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God's spirit remains a mystery to Christianity which must be believed on blind faith i.e., their understanding of God's spirit has to be considered true without any explanation that our minds can understand. Christians' faith need not be based on incomprehensible ideas that would be unacceptable to our minds in any other non-religious context such as 3 beings existing in 1. The Bible is very clear on who is God's spirit and it can be clear to you also if YOU are hungry for understanding the wonderful truth of God and will patiently with an open mind read through this study.

Preamble

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I think it is essential to clarify the question of the “Holy Spirit” before we begin this study. If we say that who or what is the “Holy Spirit” is the question that needs to be answered, we are starting from the assumption that there exists such a being as the Holy Spirit and that it is a separate and distinct being from God and the Word. The question which should be asked is who are the beings the Bible tell us are holy, whose composition is spirit and who have existed eternally? Either the Bible plainly tells us who are the separate and distinct beings that existed from all eternity who created all things (spirit beings and the material universe) or we have no way of getting an answer to our question.

The Holy Spirits of the God Family

The Bible tells us in Gen 1:1 that:

Gen 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

The Hebrew word translated “God” is “Eloheem” which is the plural form of “Eloah which means “God”. The word “Eloheem” refers to “gods.” It is a uniplural noun like family, group, team, etc. In the beginning, there was therefore more than one God being in existence but how many were there?

Joh 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Joh 1:2 The same was in the beginning with God.

Joh 1:3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

In the beginning when God created the heaven and the earth there was God and there was another being with God who was also God, the Word. How can these two beings both be God; isn't that impossible?

The word God indicates the kind of existence of these 2 beings: their nature is to be God in the same way that all human beings have the same human nature. However, having the same nature does not mean that all human beings constitute a single being; indeed, they are all separate and distinct beings with their own personalities. God and the Word have in common the same nature or, level and type of existence, but they are separate and distinct beings just like all human beings who have the same human nature are separate and distinct beings.

God the Father

We read in the Bible that God became a father when the Word became flesh (Php 2:5-8) by being born of woman after having been conceived in the virgin Mary by the holy spirit being called God (Luke 1:35). God from that point on became God the Father and the Word, who was born as the flesh-and-blood Jesus of Nazareth became God's Son or the Son of God. He was both fully God (his father was God and fully human (his mother was the virgin Mary).

Jesus was God the Father's only begotten son at the time when He was conceived in Mary's womb but He was not to be the only one begotten of the Father. God the Father is the holy spirit being in the Godhead that calls men to salvation.

Joh 6:44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.

Joh 6:65 And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father.

Joh 18:9 That the saying might be fulfilled, which he spake, Of them which thou [God the Father] gavest me have I lost none.

1Pe 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

God the Word and Spokesman

The Bible term for being called is to be spiritually begotten by God the Father (1Pe 1:3). When we are begotten, we become a spiritual embryo that can be born again as a glorified spirit being with eternal life. Those begotten of the holy spirit God the Father who follow their calling are then able to come to the holy spirit being called the Word and Spokesman (John 6:44; 65; 18:9) who then teaches them. The glorified Jesus-Christ as God the Father's Word and Spokesman is the holy spirit being that works in the minds of God the Father's called and chosen ones.

Joh 7:39 (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

Jesus had to first be glorified for it to be possible for Christians to have access to the holy spirit called the Word and Spokesman because the glorified Christ is the holy spirit being who works in the minds of God's saints (John 14:17) in the same way that Satan is the evil spirit that works in the minds of the children of disobedience (Eph2:2).

Joh 14:17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he [Christ] dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. [On the day of Pentecost, it would be in them and in all true Christians.]

Eph 2:2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, [Satan] the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

The holy spirit God the Father calls men and those who follow their calling are then taught by the holy spirit called the Word and God the Father's Spokesman.

Joh 14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

The Holy Ghost

The expression "Holy Ghost" used in the Bible is in error as there are no ghosts in the Godhead but rather 2 beings that are holy (John 17:11; Isa 6:3) and spirit (John 4:24).

Joh 17:11 And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are.

Isa 6:3 And one cried unto another, and said, **Holy, holy, holy**, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.

Joh 4:24 **God is a Spirit**: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

These 2 God beings who are holy and spirit are the holy spirit beings of the God family who existed in the beginning at the creation of all things.

Joh 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Joh 1:2 The same was in the beginning with God.

Joh 1:3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

And, the Word who was with God is before all things i.e., *nothing* existed before He created them whether made of spirit or matter.

Col 1:15 **[Christ]** Who is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of every creature:

Col 1:16 For by him [the Word who became Jesus-Christ] were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

Col 1:17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

In the beginning before anything either physical or spiritual was created, there was God and the Word who existed before all things and no other being is mentioned as having existed with them. There is no bib-

lical evidence that there ever existed a third, separate and distinct personage in the Godhead called the “Holy Spirit” who dwelt in eternity with God and the Word.

