

## Soul

From the reference, *The Soul of Man*, an understanding of the meaning of the Soul is said to be possible only by a “spiritual development” – without such development, the remaining “material” world is insufficient. Even before spiritual development can commence, the origin of the Soul, or its beginning, must be understood and accepted as truth.

Continuing from the same source, the Soul was created by God – not as an extension or aspect of God’s Soul – but rather as the *highest and most perfect* of all his creation. Made in the image of God, the Soul is the summation of man’s qualities and attributes: spiritual, physical, mental, etc.

The human Soul, though the greatest of God’s creation, is not perfect; indeed, the Soul is no more divine than other examples of God’s creation...yet still is not perfect, complete or whole.

Change-for-the-better is a process that replaces the carnal mind and the imperfection of the Soul with the Truth. Change enables the Soul and its extension of the mind and spirit to enter the heavenly realms, and to dwell on the everlasting and eternal over the past, present and finite.

Thus the Soul, which is born into imperfection or trouble, is set free by the Truth – which is that the *will endowed by God* is, by itself, insufficient to attain perfection and to be God; this endowed will must be replaced by the will of the Father in Heaven through the process of sanctification or renewal.

Watchman Nee, who was an Asian-born Evangelist in China, described this *will endowed by God* using the terms revelation and discipline: revelation being the “revealing” of the God’s word, the Truth; and discipline being the application of that Truth. For the believer in God, through his son Jesus Christ, the Soul is being ever transformed in the Truth by revelation and discipline.

Much more could be translated from this rich source that well-defines and describe the Soul – origin, workings, and transformation; but with our understanding on the same footing, however basic it might be, let’s embark on a short trip(s) called *Stories of my Soul*.