mankind vis-a-vis the spirit, soul and body; and further thinking about how the nature of Yeshua (Jesus) was the same as the rest of us, but different. We have a sin nature passed down from Adam; while Yeshua did not have a sin nature (a propensity, inclination or tendency to sin). Suddenly, the Father spoke to me in my spirit, and said, “Roy, exactly where is the sin nature in man? How was that different in Yeshua? And exactly how is the soul generated?” I answered, “Duhhh, Father, I don't really know for sure.” So He said, “Why don't you find out? The answers are there in the Bible.” Therefore, I investigated church theological discussions on this matter throughout the centuries; and also, what direct evidence there is in the Bible.

This paper is not going to charge the church with error. I have found out that 99% of pastors and teachers HAVE correctly taught that mankind has a sin nature. They have properly taught that the solution is in salvation through grace by faith in the atoning sacrifice of Yeshua (Jesus) our Messiah. But—and there is a big but here—there is disagreement over whether the sin nature is a real, hereditary part of us, or imputed (to ascribe or attribute guilt to a person as coming from another). Further, there is disagreement over whether the soul of mankind is created at conception (or within weeks of conception); or whether the soul is received from one or both parents. The 99% of pastors and teachers correctly teaching merely point out that we have a sin nature and leave it at that, which is fine for presenting the gospel without delving into tangential, in-depth teaching on something that is not necessary to the immediate listener.

What this paper will present is a **new solution** to the questions of whether the sin nature is real or imputed; where the sin nature is located in man; and whether the soul is created by God, or propagated from the parents? The consequence will be an understanding on how Yeshua (Jesus) is uniquely different (why He did not have the sin nature). Equally important in the 21st century is that it bears heavily on the weighty questions surrounding abortion, stem cell research, the morning after pill, and cloning of humans. The reader ought to know that there is division among believers of different Christian denominations concerning these 21st century issues; and realize how these political divisions work to catalyze political outcomes.

How Yeshua (Jesus) is Different From the Rest of Us:

The difference is that we have human parents; while Yeshua (Jesus) had a human mother (Mary) and no human father.

Luke 1:30-33 And the angel (Gabriel) said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found grace with God. For behold, **you will conceive in your womb, and give birth to a son, and you will name Him Yeshua.** He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High; and MarYah (Lord Yah=YHVH) God will give Him the throne of His father David. And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever; and His kingdom will have no end.”

Luke 1:34-35 And Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I am a virgin (no man has known me)?” And the angel answered and said to her, “**The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you**; and for that reason the holy offspring shall be called the Son of God.”

Matthew 1:18-20 Now the birth of Yeshua the Messiah was as follows. When His mother Mary had been acquired for a price for Joseph, before they came together, she was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit. And Joseph, her betrothed husband, was a pious man, and did not wish to make it public; so he was thinking of divorcing her secretly. While he was considering this, the angel of MarYah (YHVH) appeared to him in a dream, and said to him, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; because **he that is to be born of her is of the Holy Spirit. And she will bear a son; and you shall call His name Yeshua**; for He will save His people from their sins.

Luke 2:21 And when the eight days were completed before His circumcision, **His name was called Yeshua, the name given to Him by the angel before He was conceived in the womb.**

God sovereignly impregnated Mary as a virgin; and therefore Yeshua had no earthly human father. He did not have whatever sin nature is passed down from Adam. Deductively, we can also conclude that the sin nature does not come from the mother. This will become more apparent later in the article with actual scriptural support to back up the deductive conclusion. For now, we can state two working truths.

**Yeshua (Jesus) had no human father and no sin nature.
And
The sin nature does not exist in the flesh and does not
come from the mother.**

The second statement in the box may amaze you; but consider that Mary's eggs were no different than those of other women. Likewise, the soul cannot be generated by the mother or else Yeshua would have had the sin nature of His mother. Consider this:

Ezekiel 18:4 ...The **soul that sins, it shall die.**

Ezekiel 18:20 The **soul that sins, it shall die.**

James 5:20 Let him know that he who converts a sinner from the error of his way, **shall save his soul from death**, and shall wipe out a multitude of his sins.