God is a Family

Throughout the Bible we can find many verses which clearly indicates the existence of family relations between God and the Word and God’s called, chosen and faithful.

Mat 11:27 All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him.

Mat 12:50 For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.

Joh 20:17 Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but o to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.

God is clearly a family in which many can be ultimately born again by a resurrection from the dead to eternal, glorified spirit life in God’s Kingdom.

Rom 8:29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he [\[God’s Son\]](#) might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Col 1:18 And he [\[the glorified Christ\]](#) is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.

Christ was the first to be born again by a resurrection from the dead to be followed by many brethren.

Bible Writing Convention

The practice in the Bible has been to simply use the expression “the Holy Spirit” without indicating which God personage in the Godhead the expression represents. Over time, because of this practice, just about everybody has come to believe that the Holy Spirit is a separate and distinct God being in the Godhead but, there is no single verse or group of verses in the Bible that prove the existence of such a third being in the Godhead. The words “holy” and “spirit” are adjectives that describe the nature of

God the Father and of God the Word i.e., they are holy beings made of spirit.

Whenever we encounter the expressions the “Holy Spirit” or simply the “Holy Spirit” in the Bible we must look at the context to determine of which holy spirit being of the Godhead the Bible is talking about: the holy spirit, God the Father or the holy spirit, the Word and Spokesman.

The Word is the holy spirit being in the Godhead who carries out the instructions and wishes of the holy spirit, God. He is the faithful son who seeks to do his father’s will in all things. He is the member of the God family that did the work of creating the heaven and the earth, who ruled over ancient Israel through Moses and his human successors, He is the one who became a man who suffered and died to be God the Father’s perfect sacrifice for sin and make the salvation of mankind possible, etc. and He came to reveal the Father to those who follow the Father’s calling.

Making Things Clearer

In this study, when referring to God’s spirit who, depending on the circumstances can be the holy spirit personage called God the Father or the holy spirit personage called God the Word and Spokesman, I will not capitalize either of the adjectives “holy” and “spirit”. This is in order to not perpetuate the false impression in the minds of readers that there is a 3rd being in the Godhead called the “Holy Spirit.” Instead, I will refer to either of the holy spirits in the God family as being God’s spirit without capitalizing the word “spirit” to make it plain that we are not referring to a third God being in the God family called the “Holy Spirit” but to one of the 2 God beings in the Godhead.

God’s family is presently made up of 2 holy spirit beings to which are to be added thousands and possibly millions of other holy spirit beings when God’s plan of salvation for mankind has reached its end. The saints that endure in the faith until the end of their natural human life, will be resurrected as individual holy spirit beings in God’s Kingdom when it is established.

There are two studies which you can read regarding what is the “Holy Spirit” and decide for yourself in light of the Bible-based evidence offered if such a being exists in the Godhead. These studies are: [What is the Holy Spirit? Cliff Notes Version](#) and [Who or What is the Holy Spirit?](#)

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The God level spiritual truth of the Bible is not something that can be known and understood by a superficial or cursory reading of the Bible. Christ very plainly tells us that if we are really hungering and thirsting for truth, we will find it but it will entail us having to do a bit of work to get it.

Mat 5:6 Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Luk 11:9 And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

Luk 11:10 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

Christ clearly tells us that He stands at our door and knocks.

Rev 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

But, we have to be ready to open the door and not ignore Christ's knock because we are so sure that we have enough understanding of the truth and don't need any more; that our group, our denomination or our spiritual leader, in whom we have put all our trust, knows it all and has

reassured us that we have all we need to know for salvation.

God will not speak to you in dreams and visions nor will He appear to you in a human form, have a coffee with you and explain the meaning of the Scriptures to you.

Heb 1:1 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,

Heb 1:2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;

God spoke to the ancient physical and unconverted nation of Israel by the prophets but in these last days, the ones we are presently living in, He is speaking to His spiritual nation of Israel by his Son, the resurrected and glorified Jesus-Christ, who now sits at the throne of God at His right hand (Heb 10:12). God speaks to us through the Bible which is Christ in writing.

The "last days" began with the foundation of God's New Testament Church on the Day of Pentecost. We are now living at the end of the 6th prophetic day of God's 7 day plan of salvation for mankind. A prophetic day in fulfillment is a thousand years (Rev 20:6; 2Pe 3:8). From Adam to Christ there were 4,000 years and from Christ to our days, almost 2,000 years have gone by. Mankind is on the verge of entering the 7th day of God's plan of salvation, the Millennium.

God is speaking to individual, true Christians by His Son, Jesus-Christ who prior to His incarnation was the Word and Spokesman who dwelt in eternity with God.

Joh 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Joh 1:2 The same was in the beginning with God.

The Word voluntarily became a man to be God's perfect sacrifice for sin.

