

Production of the Sinful Nature

The soul and the body are two separate but dependent entities. The soul needs the body for mobility, the body needs the soul for life.

At physical birth the body is totally depraved because of the imputation of Adam's original sin to the genetically formed sinful nature.

Romans 5:12 - Just as through one man, Adam, original sin entered into the world, and spiritual death through the original sin, consequently, spiritual death spread to all men because all sinned when Adam sinned.

Also, by divine imputation, the soul is inseparably united with the body creating human life. However, the soul is distinguished from the body in that it is immaterial (i.e., energy) while the body is distinguished from the soul in that it is material (i.e., matter).

Biological life is created immediately by man in procreation. Soul life is created immediately by God *ex nihilo*. The thing that unites the two in human life is the stream of consciousness, or the mentality of the soul. The soul processes all information taken in by the brain and classifies it into various categories of data: frame of reference, memory, vocabulary categories, norms and standards, momentum, and wisdom. Once processed, the soul utilizes the brain computer to store the information:

1. Data from frame of reference is stored as vectors in Wernicke and Broka's areas.
2. Memories are stored as wheel-tracks within neural pathways.
3. Vocabulary is stored along with definitions in Wernicke and Broka's areas.
4. Categories, including norms and standards, are stored through synaptically connected constellations formed among associated wheel-tracks.
5. Momentum is accomplished by facilitation of these wheel-tracks through volitional choice.
6. Wisdom is acquired by facilitating the entire neural network of the cerebral cortex.

In the spiritual life, this process must be managed by the enabling power of the Holy Spirit. As the believer acquires biblical truth within his stream of consciousness there emerges a conflict of wheel-tracks between those which are righteous and those which are wicked. Since the wicked ones were facilitated in unbelief, the execution of righteous wheel-tracks requires the enabling power of the Holy Spirit. But whether or not this is accomplished is dependent upon a decision rendered by volition.

While in status quo spirituality, the believer has the enabling power of the Holy Spirit to do the right thing. But in an effort to regain control over the soul, the sinful nature utilizes vectors which recall to conscious mind wheel-tracks of wickedness. Volition is challenged to make a choice between the two courses of action—righteous or wicked.

If volition opts for righteous action, the Holy Spirit facilitates the pertinent wheel-track and produces divine good. If the volition opts for wicked action, the sinful nature executes the facilitated wheel-track and produces sin. The Joker! Paul's *ménage à trois* has resulted in the sinful nature's successful *coup d'état* of the soul.

katergazomai

katergazomai - "the one producing it."

present - Progressive; denotes action in progress or in a state of persistence, therefore strong linear action.

middle - Deponent; middle in form active in meaning. Denotes Paul using himself as an example for the purpose of illustration.

indicative - Declarative, reality.

Romans 7:20a - Now if, as a result of my personal volitional decision, I am doing what I do not desire to do (and I am), I am no longer the one producing it...