The soul is made up of mind, will and emotions; and the decision to sin is of the soul and not the flesh. Yes, the body participates in sin; but it is the rational mind who decides to do it by overt choice or by giving in to desires. At conception or during pregnancy, this soul cannot come from the mother or else Yeshua would have had a sin nature—and we know He did not have the sin nature. That's why deductively we can conclude that the sin nature does not come from the mother in the fleshly body or by soul generation from the mother. How does the Bible tell us Yeshua has no sin nature?

Hebrews 4:14-15 Since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, **Yeshua the Messiah**, the Son of God, let us remain firm in His faith. For we do not have a high priest who cannot share our infirmities, but we do have **one who was tempted with everything as we are, and yet without sin**.

1 Peter 2:22 (**Yeshua the Messiah**) **who committed no sin**, nor was any deceit found in His mouth. (quotes Isaiah 53:9).

2 Corinthians 5:21 He (God) made Him (**Yeshua the Messiah**) **who knew no sin** to be sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Not only did Yeshua the Messiah have no sin nature, He did not choose to sin despite having all the same temptations we face. Because Yeshua had no sin nature, He became the second Adam. Adam initially had no sin nature and was created sinless. His initial sin/rebellion created immense repercussions for all mankind. The following scriptures on the two Adams explain this sin nature from the first Adam:

Hosea 6:7 But **they like Adam have transgressed the covenant**; there, they have dealt treacherously against Me.

1 Corinthians 15:22 For as **in Adam all die**, even so in the Messiah all shall be made alive.

1 Corinthians 15:45 And so it is written, “The **first man, Adam**, became a living soul. The **last Adam (Yeshua the Messiah)** became a quickening spirit. (47) The first man (Adam) is of the earth, earthy; **the second man (Adam) is MarYah (Lord Yah=YHVH) from heaven**.

Similarly...

Romans 5:14 Nevertheless **death reigned from Adam...**

Romans 5:17 For if **by the transgression of the one, death reigned through the one...**

Romans 5:18 So then **as by one man's offense, condemnation came upon all men**; even so by the righteousness of one man, there resulted justification of life to all men.

As Romans 5:18 clearly states, condemnation came upon all mankind due to Adam's sin. The result was that all mankind dies (1 Corinthians 15:22). However, the question arises on whether this sin nature (condemnation resulting in death) is a part of our makeup, or whether it is merely imputed. If it is merely imputed, then we can rightly say, “Why blame me for something Adam did?” Does not the Bible clearly show that the sins of the father are not laid on the son?

Deuteronomy 24:16 Fathers shall not be put to death for children, nor shall children be put to death for fathers; **every man shall be put to death for his own sins**.

Jeremiah 31:30 But **every one will die for his own iniquity...**

Ezekiel 18:20 **The soul that sins, it shall die**. The son will not bear the punishment for the father's iniquity, nor will the father bear the punishment for the son's iniquity; the righteousness of the righteous will be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked will be upon himself.

Romans 2:11 For **there is no partiality with God**. (due to race, tribe, sex, level of education, social and economic background, IQ level, etc.)

Therefore, the sin nature is not merely imputed, that is, laid upon all descendants of Adam solely by blame. All mankind does have a sin nature, and it is a part of us. No, that does not mean we ascribe to the philosophy of Materialism—where matter is the only reality; and that everything in the world (including thought, will and feeling) can be explained only in terms of matter. We are spirit, soul and body; and the immaterial soul and spirit are not material/matter. Few Christians have ever espoused Materialism—only the ante-Nicene church leader Tertullian and perhaps much later the philosopher Thomas Hobbes. Tertullian authored, *Treatise on the Soul*, where he laid out his materialist Traducianist beliefs.

What do we know at this point?

Yeshua (Jesus) had no human father and no sin nature.

And

The sin nature does not exist in the flesh and does not come from the mother.

And

The soul is not generated from the mother.

And

The sin nature is real.

And

The sin nature is not merely imputed, but is a part of everyone, and not of the flesh/body.

And

The soul is where the sin nature resides. (the soul that sins, it shall die).

