<u>IS THE SOUL IMMORTAL?</u>

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Please answer the questions below without any help from others.

<u>Genesis 1:27</u>

"So God created man **in his own image, in the image of God** created he him; male and female created he them."

1. **<u>Question</u>:**
   Is man created in the image of God?
   <u>Answer</u>: YES NO

<u>John 4:24</u>

"So God created man **in his own image, in the image of God** created he him; male and female created he them."

2. **<u>Question</u>:**
   Is man created in the image of God?
   <u>Answer</u>: YES NO

<u>Genesis 1:27</u>

"God is a Spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."

3. **<u>Question</u>:** Is God a "Spirit" or flesh and blood?
   <u>Answer</u>: Spirit ☐ Flesh and blood ☐

<u>Genesis 2:7</u>

"And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a **living soul**."

4. **<u>Question</u>:**

Is man a **living soul**?

Answer: YES NO

Ecclesiastes 12:7

"And shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the **spirit shall return unto God who gave it**."

5. **Question**:
   Is the dust here refering to the **physical body**?

   Answer: YES NO

6. **Question**:
   Is the **spirit** here refering to that spirit that do not die?

   Answer: YES NO

Acts 7:59

"And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, **receive my spirit**."

7. **Question**:
   Does this verse show that the spirit (soul) dies when the physical body dies?

   Answer: YES NO

Genesis 35:18

"And it came to pass, **as her soul was in departing**, (for she died) that she called his name Benoni: but his father called him Benjamin."

8. **Question**:
   Does this verse show that when the physical body dies, the **soul departs**?

   Answer: YES NO

1 Kings 17:20-22

"And he cried unto the Lord, and said, O Lord my God, hast thou also brought evil upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by **slaying** her son? And he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried unto the Lord, and said, O Lord my God, I pray thee, let this child's **soul come into him again**."

9. **Question**:
   Can a **dead soul** give life again to a dead physical body?
   Answer: YES NO

James 2:26

"For the body **without the spirit is dead**, so faith without works is dead also."

10. **Question**:
    Is the body without the **spirit (soul) dead**?
    Answer: YES NO

Matthew 10:28

"And fear not them which kill the body, **but cannot kill the soul**: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell."

11. **Question**:
    Do you agree, that according to Jesus, the body can be killed **but not the soul**?
    Answer: YES NO

Luke 12:20

"But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night **thy soul** shall be required of thee:..."

12. **Question**:

Do you agree, that according to Jesus, the **soul** will be required by God and not the physical body?

Answer: YES NO

Matthew 22:31-32

“But as touching the resurrection of the dead, have ye not read that which was spoken unto you by God, saying, I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? **God is not the God of the dead, but of the living**”

13. **Question**:

When Jesus said these words: Abraham had been dead physically for 328 years, Isaac had been dead physically for 224 years and Jacob had been dead physically for 198 years. Do you believe that when Jesus said that “**God is not the God of the dead, but of the living** He wasa refering to the **soul** and not to the physical body of these patriarchs?”

Answer: YES NO

Luke 9:29-30

“And and as he prayed, the fashion of his countenance was altered and his raiment was white and glistering. And, behold, there talked with him two men, which were **Moses and Elias**.”

14. **Question**:

Do you believe that though Moses at that moment was dead physically (Exodus 24:5) and Elias had already left the earth (2 Kings 2:1), **the two were still living**?

Answer: YES NO

Luke 16:19-31

Read all the verses.

15. **Question**:
Were the rich man and Abraham, **according to Jesus, conscious** after their death?

Answer: YES NO

16. **Question**:
Were the rich man and Abraham, according to Jesus, talking after their death (verses 29,30 – “Abraham *said* unto him...And he said, No, father Abraham; but if one went unto them **from the dead** they will repent)?

Answer: YES NO

Acts 23:8-9

“For the Saducees say that there is no resurrection, neither angel, **nor spirit**: but the Pharisees confess both. And there arose a great cry: and the scirbes that were of the Pharisees part arose, and strove, saying, *we find no evil in this man (Paul): but if a spirit or an angel hath spoken, to him,* let us not fight against God.”