Php 2:5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

Php 2:6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

Php 2:7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

The holy spirit God the Word became a man; He took on the likeness of men. The mind that was in the body of the man Jesus of Nazareth was the mind of the holy spirit God the Word. Jesus of Nazareth was God in the flesh but there are some who deny this saying Jesus was not God in the flesh. God has a name for them:

1Jn 4:1 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. [They would also come into God's Church and some would arise from within God's Church.]

1Jn 4:2 Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God:

1Jn 4:3 And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of Antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.

Let's go back to reading Philippians 2.

Php 2:8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

If Christ was not God in the flesh but just a man how could His death have resulted in the forgiveness of the sins of mankind? Something for the skeptics to think about.

God speaks to true Christians through the Word revealing to them the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven *as they study their Bible* (Christ in writing) because it has been given to *them* to know the mysteries of the Kingdom of God.

Mat 13:11 He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.

Luk 8:10 And he said, Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God: but to others in parables; that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand.

Christ told His disciples before being taken to be crucified that He would manifest Himself to them (not to the unconverted world).

Joh 14:21 He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

Joh 14:22 Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, **and not unto the world?**

Joh 14:23 Jesus answered and said unto him, **If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.**

And how will Christ manifest Himself to his disciples i.e., those who have been called and chosen and are studying their Bible? He would give them growth in knowledge and understanding of the mysteries of the Kingdom of God as contained in the Bible.

Joh 14:26 **But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost [spirit it should read], whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.**

Joh 14:16 **And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;**

Joh 14:17 **Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.**

God through the Word which is the glorified Christ following His resurrection from the dead is the means by which God would teach all things (John 14:26) to Christ's disciples after His ascension to heaven. However, not only Christ's disciples would be taught all things by the glorified Christ but also true Christians throughout the ages who are *studying* the Scriptures as commanded by God.

2Ti 2:15 **Study** to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Pro 4:7 Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore [get wisdom](#):
and with all thy getting [get understanding](#).

Pro 9:10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom:
and [the knowledge of the holy](#) is [understanding](#).

The unconverted world can have knowledge but they cannot get understanding and without understanding, they really have no knowledge of the spiritual truths of the Bible.

Those who have been given to know God level spiritual truth are to have spiritual fellowship with one another.

1Jn 1:3 That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.

This spiritual fellowship expresses itself in the truly converted talking about the wonderful spiritual truth of God when they meet or assemble in smaller or larger groups on such occasions as the Sabbath and the annual holy days and at other times which are not commanded times of assembly.

This process in the Bible is referred to as prophesying.

Wait, calm down, the Scriptures fully bear this out as we will now see.

The Bible plainly states that the truly converted should *covet* (have an intense desire) to prophesy.

1Co 14:39 Wherefore, brethren, [covet to prophesy](#), and forbid not to speak with tongues.

What is Paul talking about? Can individual Christians all prophesy? Is prophesying not something done by men specially appointed as prophets by God? There are 2 studies on this very topic on this web site which you can access by clicking on the following hyperlink which fully explains this subject: [The Ministry and God's Truth](#) (starting on page 6) and [Unity in God's Church](#) (also starting on page 6).

Essentially, what prophesying involves for the individual Christian is precisely the spiritual fellowship spoken of by John in the verse we have just read (1Jn 1:3). All Christians are taught all things by the Word, the glorified Christ. Christ plainly tells us that all Christians are taught of God.

Joh 6:45 It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me.

And God through Paul tells us the same thing in other words.

1Co3:6 I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.

And, as we have just seen, the God being through which Christians are taught all things is God the Word and Spokesman to God the Father's called and chosen ones.

These brethren's increase in knowledge and understanding was made possible by God (1Co 3:6) as it is for all true Christians. It is not the doing of men even truly converted ones. Paul was an apostle and readily admitted, he could not give God's called and chosen ones, growth in understanding of the Scriptures. If Paul an apostle couldn't, what about men today?

The practical implication of this understanding is that individual Christians with minds enabled to understand spiritual truth and who are diligently studying their Bible will have revealed to them knowledge and understanding not revealed to other true Christians who are not studying.

This process of revelation is repeated with other true Christians who are studying their Bible and this is why when they get together, their spiritual fellowship will be to share in an orderly fashion the truths they have discovered through their studies which in most instances will not be the same truths others may have discovered. These different truths are to be discussed in an iron sharpens iron attitude with other interested Christians who will, using their knowledge and understanding of the Scriptures, refine, adjust, confirm and sometimes invalidate their fellow Christians findings. However, as Paul cautions them, the fundamental truths he personally received from Christ are not to be the object of debate by Christians when they assemble. They are true and sure (1Co 14:37) as they were received directly from Christ.

When Christians get together and talks to each other about God's truth they are engaging in spiritual fellowship and God through Paul clearly calls this spiritual fellowshiping, prophesying. All true Christians are to covet, to have a eager desire, to prophesy (1Co 14:39).