Of course there will be evidence to support the above assertions. In reality, the vast majority of Evangelical Christianity is split into two views of the sin nature of man in the soul. One is that a soul is created by God at conception or within some stated number of weeks afterwards. This is called Creationism of the soul. The other main view is that the soul comes from one or both parents at conception and is called Traducianism (traducis/traducem is Greek/Latin for propagate). The dictionary definition of Traducianism is: *The theological doctrine that the soul is inherited from the parents—opposed to Creationism.*

Who believed in Creationism and who believed in Traducianism?

As previously mentioned, Tertullian of Carthage (155-230 AD) appears to be one of the first ante-Nicene leaders to address the issue of the sin nature in the soul, and how the soul is generated. In *Treatise of the Soul*, he laid out the case that the soul is propagated from the parents. Augustine held a

Creationism view, but later moved toward a position that maybe Traducianism was possible, since it seemed to facilitate transmission of the sin nature.

Those who hold Creationism views of the soul:

- Scholastics—Hugh of St. Victor, Alexander of Hales, Peter Lombard
- Thomas Aquinas
- Gregory of Valencia
- Reformed church and theologians today—A.A. Hodge and Dr. Francis Turretin
- Roman Catholic church today (but not as a stated central doctrine, they favor creationism).

Those who hold Traducianism views of the soul:

- Theodorus Abucara, Macarius, Gregory of Nyssa
- Eastern Orthodox church today
- Lutheran church
- Theologians—Baptist, Augustus H. Strong; Presbyterian, W.G.T. Shedd and Gordon Clark.

In the Middle Ages until today, there were many proponents on both sides of the argument (Creationism and Traducianism) in the Western church—both Roman Catholic and Protestant. Therefore, the issue of where and how the soul originates has not been decisively proven.

Towards a New Solution:

In reading papers on Creationism (A.A. Hodge, Dr. Francis Turretin) and Traducianism (W.G.T. Shedd, Gordon Clark), I was struck by how these articulate theologians talked past each other in their writings. Traducianism and Creationism of the soul cannot both be correct. Then, the solution to much of the argument became clear. The entire discussion of both sides is a **derivative argument**.

The central argument—which neither side addressed, in relation to their discussion of the origin of the soul—**is the nature of man**. Those holding the Creationism view of origination of the soul are Dualists—holding the Plato/Aristotle view of the material and immaterial. A Dualist believes the soul and spirit are the same thing (immaterial part of man). Meanwhile, the Traducianists recognize that there is a difference between the soul and spirit. In the Creationism arguments, the proponents utilize scriptures pertaining to both soul and spirit to support their views, conflating them to mean the same thing. The Traducianists respond with scriptural support which more precisely recognizes the soul and spirit. In essence, the entire argument over the origin of the soul is derivative to the higher argument over Dualism versus man being spirit, soul and body (a tri-unity). No one can convince a Creationist with scriptures, because they have a faulty view of the nature of man. I can say this with some authority, since I have a 31-page paper on the [Nature of Man \(PDF\)](#) which decisively shows that the Bible presents the tri-unity view of man (spirit, soul and body) from beginning to end.

Creationism versus Traducianism is a derivative argument.

The real argument is Dualism (material and immaterial) versus tri-unity of man (spirit, soul and body).

Dualism comes from Greek philosophy (material and immaterial parts of man). It's not that the Greeks were wrong, we do have a seen and unseen part of us. However, their explanation is simply inadequate. Up until the early 1900's, any learned person in the West read Plato and Aristotle as part of a good education. Therefore, anyone can discern that these Greek philosophical views influenced views of individual Christians and even entire denominations. The truth is that the Bible shows man is more than just material and immaterial, we are a tri-unity of spirit, soul and body.

A Short and Concise Biblical View of the Nature of Man:

The Hebrew Tanakh or Old Testament uses different words for spirit (ruakh) and soul (nefesh). Anyone reading the Bible in the original language easily discerns differences between soul and spirit. Here are two texts showing it, from both the Old and New Testaments:

Deuteronomy 6:4-5 Hear O Israel, Yahweh (YHVH) is your God, Yahweh (YHVH) is One. And you shall love Yahweh (YHVH) your God with **all your heart (spirit)**, and with **all your soul**, and with **all your might (physical strength of the body)**.

