

Do We Have an ‘Eternal Spirit’ Within?

1. What is the Hebrew meaning for the word ‘spirit’?

[Hebrew number in Strong’s concordance] **07307** [Hebrew word] **ruwach** [Strong’s personal definition] wind; by resemblance breath, i.e. a sensible (or even violent) exhalation; figuratively, life, anger, [the other English words in the KJV translated from ‘ruwach’] air, anger, blast, breath, X cool, courage, mind, X quarter, X side, spirit((-ual)), tempest, X vain, ((whirl-)) wind(-y).

Hebrew word _____ Meaning _____

2. Here are **some** of the 348 passages where this word is used. Make a comment about each passage here.

O.T. PASSAGES with the Hebrew word ‘ruwach’ KJV	COMMENTS & DETAILS
Genesis 1:2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit <ruwach> of God moved upon the face of the waters.	
Genesis 6:17 And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath <ruwach> of life, from under heaven; and every thing that is in the earth shall die.	
Genesis 7:15 And they went in unto Noah into the ark, two and two of all flesh, wherein is the breath <ruwach> of life. (see also verse 22)	
Genesis 8:1 And God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the cattle that was with him in the ark: and God made a wind <ruwach> to pass over the earth, and the waters asswaged;	
Exodus 31: 3 And I have filled him [Bezaleel] with the spirit <ruwach> of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship, [so that he could build articles for the tabernacle]	
1 Samuel 1:15 And Hannah answered and said, No, my lord, I am a woman of a sorrowful spirit <ruwach> : I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but have poured out my soul before the LORD.	
1 Samuel 16:14 But the Spirit <ruwach> of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit <ruwach> from the LORD troubled him.	
Psalm 51: 10-11,17 Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit <ruwach> within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit <ruwach> from me. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit <ruwach> : a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.	
Proverbs 16: 32 He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit <ruwach> than he that taketh a city.	
Job 12:10 [God...] In whose hand is the soul <nephesh> of every living thing, and the breath <ruwach> of all mankind.	
Psalm 146:3-4 Put not your trust in princes, nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help. His breath <ruwach> goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish.	
Ecclesiastes 3:19-20 For that which befalleth the sons of men befalleth beasts; even one thing befalleth them: as the one dieth, so dieth the other; yea, they have all one breath <ruwach> ; so that a man hath no preeminence above a beast: for all is vanity. All go unto one place; all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again. (see also 12:7)	
Ecclesiastes 3:21 Who knoweth the spirit <ruwach> of man that goeth upward, and the spirit <ruwach> of the beast that goeth downward to the earth?	
<p><i>“For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit.” (see Romans 8:1-11 ESV)</i></p>	

3. What is the Greek meaning for the word 'spirit'?

[Greek number in Strong's concordance] 4151 [Greek word] **pneuma**, [Strong's personal definition] a current of air, i.e. breath (blast) or a breeze; by analogy or figuratively, a spirit, i.e. (human) the rational soul, (by implication) vital principle, mental disposition, etc., or (superhuman) an angel, demon, or (divine) God, Christ's spirit, the Holy Spirit:-- [the other English words in the KJV translated from 'pneuma'] ghost, life, spirit(-ual, -ually), mind.

Greek word _____ Meaning _____

4. Here are **some** of the 350 passages where this word is used. Make a comment about each passage here.

N.T. PASSAGES with the Greek word 'pneuma' KJV	COMMENTS & DETAILS
Luke 1:35 And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost <pneuma> shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.	
Matthew 5:3 Blessed are the poor in spirit <pneuma>: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.	
Matthew 10:1 And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits <pneuma>, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.	
Matthew 27:50 Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost <pneuma>.	
John 4:24 God is a Spirit <pneuma>: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit <pneuma> and in truth.	
John 13:21 When Jesus had thus said, he was troubled in spirit <pneuma>, and testified, and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me.	
Romans 8:6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually <pneuma> minded is life and peace.	
1 Corinthians 15:45 And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul <psuche>; the last Adam was made a quickening [life-giving] spirit <pneuma>.	
Galatians 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit <pneuma> is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,	
Galatians 6:1 Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit <pneuma> of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.	
Ephesians 1:17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit <pneuma> of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:	
James 2:26 For as the body <soma> without the spirit <pneuma> is dead, so faith without works is dead also.	
1 John 4: 1 Beloved, believe not every spirit <pneuma>, but try [put to the test] the spirits <pneuma> whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.	

5. Summary:

Genesis 2:7 says "Dust plus God's Breath/Spirit = A Living Soul/Being"

Ecclesiastes 12:7 says "A Living Soul/Being minus God's Breath/Spirit = Dust"

This is true physically for all (we are alive because we breath) and spiritually for some (the animal/carnal nature we have must be changed by the power of God's Spirit found in his Word...so we can live forever!)

1 Thessalonians 5: 23 The very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit <pneuma> and soul <psuche> and body <soma> be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.