17. **Question**:
Did Paul believe in spirits?

Answer: YES NO

2 Corinthians 5:8-9

Verse 8 “We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be **absent** from the body, and to be **present with the Lord**.”

18. **Question**:
Do you believe, that according to Paul, when we die we go and “**be present with the Lord**”?
Answer: YES NO

19. **Question**:

Do you agree that this cannot refer to our existence **after** the resurrection, for we shall have a body then (1 Cor. 15:44; Phil. 3:20-21)?

Answer: YES NO

Philippians 1:23

"For I am in a strait between two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better."

20. **Question**:

Can a person be with Christ without being conscious?

Answer: YES NO

21. **Question**:

If a person cannot be conscious **before** the resurrection, do you agree that this verse does not make much sense?

Answer: YES NO

Revelation 6:9-10; 20:4

"And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the **souls of them that were slain** for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: **And they cried with a loud voice, saying**, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?."

22. **Question**:

Do you agree that the **souls** that John saw **were conscious**?

Answer: YES NO

23. **Question**:

Can someone who is not conscious **cry with a loud voice, and say**?

Answer: YES NO

Romans 2:8-9

"But for those who are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrightousness, there will be indignation and wrath. There will be tribulation and anguish upon every **soul of man** that doeth evil..."

24. **Question**:
    Do you believe that tribulation and anguish will be upon the **soul of man** and not on the physical body?
    Answer: YES NO

25. **Question**:
    If the **soul** will not be conscious do you agree that this verse will not make any sense?
    Answer: YES NO

Remember that:

"**We ought to obey God rather then men**." (Acts 5:29).

Do not forget, too, the admonition:

"Let no man decieve you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience" (Ephesians 5:6).

19. **Question**: Are you ready to "**obey God rather then men**"? YES NO

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HIJA R-RUĦ IMMORTALI?

Ġenesi 1:27

"Hekk Alla ħalaq il-bniedem fuq **ix-xbieha tiegħu**: **fuq ix-xbieha t'Alla ħalqu**; raġel u mara ħalaqhom."

1. **Mistoqsija**:
   Huwa l-bniedem maħluq "**fix-xbieha ta' Alla**"?
   Tweġiba: IVA LE

Ġwanni 4:24

"**Alla hu Spirtu;** u dawk li jqimuh jaħtieġ li jqimuh fl-ispirtu u fil-verità."

2. **Mistoqsija**:
   Huwa Alla "Spirtu" jew demm u laħam?
   Tweġiba: Spirtu ☐ Demm u laħam ☐

Ġenesi 2:7

"U l-Mulej Alla sawwar il-bniedem bit-trab ta' l-art, u nefaħ f'imnifsejh nifs il-ħajja: u l-bniedem sar **ruħ ħajja**."

3. **Mistoqsija**: Huwa l-bniedem **"ruħ ħajja"**?

   Tweġiba: IVA LE

Ekkleżjażti 12:7

"Imbagħad jarġa' t-trab lejn l-art bħalma kien; u **l-ispirtu jarga' lejn Alla li tah.**"

4. **Mistoqsija**: Qiegħed hawn "it-trab" jirreferi għall-**ġisem fiżiku**?

   Tweġiba: IVA LE

5. **Mistoqsija**: Qiegħed hawn "**l-ispirtu**" jirreferi għal dak l-"ispirtu" (ruħ) li ma jmutx?

   Tweġiba: IVA LE

Atti 7:59

"U huma ħaġġru 'l Stiefnu, li kien isejjaħ 'l Alla, u jgħid: Mulej Ġesù, **ilqa' l-ispirtu tiegħi.**"

6. **Mistoqsija**: Juri dan il-vers li l-ispirtu (ruħ) imut meta l-ġisem fiżiku jmut?

   Tweġiba: IVA LE

Ġenesi 35:18

"U ġara, hi **u kienet ħierġa ruħha** (għax mietet) li semmiet ismu Ben-Oni; iżda missieru semmieh Benjamin."

7. **Mistoqsija**: Juri dan il-vers li meta gisem fiżiku jmut, ir-ruħ **toħroġ minnu** ?