The studies on this web site are basically a means of engaging in

spiritual fellowship with other true Christians that may chance upon them. And, like in the days of Paul and of the First Era Church of God, you always have to verify what is being said in these studies against your Bible and prove for yourself and to your satisfaction that what is said is true or not.

True Christians are not to put their trust in any man but they are also not to summarily reject new information coming their way without first checking it out to see if it is true according to the Bible. The prophets of the OT for the greatest part were ignored or persecuted because those hearing them did not agree with their message and would not take the time to verify it against the Scriptures that they had at that time.

The Jews rejected Christ and put Him to death because they did not like being publicly shown to not really be the all-knowing teachers of the Scriptures by this newcomer who was attracting a lot of attention from the people. They saw him as a threat to their continuing reputation as great teachers of God's truth and they didn't want that to change.

The Jews, except in a few rare instances (Act 17:11), rejected Paul's teachings. Both the Pharisees and the Scribes, and the Jews not part of the priesthood lost out on becoming part of God's New Testament spiritual nation of Israel and many of them, especially the Scribes and the Pharisees who were the religious elite of the day, lost their salvation (John 9:41).

So, be careful not to be found having rejected truth which was being offered to you simply because it is something new that you never heard before and would not take the time to verify it with your Bible. You cannot put your trust in any man and make him your criterion of truth. You have to prove all things and then, *hold on to what is true*.

1Th 5:21 Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.

And the unspoken part of this verse is, don't hold on to what is false; reject it even though it was a belief that may have been so very important to you. You must accept to be corrected by the truth.

Let's now begin examining what the Bible says about "the spirit" and "God's spirit,"

Of Things "Spirit"ual

The word "spirit" is found in many verses of the Bible in such expressions as "thy spirit", the "holy spirit", the "spirit of truth", the "spirit of God", "his spirit" and many more. Bible translators have been in the practice of capitalizing the words "holy" and "spirit" whenever they understood it to refer or believed that it referred to a third spirit being in the Godhead they have variously translated as the "Holy Spirit" and the "Holy Ghost."

However, as we will see in the following listing of Scriptures that there is really no consistency in how capitalization is used to signal to the reader that the words and expressions "thy spirit", the "spirit of truth", etc are referring or not to the "holy spirit." This we can readily see by a quick survey of some of the Scriptures containing these words. Please note that all capitalization in the following verses is exactly as found in the Bible text.

Num 11:29 And Moses said unto him, Enviest thou for my sake? would God that all the LORD'S people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit upon them!

Num 24:2 And Balaam lifted up his eyes, and he saw Israel abiding in his tents according to their tribes; and the spirit of God came upon him.

Jdg 6:34 But the Spirit of the LORD came upon Gideon, and he blew a trumpet; and Abiezer was gathered after him.

Neh 9:20 Thou gavest also thy good spirit to instruct them, and withholdest not thy manna from their mouth, and gavest them water for their thirst.

Job 26:13 By his spirit he hath garnished the heavens; his hand hath formed the crooked serpent.

Job 33:4 The Spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life.

Psa 51:11 Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.

Psa104:30 Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created: and thou renewest the face of the earth.

Psa 139:7 Whither shall I go from **thy spirit**? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?

Isa 11:2 And **the spirit of the LORD** shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD;

Isa 30:1 Woe to the rebellious children, saith the LORD, that take counsel, but not of me; and that cover with a covering, but not of **my spirit**, that they may add sin to sin:

Isa 42:1 Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put **my spirit** upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles.

Isa 63:10 But they rebelled, and vexed **his holy Spirit**: therefore he was turned to be their enemy, and he fought against them.

Eze 37:14 And shall put **my spirit** in you, and ye shall live, and I shall place you in your own land: then shall ye know that I the LORD have spoken it, and performed it, saith the LORD.

1Co 12:3 Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the **Spirit of God** calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.

Eph 1:13 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that **holy Spirit** of promise,

Eph 3:5 Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by **the Spirit**;

Eph 4:30 And grieve not the **holy Spirit** of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

1Th 4:8 He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us his **holy Spirit**.

I could go on and on but I think that the sampling of verses provided adequately demonstrates how there is no consistency in the way the translators capitalize the words referring to God's spirit in the Bible.

This indicates that it was not clear in their minds what or who is the holy spirit which is made evident by some words and expressions being capitalized and other very similar ones not being capitalized when both clearly refer to the same thing i.e., God's spirit.

Who or what is that spirit has already been the object of 2 studies posted on this site: [Who or What is the Holy Spirit Cliffs Notes Version?](#) and [Who or What is the Holy Spirit?](#) However, this study will add to these 2 studies by examining who or what is God's spirit, specifically.

Is it something emanating from God or is it another spirit entity or being who is in submission to Him and who does whatever God commands it to do?

