

Dichotomy or Trichotomy
Grudem ch 23

Winston Smith says, “Trichotomy is the belief that human beings consist of three basic components: body, soul, and spirit. While the operations of these three components appear seamless, they are nonetheless distinct and have discrete properties. Each component, therefore, is considered responsible for overlapping but largely separate operations within human beings: the body for the physical, the soul for the psychological, and the spirit for the spiritual (defined as vertical dimension, relationship with God).”¹

1. Traducianism or Creationism

a. T _____ pro’s and cons

b. C _____ pro’s and cons

1. Passages that Point to D _____

Matthew 10:28

2 Corinthians 4:16-5:10

3. Passages thought to Point to T _____

Hebrews 4:12

Problems:

4. Trichotomists Ought to be Q _____ or H _____

Mark 12:28-30

5. Soul and Spirit are used interchangeably

a. Soul and Spirit Are Centers of E _____

Luke 1:46-47

Acts 17:16

John 13:21

Psalm 42:5

¹ Journal of Biblical Counsel, *Dichotomy or Trichotomy: How the Doctrine of Man Shapes Treatment of Depression*, Spring 2000, 21-29

b. Soul and Spirit Are Centers of T_____

Mark 2:8

1 Corinthians 2:11

Esther 4:13 (YLT) ¹³ and Mordecai speaketh to send back unto Esther: ‘Do not think in thy soul to be delivered *in* the house of the king, more than all the Jews,²

c. Soul and Spirit Are Centers of Desires/w_____

Leviticus 26:15

Matthew 22:37

Mark 14:38

d. Soul and Spirit both said to depart with d_____

John 19:30

James 2:26

Genesis 35:18-19

Luke 12:20

e. Soul and Spirit Both S_____

1 Peter 4:19

2 Corinthians 7:1

6. H_____ Language Makes Trichotomy real messy

a. Desires/w_____

Proverbs 16:1

Proverbs 16:9

Isaiah 10:7

b. T_____

Deuteronomy 8:5

Joshua 23:14

² Young, Robert: *Young's Literal Translation*. Oak Harbor : Logos Research Systems, 1997

Ephesians 1:18

c. E _____

Psalm 25:17

Proverbs 14:30

Proverbs 17:22