   Tweġiba: IVA LE

1 Slaten 17:20-22

"U sejjaħ lill-Mulej, u qal: O Mulej, Alla tiegħi, ġibt int ukoll il-għali fuq l-armla li magħha qiegħed noqgħod, billi tħalli 'l binha **jmut**? U mtedd tliet darbiet fuq it-tifel, u sejjaħ il-Mulej, u qal: O Mulej, Alla tiegħi, nitolbok, ħalli **ruħ** dat-tifel **tarġa' tidħol fih**. U l-Mulej sama' leħen Elija; **u ruħ it-tifel reġgħet ġiet fih, u ħa l-ħajja**."

8. **Mistoqsija**:
   Tista' **ruħ mejta** tagħti l-ħajja mill-ġdid lill-ġisem fiżiku mejjet?

   Tweġiba: IVA LE

Ġakbu 2:26

"Għax bħalma ġisem **bla spirtu hu mejjet**, hekk il-fidi bla opri hi mejta."

9. **Mistoqsija**:
   Huwa ġisem mingħajr **spirtu (ruħ) mejjet**?

   Tweġiba: IVA LE

Mattew 10:28

"U la tibżgħux minn dawk li joqtlu l-ġisem, **imma ma jistgħux joqtlu r-ruħ**: iżda ibżgħu pjuttost minn dak li jista' jeqred sew ir-ruħ u kemm il-ġisem fl-infern."

10. **Mistoqsija**:
    Taqbel int, li skond Ġesù, il-ġisem jista' jkun maqtul **imma r-ruħ le**?

    Tweġiba: IVA LE

Luqa 12:20

"Imma Alla qallu: Ja iblaħ, dal-lejl **ruħek** tintalab minn għandek..."

11. **Mistoqsija**:

Taqbel int, li skond Ġesù, i**r-ruħ** tkun mitluba minn Alla u mhux il-ġisem fiżiku?

Tweġiba: IVA LE

Mattew 22:31-32

"U fuq il-qawma mill-imwiet, ma qrajtux dak li qalilkom Alla, li jgħid: Jien hu Alla t'Abraham, u Alla ta' Iżakk, u Alla ta' Ġakobb? **Alla mhux Alla tal-mejtin, iżda tal-ħajjin**."

12. **Mistoqsija**:

Meta Ġesù qal dan il-kliem: Abraham kien ilu mejjet fiżikament 329 sena, Iżakk kien ilu mejjet fiżikament 224 sena u Ġakobb kien ilu mejjet fiżikament 198 sena. Temmen int li meta Ġesù qal li "**Alla mhux Alla tal-mejtin, iżda tal-ħajjin**" Hu kien qiegħed jirreferi għar-**ruħ** u mhux għall-ġisem fiżiku ta' dawk it-tliet patrijar-ki?

Tweġiba: IVA LE

Luqa 9:29-30

"Hu u jitlob, id-dehra ta' wiċċu tbiddlet, u lbiesu sar abjad u jiddi. U, ara, kien hemm jitkellmu miegħu żewġt irġiel, li kienu **Mosè u Elija**"

13. **Mistoqsija**:

Temmen int li Mosè f'dak il-waqt kien mejjet fiżika-ment (Eżodu 34:5) u Elija kien diġa' ħalla d-dinja fiżikament (2 Slaten 2:1) madankollu t-tnejn **kienu għadhom igħixu**?

Tweġiba: IVA LE

Luqa 16:19-31

Aqra dawn il-versi kollha.

14. **Mistoqsija**:

Kienu r-raġel għani u Abraham, **skond Ġesù**, **konxji** wara mewthom?

Tweġiba: IVA LE

15. **Mistoqsija**:

Kienu r-raġel għani u Abraham, **skond Ġesù**, qegħdin jitkellmu wara mewthom (versi 29-30 – "Abraham qallu...u dak qallu:...iżda jekk xi ħadd **mill-imwiet imur** għandhom, jindmu."?