Let's begin by reviewing the role of the spirit of God in the creation of living human beings as this will help us to determine just what or who is the spirit God uses to do things for Him.

The Origin of Life

Theories abound about how life began but none are conclusive nor scientifically provable. However, something which is not in dispute is that life cannot come from non-life. Dead matter in whatever shape or state it may be found has never and can never generate life or, itself, become alive through its own means.

Life has to come from a being who already has life and so we read the following in the book of John.

Joh 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Joh 1:2 The same was in the beginning with God.

Joh 1:3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

Joh 1:4 **In him was life**; and the life was the light of men.

The Bible clearly tells us that in the beginning there existed only 2 beings. One was called God and the other one was called the Word. The Word, a separate and distinct being from God, was also God i.e., He, like God, was an immortal spirit being with the power of creation. And so it is that God through the Word created ALL things which includes *living* human beings (John 1:3; Gen 2:7).

A bit of clarification is required here to assist you in not becoming bewildered by the Bible stating that God and the Word were God. What this means is that they both had the very same nature and mode of existence: both of them were immortal spirit beings who had existed forever. One was named God and the other was called the Word.

It's a bit like saying that Bob, a human being was with Ralph and that Ralph was also a human being. They are both separate and distinct beings who fully share in the same mode of existence i.e., they are human. In the same way, God and the Word are separate and distinct beings who fully share in the same manner of existence; they are both God beings.

The Word created the first human being from inert matter and made this matter alive by placing a spirit essence in it (James 2:26; Ecc 12: 7). But, many will say, what keeps me alive is my heart pumping blood to my organs, the air that I breathe, the food that I eat, etc. However, these physical processes only serve to sustain the physical life placed in the human body. They are not the source of that life; were they the source of life in men then men would never die but men are mortal.

Heb 9:27 And as **it is appointed unto men once to die**, but after this the judgment:

What gives life and maintains life in a human being is the spirit essence placed in man by God the Word which in Gen 2:7 is referred to as being the "breath of life." The life in men is from God and no matter how healthily men may live their lives, the very oldest age men can ever hope to attain is 120 years and very few of them ever do.

Gen 6:3 And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: **yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.**

The human body dies in an irreversible way when the spirit essence placed in it by God and which gives it life, leaves it (James 2:26; Ecc 12:7).

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

Ecc 12:7 Then **[at the time of death]** shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.

The body, made of the dust of the ground, at the time of death then returns to being inert, dead matter.

Gen 3:19 In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: **for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.**

And, no one can prevent the spirit from leaving the body in the day of death.

Ecc 8:8 There is **no man that hath power over the spirit to retain the spirit**; neither hath he power **in the day of death**: and there is no discharge in that war; neither shall wickedness deliver those that are given to it.

Before the creation of man, God created the material universe and how this was done also gives us more information about God and the Word. This knowledge will help us to better understand the different Bible verses where we find words and expressions related to the "spirit."

The Creation of the Universe

Genesis is the first book of the Bible but we don't encounter specific information about God until we get to the New Testament and to the Gospel of John. We find ourselves again looking at John 1:3 where we learn that all things were made by the Word including spirit beings (Col 1:16) and that the material universe is kept in existence by the Word (Col 1:17).

Joh 1:3 **All things were made by him**; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

Heb 2:10 For it became him, for whom are all things, and **by whom are all things**, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

Col 1:16 For **by him were all things created**, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: **all things were created by him, and for him**:

Col 1:17 And he is **before** all things, and **by him all things consist**.

The Word existed before anything was created; *He is before all things*;

by His power He created all things, and He maintains them in existence i.e., by him all things consist (Col 1:17). The material universe and mankind were created for a specific purpose and once that purpose has been achieved, their existence will cease.

2Pe 3:7 But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. [\[The Great White Throne Judgment is when the judgment and perdition of ungodly men occurs. It is also the time when the just become glorified spirit beings \(Matt 25: 31-34\)\]](#)

2Pe 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which [the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.](#)

The Day of the Lord mentioned here is not the Day of the Lord of the 7th seal of Revelation during which Christ's 2nd Coming occurs and which ends with the pouring out of the last 7 bowl plagues which complete God's vengeance. The Day of the Lord in this verse refers to the last judgment where the wicked perish in the Lake of Fire (the perdition of ungodly men) which eventually spreads out to burn up the current universe. This is further confirmed by the following verse of 2Pe 3:

2Pe 3:12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

There will come a time when mankind will cease to exist when God's plan of salvation comes to an end. A new heaven and a new earth will be created that will not include any material beings but only spirit beings i.e., all those that have been called, chosen and have remained faithful until the end of their physical lives.

Rev 21:1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

Rev 17:14 These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are [called, and chosen, and faithful.](#)

We now need to examine how God and the Word exist as this will help

us in determining what it is the Bible means when it's talking about the spirit of God.