1 Thessalonians 5:23 Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and **may your spirit and soul and body be preserved** complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord, Yeshua the Messiah.

If you wonder about the issue of the heart being part of the spirit of man in Deuteronomy 6:5 above, please read my article on the [Nature of Man](#), where I go through a lengthy exegesis of scriptures showing that the heart is of the spirit. However, here is one verse to show that the heart is part of the spirit of man.

1 Peter 3:4 ...but let it be the **hidden person of the heart, with the imperishable quality of a gentle and quiet spirit**, which is precious in the sight of God.

Man is a tri-unity of spirit, soul and body, created in the image of God—who is a tri-unity of Father, Yeshua, and the Holy Spirit. Further, the Bible shows us that the soul dies, while the spirit goes to the spirit home at death.

Ecclesiastes 12:5 For the **man goes to his eternal home**, while the mourners go about the streets.

Ecclesiastes 12:7 And the dust (body) returns to the earth as it was; and the **spirit returns to God** who gave it.

Psalms 104:29 **You take away their spirit, they die** and return to their dust.

James 2:26 For just as **the body without the spirit is dead**, so also faith without works is dead.

Hebrews 12:22-23 But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of angels, to **the general assembly and church of the first-born who are enrolled in heaven**, and to God the judge of all, and to **the spirits of righteous men made perfect**,...

1 Corinthians 15:44 **If there is a natural body, there is also a spirit body.**

We have a fleshly body and a spirit body; and when the spirit leaves the body, then death occurs. The soul is the energy interface between the spirit and flesh, and is where the rational mind, will and emotions reside. The most important point is that the soul dies and the spirit does not die—it is the eternal part of our nature.

Ezekiel 18:4 The **soul that sins, it shall die.**

Ezekiel 18:20 The **soul that sins, it shall die.**

Psalms 116:8 ...for You have **rescued my soul from death.**

Matthew 16:26 For **how will a man be benefited**, if he should gain the whole world and **lose his soul**? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

Matthew 10:28 Fear Him who is able to **destroy both body and soul in hell.** (speaks of second death at the Great White Throne Judgment).

Why does the soul die when the body dies? Because **the life of the soul is in the blood.**

Genesis 9:4 But flesh with its **soul, which is its blood**, you shall not eat.

Leviticus 17:11 For the **soul of the flesh is in the blood.**

Leviticus 17:14 For the **soul of all flesh is its blood.**

Deuteronomy 12:23 Only be sure not to eat the blood, for **the blood is the soul**, and **you shall not eat the soul with the flesh.**

As you can see in the above short version of the nature of man, we are a tri-unity of spirit, soul and body. The spirit is eternal; while the soul and body die. If there is one thing that annoys me, it is pastors, teachers and supposedly learned Christians who speak of *the eternal soul*. Are these people ignorant; or have they just never read the Bible with any sort of depth of understanding? The nature of man is basic knowledge that every believer should know.

Now we can go to the meat of this entire article—to show why Creationism of the soul is a provably false doctrine. As mentioned, the solution to the derivative argument—of Creationism versus Traducianism—is to show the nature of man clearly. Then a Creationist cannot justify using scriptures about God creating spirits and think it means the soul. It would be nearly impossible to talk to any Creationist that insists on maintaining a view that mankind has a Dual nature, where to them soul and spirit are the same thing. I cannot understand how anyone could thoroughly study the Bible and hold onto such a doctrine.

The Sin Nature of Man in the Soul and Where the Soul Originates:

First, we need to see that the spirit of man is directly created by God.

Hebrews 12:9 Furthermore, we had fathers of the flesh to discipline us, and we respected them; how much more then should we **willingly be under subjection to the Father of spirits**, and live?

Isaiah 42:5 Thus says the God Yahweh (YHVH=MarYah in Aramaic), He that created the heavens and

stretched them out; He that spread out the earth and that which comes forth of it; **He that gives breath to the people on it and spirit to them that walk in it,**...