Tweġiba: IVA LE

Atti 23:8-9

"Għax is-Sadduqin igħidu li m'hemmx qawmien minn bejn l-imwiet, u la anġli **u lanqas spirtu**: U qamet għagħa kbira: u l-iskribi li kienu jżommu mal-Fariżej qamu, u saħnu, igħidu: *Ma nsibu xejn ħażin f'dar-raġel* (Pawlu): iżda jekk kellmu spirtu jew anġlu, ħa ma neħduhiex kontra Alla."

16. **Mistoqsija**:

Kien l-appostlu Pawlu jemmen fl-ispirti?

Tweġiba: IVA LE

2 Korintin 5:8-9

Vers 8 – "Aħna għandna qalbna qawwija, ngħid jien, u rridu pjuttost li **noħorġu** mill-ġisem, **u ngħammru mal-Mulej**. Għalhekk naħdmu biex sew jekk nibqgħu, u kemm jekk ma nibqgħux, aħna nogħġbuh"

17. **Mistoqsija**:

Temmen int, li skond l-appostlu Pawlu, meta aħna **mmutu** mmorru "**ngħammru mal-Mulej**"?

Tweġiba: IVA LE

18. **Mistoqsija**:

Taqbel int li dan ma jistax jirreferi għal l-eżistenza tagħna **wara l-qawmien**, għaliex f'dak il-waqt aħna jkollna ġisem (1 Korintin 15:44; Filippin 3:20-21) imma fil-mewt l-ispirtu tagħna **jħalli l-ġisem**?

Tweġiba: IVA LE

Filippin 1:23

"Għax jien marsus li nitlaq, **u li nkun ma' Kristu**; li hu wisq aħjar."

19. **Mistoqsija**:

Tista' persuna tkun ma' Kristu u ma' tkunx konxja?

Tweġiba: IVA LE

20. **Mistoqsija**:

Jekk persuna *ma tistax tkun konxja* ***qabel*** *il-qawmien*, taqbel int li dan il-vers ma jagħmel ebda sens?

Tweġiba: IVA LE

Rivelazzjoni 6:9-10; 20:4

"U meta fetaħ il-ħames siġill, jien rajt taħt l-artal **erwieħ** ta' dawk **li kienu maqtulin** minħabba l-kelma ta' Alla, u minħabba x-xhieda li taw: **U kienu jgħajtu b'leħen qawwi, u jgħidu**: O Mulej, qaddis u veru, ma tagħmilx ħaqq u titħallas ta' demmna minn dawk li jgħammru fuq l-art?"

21. **Mistoqsija**:

Taqbel int li **l-erwieħ** li ra Ġwanni kienu **konxji**?

Tweġiba: IVA LE

22. **Mistoqsija**:

Jista' xi ħadd li ma jkunx konxju **jgħajjat b'leħen qawwi, u jgħid**?

Tweġiba: IVA LE

Rumani 2:8-9

"Imma jerfa' l-korla u l-qilla għal dawk li ma jridu jisimgħu b'xejn; u jirvellaw kontra l-verità biex imbagħad joqogħodu għall-ħażen. Tbatija u dwejjaq **għal kull ruħ** ta' bniedem li jagħmel il-ħażen..."

23. **Mistoqsija**:
Temmen int lit-tbatija u d-dwejjaq huma **għar-ruħ** tal-bniedem ħażin u mhux għall-ġisem fiżiku?

Tweġiba: IVA LE

24. **Mistoqsija**:
Jekk **ir-ruħ** *ma tkunx konxja* taqbel int li dan il-vers ma jagħmel ebda sens?

Tweġiba: IVA LE

Tinsiex li:
"**Jeħtieġ nobdu aktar lil Alla milli 'll-bnedmin**." (Atti 5:29).

Tinsiex ukoll it-twissija:
"Tħallu 'l ħadd iqarraq bikom bi kliem fieragħ: għax minħabba dawn il-ħwejjeġ jiġi l-għadab t'Alla fuq ulied id-diżubbidjenza." (Efesin 5:6)

19. **Mistoqsija**: Lest int li **"tobdi aktar lil Alla milli 'll-bnedmin?** IVA LE

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