Organization in the Godhead

In the Gospels we learn that there is a hierarchy of authority between God and the Word. I hesitate to say it but in today's world the word "authority" has become an evil word. According to this world it is a bad thing to be under anyone's authority as it belittles, humiliates and reduces people to second class status. The Bible however, makes it clear that the Word is under God's authority.

Joh 20:17 Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.

Joh 15:10 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

The Word is fully in submission to God and is the one who speaks/communicates with human beings (Heb 1:1-2) and this is why He is also called the Spokesman.

Heb 1:1 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, [the Old Testament physical nation of Israel]

Heb 1:2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us [the New Testament spiritual nation of Israel] by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;

The Word became a man to be the perfect sacrifice for sin and then returned to the Father and to the glory He had before becoming a man. Christ is the Word and God's Spokesman to God's spiritual nation of Israel. The Word was so obedient to His Father that he endured the horribly painful death of being crucified. Something that He found so difficult to do that he almost was not able to do it but He allowed Himself to be crucified that His Father's will may be accomplished in Him (Mat 26:42).

Mat 26:39 And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup

pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.

Mat 26:40 And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour?

Mat 26:41 Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

Mat 26:42 He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done.

The Word is fully God as God is God or in other words, Christ, the son of God is fully God as God the Father is God. They are both God beings but, and here is the big BUT, the Word is under the authority of God in a similar way that a human father's sons are under his authority. Many Scriptures make this clear.

Joh 4:34 Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.

Joh 5:30 I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.

Joh 5:43 I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive.

Joh 8:28 Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he, and that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things.

Joh 10:25 Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believed not: the works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me.

Joh 14:28 Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I.

Joh 20:17 Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto

them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.

The principle involved in the requirement that there be an authority structure when more than one person are to accomplish a task, live together or be part of a large organization is given us in simple terms in the following Old Testament verse:

Amo 3:3 Can two walk together, except they be agreed?

What is it they have to agree on? They have to agree that one will be the leader and the other will be the follower. When no agreement can be reached, the result is that 2 or more persons will not be able to continue together because not all decisions taken will always meet with the agreement of everyone. This will cause strife between them and ultimately, they will separate or cease to walk together as the Bible puts it.

There is an authority hierarchy in God's Kingdom where the Son obeys the Father. Many more individuals will be added to God's Kingdom; some will be the Bride of Christ and others will be the children in the kingdom. They will be the children of the husband Christ and His bride. Christ, His Bride and the children of the kingdom will be under the authority of God who is the highest in authority in the kingdom.

In 1Co 12: 13-25, it is explained how the human body and its many parts are one body and that, in the same way, the body of Christ being made up of many parts is also one body.

The body spoken of 1Co 12 is the body of Christ which is the Church.

Col 1:18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.

1Co 12 and Col 1 explain the functioning of the Kingdom of God. It will be made up of many parts like the human body. All parts like those of the body will work in full cooperation with all other parts to the benefit of the body. The many parts of the body of Christ, the individual truly converted members, are set by God in the body of Christ as it pleased Him.

1Co 12:18 But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him.

In God's Kingdom, the Father will be the highest in authority, His Son will be second in authority and then each member of the body of Christ that

will in the resurrection become part of God's Kingdom and will be set in the body as it pleases God the Father. God's Church, the body of Christ, will constitute the many members of the Kingdom of God who will be assigned different levels of authority by God the Father according to their works of obedience in this life.

Their salvation is by grace (Eph 2:8) but their reward in God's Kingdom will be based on their works (Mat 25:14-30; Luke 19:11-27).

It is clear that in God's Kingdom there exists an hierarchy of authority which makes it possible for two and many to be as one as is presently the situation with God and the Word. In the future many more God beings will be added to God's Kingdom and they will function as one body because of the authority structure that exists in God's Kingdom.

There is simply and absolutely no other way that 2 or more can walk together.

This is why the kingdom is called the kingdom of God and *not the kingdom of God and the Word*. God is the one and only king of the kingdom and for order, harmony and peace to exist, a clearly defined governmental structure must exist to which all must be in voluntary submission.

Now, we can answer the question asked in the title of this study of who is God's spirit.

Who is God's Spirit?

Let's look at Ps104:30 which is one of many verses which will become very clear after we have connected the dots of all the information provided so far in this study.

Psa 104:30 Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created:
and thou renewest the face of the earth.

There has always been only one other being in existence besides God who possessed the very same nature i.e., who is composed of spirit, has existed forever and, who has creation and mind power. This other being according to your Bible is the Word who is also referred to as the Spokesman and as the Logos. This spirit being, the Word, as we have seen is fully obedient to God and He is the spirit being by whom God created all things (Heb 1:2; Eph 3:9).

Heb 1:2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us by [his Son](#),
[\[the Word\]](#) whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by
[whom also he made the worlds](#);

Eph 3:9 And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in **God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: [the Word]**

These verses make it clear that God did not create all things Himself; rather, *they were created by the Word at His request*. Therefore, it follows that the spirit that God sends out in Ps104:30 to renew the face of the earth can be none other than the Word.