Numbers 27:16 Let **YHVH the God of the spirits to all flesh** set a man over the congregation.

Isaiah 38:16 Lord, with these things men live! **And in all these is the life of my spirit;** restore me to health, and let me live!

Jeremiah 1:5 (to Jeremiah) “**Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you;** and before you were born, I consecrated you; I have appointed you a prophet for the nations.”

Matthew 5:45 ...in order that you show yourselves to be **sons of your Father who is in heaven...**

Matthew 18:14 Thus it is not the will of **your Father who is in heaven** that one of these little ones perish.

Matthew 23:9 And call no one on earth, father; for **One is your Father, He who is in heaven.**

John 20:17 (Yeshua said) ...I ascend to My Father and **your Father,** and My God and your God.

Malachi 1:6 A son honors his father, and a servant his master. Then **if I am a father, where is My honor?**...

Malachi 2:10 **Do we not all have one father?** Has not one God created us?

God is Father to all spirits; because He created spirits before they inhabit the body of flesh. That is why He said to Jeremiah that before he was formed in the womb, God knew him. I realize that the concept opens the door to the small minority who postulate re-incarnation—where a person lives many lives. However, there is sufficient scriptural evidence that we live one life, and then there is the judgment. God is Father to all spirits; and He gives us different abilities, inclinations, and skills. All of us have noticed we have strengths and weaknesses; while others are blessed with different abilities than our own. Besides that, the heart of man in the spirit body is the place of the conscience—the inbuilt barometer of right and wrong infused in everyone.

Exodus 31:6 And behold, I Myself I have appointed Ahali'av, the son of Akhisamak, of the tribe of Dan; and **in the hearts of all who are skillful (wise of heart) I have put skill,** that they may make all that I have commanded you.

Exodus 36:1-2 Now Betzal'el and Ahali'av and **every skillful (wise of heart) man in whom Yahweh (YHVH) put wisdom and understanding** to know how to work all manner of work for the service of the sanctuary, did according to all Yahweh (YHVH) had commanded. And Moshe called to Betzal'el and to Ahali'av and to **every skillful (wise of heart) man, in whom Yahweh (YHVH) put skill (wisdom in his heart),** every one whose heart stirred him up to come to the work to perform it.

Isaiah 64:8 But now, Yahweh (YHVH), you are **our Father; we are the clay and you are our potter; and all of us are the work of your hand.**

Romans 9:20-21 However, O man, who are you to question God? Shall the thing formed say to Him who formed it, “Why have you made me like this?” **Does not the Potter have a right over His clay**, to make from the same lump vessels, **one to be honored and the other for service?**

Some might argue that the above scriptures speak of a process during life whereby God forms skills and abilities in our lives. However, the last two citations create a picture of God as the master Potter—who creates spirits with skills and abilities and puts them in the spirit of the person, pre-natal. As a person of faith, however, I also recognize that we can ask God for increased wisdom and abilities during our life. In fact, I personally believe that we all have a lot more potential than we can even imagine. The evidence is that God forms the parts of man together in the womb—the pre-existing spirit, and the generated soul and body (fetus).

Jeremiah 1:5 (to Jeremiah) Before I **formed you in the womb** I knew you.

Isaiah 49:5 (about Messiah) And now says Yahweh (YHVH), **who formed Me from the womb** to be His Servant, to return Jacob to Him, in order that Israel might be gathered to Him...

Amos 4:13 (alternate translation) For behold, one **who forms their characteristics, and creates spirit**, and declares to the man His thoughts, making the dawn of darkness, and treads on the high places of the earth, Yahweh (YHVH) God of hosts is his name.

Job 31:15 Did not **He who made me in the womb** make him; and the same one fashion us in the womb?

Isaiah 44:2 Thus says **Yahweh (YHVH) who made you, and formed you from the womb**, who will help you:...

Isaiah 44:24 Thus says Yahweh (YHVH=MarYah in Aramaic) your Redeemer, and **the one that formed you from the womb**: I Yahweh (YHVH) made all things, stretching out heaven alone, spreading out the earth by Myself...

