

Traducianism

From L. “traducere” meaning to transfer. This view teaches that both the material body and the immaterial soul are transmitted through physical procreation.

This position was first developed by Tertullian, AD 155–220

Creationism

Teaches that only the body is generated through physical generation, the soul is directly created by God.

Hence, for Creationists, the body is created by God INDIRECTLY through intermediate means and the soul is created DIRECTLY by God through mediate means.

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חַיָּה *ḥayyāh*: A feminine noun meaning a living thing, an animal, a beast, a living thing. The basic meaning is living things, but its most common translation is animals or beasts. The word refers to all kinds of animals and beasts of the field or earth (Gen. 1:24, 25; 1 Sam. 17:46).

נֶפֶשׁ *nepeš*: “wind, breath, soul, animating principle, emotion, a person, passion, desire.

PLATO

FORM/IDEAS

Eternal Reason

Rationality

Order

Truth

Beauty

MATTER

Chaos

Irrational

Evil

God uses indirect means to create physical life, since all life ultimately comes from God, the Scripture speaks of immediate and mediate involvement the same way.

Isa 46:3, “Listen to Me, O house of Jacob, and all the remnant of the house of Israel, you who have been borne by Me from birth [*mirechem*], and have been carried from the womb [*mibeten*];”

**Job 1:21, “He said,
‘Naked I came from my mother’s womb,
and naked I shall return there.
The LORD gave and the LORD has taken
away.
Blessed be the name of the LORD’.”**

**Job 3:11, “Why did I not die at birth [*mirechem*],
come forth from the womb [*mibeten*] and
expire?”**

Job 10:19, “I should have been as though I had not been, carried from womb [*mibeten*] to tomb.”

**Is. 44:2, “Thus says the LORD who made you
and formed you from the womb [*mibeten*],
who will help you,
‘Do not fear, O Jacob My servant;
and you Jeshurun whom I have chosen’.”**

Is. 44:24, “Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, and the one who formed you from the womb [*mibeten*],

‘I, the LORD, am the Maker of all things, stretching out the heavens by Myself and spreading out the earth all alone’,”

Birth (verb) dLy, *yalad*

VERB to bear, beget – used 388× of giving birth.

2. Conceive (verb) **hr'êh'**, *harah*

VERB to conceive – used 52x in the Old Testament.

Gen. 4:1, “Now the man had relations with his wife Eve, and she **conceived and gave birth** to Cain, and she said, ‘I have gotten a manchild with *the help of the LORD*’.”

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Gen. 4:17, “Cain had relations with his wife and she **conceived**, and gave **birth** to Enoch; and he built a city, and called the name of the city Enoch, after the name of his son.”

Biblical Verses Giving the Parameters of Life.

Eccl. 3:2, “A time to give birth and a time to die; a time to plant and a time to uproot what is planted.”

Is. 9:6, “For a Child will be born to us, a Son will be given to us; and the government will rest on His shoulders; and His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.”

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Matt. 11:11, “Truly I say to you, among those born of women there has not arisen *anyone* greater than John the Baptist! Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

**Job 14:1, “Man, who is born of woman,
is short-lived and full of turmoil.”**

Job 15:14, “What is man, that he should be pure, or he who is born of a woman, that he should be righteous?”

**Job 38:21, “You know, for you were born then,
and the number of your days is great!”**

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6. What does Scripture say regarding the development of the immaterial part of man?

Is. 2:22, “Stop regarding man, whose **breath** of *life* is in his nostrils; for why should he be esteemed?”

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**Is. 57:16, “For I will not contend forever,
nor will I always be angry;
for the spirit would grow faint before Me,
and the breath of those whom I have
made.”**

**רוּחַ *rûaḥ*: “spirit,
wind, breath.**

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7. In the New Testament we find that the phrase *ek koilia* is frequently understood to mean from birth.

Acts 14:8, “And in Lystra a certain man without strength in his feet was sitting, a cripple from his mother’s womb [ESV from birth], who had never walked.”

Acts 3:2, “And a certain man lame from his mother’s womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms from those who entered the temple;”

Matt 19:12, “For there are eunuchs who were **born** thus from their mother’s womb, and there are eunuchs who were made eunuchs by men, and there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven’s sake. He who is able to accept it, let him accept it.”

genna, w gennáō;
“to give birth to, to
beget through
procreation.”

evk koili, a, ek koilia
“*from birth*”

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LXX evn
gastri. *En
gastri*, “in the
womb” not *ek
koilia*; Lit. *you
will have in the
womb and ...*

הָרֵה *hāreh*: Describes the
state of being pregnant,
having conceived (Gen. 16:11;
1 Sam. 4:19; 2 Sam. 11:5; Isa.
7:14)

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τίκτω, tikto;
“bring forth,
give birth to,
cf., Gen.
3:15.”

יָלַד (yālad) bear, beget,
bring forth, gender,
travail.

**Ps 139:13, “For You formed my inward parts;
You covered me in my mother’s womb.**

**Ps 139:14, “I will praise You, for I am fearfully
and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your
works, and *that* my soul knows very well.”**

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