Psa 104:30 Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created:
and thou renewest the face of the earth.

The spirit sent out by God to renew the face of the earth is not power that is projected from Himself nor is it a 3rd spirit being in the Godhead called the "holy spirit" and the "holy Ghost" that goes out from Him and does the work needed to put into effect His commands.

The holy spirit being that God used to create all thing and to renew the face of the earth is the holy spirit the Word who became Jesus Christ. And, it is also that spirit, God the Word, who will create the new heaven and the new earth when the current one is destroyed by fire after the Great White Throne Judgment.

The Word is the spirit being who does the creation work requested by God and **the Word is therefore God's spirit or the spirit of God**. This spirit being is also part of the process of ongoing spiritual creation where God calls people to salvation and, when they accept their calling by committing themselves to living a life of obedience to Him to the best of their abilities, the Word becomes responsible for teaching them all things as they study their Bible.

Joh 6:44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.

The Father and only the Father determines who is to be called, and when someone is called and chosen, they come to Christ, who is God the Word.

Joh 14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

The resurrected Christ is the Word who comes to all those called and cho-

sen by God the Father and teaches them all things. When Christ spoke those words to His disciples, He was talking about Himself as the holy spirit that would come to them following His resurrection, glorification and ascension to His Father.

The Word is holy and is a spirit and so He is a holy spirit. He is the holy spirit that would come to the disciples and all those called and chosen by God the Father to teach them all things as part of God's ongoing work of spiritual creation work with mankind.

I would now like to briefly provide you with additional information that you may find useful regarding the nature of the existence of God.

Two Gods?

As we have been seeing in this study, the Bible speaks of the existence of 2 beings who are composed of spirit, are immortal and have always existed. They were not created by another being who gave them immortality, they existed eternally.

The dilemma that we face is how to reconcile the existence of God and of the Word who we are told is also God. We know that God and the Word are not two beings existing in one person. When Christ died, God did not also die, when Christ prayed to His Father, He was not talking to Himself; when Christ laid dead for 3 days and 3 nights, he did not resurrect Himself. So, clearly God and the Word are 2 separate and distinct spirit beings.

But, this terminology can and does create confusion in our minds as the typical person thinks that there is only one God and there are no others so how can the Bible be telling us there are 2 Gods i.e., the Word was also God (John 1:1)?

The Bible is clear that there presently exists 2 God beings.

Joh 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the **Word was with God, and the Word was God.**

And we also are clearly told that the Word existed before anything was created.

Col 1:16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

Col 1:17 And **he is before all things**, and by him all things consist.

God created all things by the Word.

Eph 3:9 And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in **God, who created all things by Jesus Christ**:

God and the Word existed forever, have the same nature (are spirit composed and immortal with mind power) and the Word freely and willingly obeys God who is the highest in authority in the Kingdom of God.

The difference between God and the Word is not in their nature as God beings but in their having different levels of authority. In the future, more God beings are to be created as desired by God Himself.

Not only will there be 2 Gods but there will possibly be hundreds of thousands of them but all will be set in the kingdom with different levels of authority at it pleases God and in accordance with their works of obedience while human beings.

But not all Gods will have the same degree of authority. They will all exist as members of one body in the same way that the organs of a physical human body all perform different functions in the body, are all part of the body but not each of them constitutes a body.

The human body is a perfect physical parallel of how the Kingdom of God will be organized and function. All organs of the body perform their functions in service to the head and in the kingdom all members will be assigned different levels of authority and tasks that will. They will together be one body and serve the head of the body.

There will be many God beings but only one body with its head being Christ under the supreme authority of God.

The God mentioned in John 1:1 is the highest in authority in the Kingdom of God and is the spirit being who became a father when God the Word and Spokesman became His son when He was born of the virgin Mary as the man Jesus-Christ.

God the Father is the highest in the Kingdom of God and *is the one and only God that all are to worship* now and who will be worshiped by all those who will become part of God's Kingdom at the end of God's plan of salvation for mankind. The Word obeys and glorifies God the Father

and so will all those becoming part of the Kingdom of God.

This is how there is only one God that all are to worship even though there is presently more than one God in existence and that in the future there will be a great many more.

Now let's examine what it means for God to be holy.

God's Holiness

When the word "God" is used in the Bible it is not referring to the nature and manner of existence of God and the Word; rather, it is the word "holy" that does so.

God and the Word are holy but what is holiness?

God and the Word are holy and their holiness is their perfect sinless character. It is an integral part of the very nature of their spirit being; it is who they are and it is something that no other beings can obtain by their own efforts and in separation from God.

The angels that obeyed God are called the holy angels. They are holy by their obedience to God as in doing so their thoughts and actions are right or, righteous in religious terminology, like those of God and the Word. They think and act in the same way God and the Word act and think as they have the very same perfect, sinless character. This is how they are holy like God.