OK, you get the clear idea that God Himself participates somehow in forming us in the womb. What is not clear from the above is exactly how He is forming us in the womb. The sperm fertilizing the egg is a mediate process—where God created the procreation process and it works through man and all animals without His direct participation. Procreation of the flesh does not require God to form us; it is a created process that works as designed. Deductively, God forming us in the womb either has to do with the soul or with the spirit. However, since animals also have a soul and flesh, and God doesn't say He forms animals in the womb, then deductively it is the spirit of man that God knits together with the flesh and soul.

Psalms 139:16 For you, you formed my reins (limits from the conscience); **you have knit me together in the womb of my mother...**

Zechariah 12:1 (Yahweh=YHVH) ...and **who forms the spirit of a man within him.**

Psalms 33:13-15 Yahweh (YHVH) looks down from heaven; He sees all the sons of men. From the place of His habitation He looks upon all the inhabitants of the earth. **He who fashions together their hearts (in unison)**, who considers all their works...

1 Corinthians 15:44 **If there is a natural body, there is also a spirit body.**

Ecclesiastes 3:11 He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, **He has put the eternal in their heart**; so that no man can find out the work which God made from the beginning even to the end.

**God fashions the two hearts of man together in the womb,
the heart of flesh and the heart that is of the spirit (eternal
part of man).**

The above scriptures draw together a number of concepts. The most important is that we have a natural body of flesh and a spirit body. The heart is part of the spirit body; just as the heart of flesh is part of the fleshly body. In the heart of the spirit is knowledge of the eternal; but for most people who are not spiritual, they cannot access the eternal information; it is hidden from them. God Himself forms us in the womb, and His part in the process is knitting together the two hearts—the heart of flesh and the heart of the spirit.

Some who have had spontaneous out of body experiences, and those who dream about flying to places in their dreams, report that there is a silver cord that connects them to their body while they are out of the body. This concept is in the Bible too.

Ecclesiastes 12:5-7 For man goes to his eternal home, while mourners go about in the street. Remember Him before **the silver cord is broken**, or the golden bowl is shattered, or the pitcher is broken at the well, and the wheel at the cistern is crushed; and the dust (body) returns to the earth as it was; and the **spirit returns to God who gave it.**

It appears that these anecdotal reports about the silver cord connecting the spirit body to the fleshly body are correct. When the silver cord is broken, when the spirit leaves the body (James 2:26), the body dies. This is the connection—the knitting together of spirit body and fleshly body, knitting together the two hearts—which God forms within the womb; and the silver cord that connects them. All these things the Creationists misinterpret as God creating a soul within the baby in the womb. What is the evidence that we come from the womb in sin?

Psalms 58:3 The wicked are **estranged from the womb**; they who speak lies **go astray from birth.**

Romans 3:23 For **all have sinned** and fall short of the glory of God.

Isaiah 48:8 And **you were called a transgressor from the womb.**

This proclivity to sin exists in mankind while in the womb. The sin nature is not of the spirit, since Yeshua (Jesus) did not have a sin nature. Besides, it would be very cruel of God to create us as an eternal spirit in sin in heaven before we enter the body. Think of the pre-existing spirit as a blank slate, into which God puts the heart with a conscience—the knowledge of right and wrong. When exactly does the sin nature start in the womb?

Psalms 51:5 (7) Behold, **I was brought forth in iniquity**; and **in sin my mother conceived me.**

Psalms 51:5 is by King David, who had parents and was not the resultant child of fornication. The Psalm here is stating the general case for all mankind—our sin nature is present at conception.

The sin nature of man occurs at conception.

And

The life of the soul is in the blood.

And

The sin nature of man is in the soul.

Can we confirm that this concept, that the soul comes from the father (and not the mother), to corroborate that this occurs at conception?

Genesis 46:26 **All the souls** that came with Jacob to Egypt, **who came out of his loins**, besides Jacob's sons' wives, **all the souls** were sixty-six.

Hebrews 7:9-10 Speaking as a man, through Abraham, even **Levi** who received tithes, also **gave tithes**. For **he was yet in the loins of his forefather Abraham**, when Melchi-tzedek met him. (refers to Genesis 14:17-24).