Angels and other spirit beings created by God had to decide as the final part of their creation whether they would determine right and wrong for themselves or submit to God and have their character set forever as perfectly righteous i.e., no longer able to sin. Some freely and knowingly chose to do so and some didn't and this completed their creation.

Those who chose to submit to God had this decision forever become an integral part of their spirit character so that they could not sin and they became "holy" angels. Those who didn't had their minds set forever in opposition to God and are the evil spirits spoken of in the Bible who are headed up by Satan.

Both the holy and the evil angels have their spirit character forever set as a result of their decision to submit or not to God because a spirit being once its creation is complete can never change.

Men can become "holy" spirit beings conditional upon being called,

chosen and remaining faithful until the end of their natural lives. In the resurrection, their attitude of wanting to obey God in all things maintained throughout their lives will become an unchangeable part of their spirit body at the time of their being born again by a resurrection from the dead to glorified, "holy" spirit life.

In this life, those obeying God are holy by God imputing His holiness to them but this does not mean they are actually holy. Imputation means that God considers them to be holy and deals with them as such; it is only in the resurrection that they will actually become holy beings whose actions and thoughts will always be in conformity with the holiness of God and the Word. Then God's perfect, righteous character will forever become part of their spirit body (1John 5:18).

In this life even the most zealous Christian will remain a sinner.

1Jn 1:8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

But in the resurrection when we will be not only begotten or conceived but actually born of God, we will no longer be able to sin.

1Jn 5:18 We know that **whosoever is born of God sinneth not**; but he that is begotten **[not yet born but only conceived]** of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not.

We will then be holy as God is holy having in our spirit bodies the very same unchangeable and perfect sinless character of God. This perfect, sinless character is God's holiness.

Jas1:13 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man:

Conclusion

The world's Christian religions continue to believe in the existence of a third being in the Godhead called the "Holy Spirit" where 3 beings exist as one. As it has just been shown, according to your Bible, only 2 God beings have ever existed: God and the Word. And, the Scriptures clearly and plainly state that God created all things by the Word not by a holy spirit being that would be a 3rd person in the Godhead who existed forever with God and the Word.

Eph 3:9 And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: [the Word]

The oneness that exists in the Godhead is not that 2 beings constitute a single being; rather, God and the Word are one because of the governmental structure in God's family. God is the highest in authority and the Word willingly and fully obeys God. That is how two or more beings can be one and the proof of it is that God says that the body of Christ, is one body made up of many members and that each member do not constitute the body. Collectively, not individually, they are the body of Christ in the same way that an eye, a hand, a leg; in brief, the many different parts of a human body are not individually and by themselves the body.

1Co 12:12 For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ.

1Co 12:20 But now are they many members, yet but one body.

God and the Word and all those that will one day become part of God's Kingdom will be the many members that will constitute the one body of Christ. They will remain individuals with mind power and the ability to think but will be fully obedient to God in fulfilling the responsibilities given them in God's Kingdom by the king of the Kingdom, God.

And lastly, it has been shown that the spirit of God that does the work of physical and spiritual creation is the Word. God the Father created all things by the holy spirit God the Word.

Col 1:15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:

Col 1:16 For by him were all things created, that are in

heaven, and that are in earth, **visible and invisible**, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

Col 1:17 And **he is before all things**, and by him all things consist.

Joh 1:3 All things were made by him; and **without him was not any thing made that was made**.

This is why God the Word is God's spirit or the spirit of God the Father who faithfully does the work asked of Him. When the Bible speaks of God sending out His spirit or of God's spirit it is talking about the holy spirit God the Word being sent out to do specific things as requested by God the Father as He has been doing from the beginning.

Hopefully, this information will prove useful to you and prompt you to study your Bible with fresh eyes and an open mind to discover many of the other wonderful truths it contains. This is how Christ will manifest Himself to you as God in the latter days in which we are now living speaks to His Church through the holy spirit God the Word and Spokesman as true Christians study their Bible, Christ in writing.

Do you want to know and know for sure that you are a true Christian with whom God is working, then from year to year as you study your Bible, you will have growth in knowledge and understanding of the truths contained in your Bible.

If you are a long term member of God's Church who has not had any growth in knowledge and understanding of the truths of God's holy Bible, then you need to spend some time thinking about how you measure up against the requirements established by God for salvation. Growth in knowledge and understanding is a requirement for salvation.

Mat 25:24 Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed:

Mat 25:25 And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine.

Mat 25:26 His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed:

Mat 25:27 Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury.

Mat 25:28 Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents.

Mat 25:29 For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath.

Mat 25:30 And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

It's all up to you; no one can do it for you. Salvation is not a matter of following the right man or being part of the right group.

All are rewarded according to their own works, may yours be abundant.