The sin nature of man is part of the soul; and the soul comes from the father at conception.

We've come a long way in this article to point to the simple truth above—that the sin nature is of the soul and the soul comes from the father of the child at conception. The woman does not transmit the sin nature in her egg, nor does she propagate the soul of the child. This propagation of a baby from the parents—with egg from the mother, and sperm and seed of soul from the father—is not a creation from nothing. The parents participate in a process which God created, the same as all animals, where the fleshly body and soul come from the propagation process. Animals such as horses and dogs and cats are propagated through a sexual process and animals have a soul. Do we say that horses and dogs and cats are creators? Yet that has been one objection to Traducianism voiced in the past. Obviously, it was an argument without merit—unless you are willing to say that any animal that procreates through their species specific propagation process is a creator and doing special creation.

Yeshua (Jesus) did not have a sin nature because he had no earthly father. Mary conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and Yeshua's soul was without the sin nature from Adam. The Holy Spirit fertilized the egg and provided a perfect soul.

Bonus Section—What About those 21st Century Questions?

At the beginning of the article, it was pointed out that the exact knowledge of where the sin nature

originates will allow us to more easily answer some tough questions facing all of us in the 21st century. These are questions surrounding abortion, stem cell research, the morning after pill, and cloning of humans. Let's tackle a few based on our knowledge gained in this article. These are all my opinions and may be subject to change (based on good arguments from the readers).

What happens at an abortion?

At conception the fetus receives a soul seed from the father and the egg is fertilized. So at conception the fetus is a baby human. We don't know the exact point at which God knits together a spirit to the propagated body and soul. However, if the measure of humanness is that they have a soul, then conception is the point of origination. To abort a fetus is then to kill a developing human child with a soul, and probably a spirit too. Bible believers ought not kill babies in-vivo (in the womb).

Where Does the Soul of a Child Propagated from a Test-tube Come From?

The soul seed comes from the sperm donor, who is the biological father. That soul seed will have some of the temperament and character of the father, yet it is important to say that the parents who raise the child also have an immense part in shaping the soul of child. What they instill and teach the child molds the child toward adulthood. It is extremely important to give credit to the parents who raise the child.

How Does this Knowledge Affect Embryonic Stem Cells Harvested from Fetuses?

The same as it relates to an abortion, noted above. At conception the egg is fertilized and a soul seed incorporated. Therefore, killing a small fetus is still killing a human child in natal development—a human child with a soul. While scientists may promise future cures from fetal stem cells, the fact is that a large number of cures have already come from utilizing adult stem cells. The promised cures from harvested fetal stem cells are merely a hope at this point; there have been zero cures from the use of embryonic stem cells. As believers in the Most High God and His Messiah Yeshua, we ought not support harvesting fetal stem cells or using government money to fund that research (it introduces institutionalized willful sinning).

What About the Morning After Pill?

A tough question, since my knowledge is not sufficient to know whether the morning after pill causes any egg to be ejected whether or not it was fertilized. If it kills a fertilized egg, then it is just abortion at a much closer point to conception—killing a small developing human child with a soul. If the morning after pill doesn't allow the egg to attach to the womb, then the propagation process is not completed; and it is similar to a mother losing the baby naturally during pregnancy.

What About Cloning: Would a Cloned Person Have a Soul?

Yes. But where does the cloned person's soul come from? The cell used for cloning contains blood or blood information, and the life of the soul is in the blood. Therefore, the cloned person would have the soul seed from the grandfather. That is the soul and sin nature existent in the woman, that came from her father. In other words, the cloning process also clones the soul. That doesn't mean the cloned person would grow up to be an exact replica of the mother, since environmental factors and the times are different for the cloned child from that of the mother and shape the child.

Would the Cloned Person Have a Spirit?

I see no reason why God would not attach a spirit to the developing child. So my guess is that a cloned person would have a spirit and soul and body. However, given that animal cloning has problems

with the cloned animal having accelerated aging due to possible damaged DNA, then cloning humans seems like something we ought to avoid. We don't have enough knowledge to do it without causing problems. God created a propagation process and that seems like the best way to me.

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