

Dualism Compared	To Biblical Christianity
Definitions Dualism divides soul and Spirit (Heb 4:12) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ our spirit is good ➤ our soul is corrupt 	Mans is Spirit, Soul, and Body (1Thess 5:23) Paul confirms Souls of disciples (Acts 14:22) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ We must discern defilement is soul or spirit; not assume either is bad
Nature of Man Man is essentially a spirit (Jn 4:24) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. God is a spirit, 2. man created in his image 3. Therefore man is a spirit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ "spirit" goes to heaven; no body (2Cor 5:1-4) ➤ Soul is evil influence (must die) 	Man has a soul and body in this life and heaven <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ God has a soul (Heb 10:38, Lev 26:11, 26:30, 1Sam 2:35) Created Adam a living soul (Gen 2:7) ➤ Glorified body in Heaven (1Cor 15:35-55) ➤ Body...raised imperishable (vs 42) Soul must be discerned; (redeemed) Soul is God's creation (Ps 138:3b, ps 23:1a, 3a, Prov 13:4b, 3Jn2, Acts 14:22)
How we are led by God's Spirit God's spirit leads / communicates with my spirit (Pro 20:27) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. "I want God's will, not my will" 2. "God's thoughts are not my thoughts" Isa 55:8-9 3. Don't act out of emotion, but from leading 4. Puts leading of Spirit / spiritual first often at expense of family, people, job, community 	God's spirit leads our spirit, soul, and body <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. He give us desires of our heart (Ps 37:4, Heb 8:10, 10:16) 2. Emotion is part of God's nature – ours too 3. Bodily desires are good; right context (sex, hunger, rest, etc) 4. Creativity is paying attention to our thoughts God is in our body, soul, and spirit (not just spirit)
Ministry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Full-time "spiritual" ministry has highest value 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ God is raising Kings and working through commerce to accomplish the great commission ➤ "God's Man" has always ministered in the "world"
World Cannot serve God and mammon (Mt 6:24) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A job or business is not serving God Reject the natural world in favor of spiritual world <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Happy doing something they don't enjoy (pretense) ➤ Financially hurting, own nothing of value ➤ Aloof from world (society, politics, Government, etc) 	Feel good doing something they do enjoy (Col 3:23) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Fruitful naturally and spiritually ➤ Able to find God's prosperity ➤ Fruitful and engaged in the world ➤ In touch with people ➤ Loves the world like God does; gives himself (Jn 3:16)
Fate of Soul <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Soul must be put to death ➤ Avoids "soul-ish" expression of emotion (stoic) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Soul is resurrected to abundant life (Deut 10:12, Josh 22:5) ➤ Ministers / works though sanctified expression of soul
Place of Rest <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Enjoys thoughts of escaping natural realm ➤ Seeks refuge in spiritual realm; leads to isolation ➤ Hates "his life in this world" Jn 12:25 ➤ Hates is own soul, Wastes his life calling ➤ Prone to escapist eschatology (any minute rapture) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Lives for God in this world ➤ Resurrects his soul to life, vitality, expression ➤ Believes soul is important (Mt 16:26, Mk 8:26, Lu 9:25) ➤ Balances spiritual disciplines and people involvement ➤ Finds rest nourishment in the will of God (Jn 4:24)
Relationships <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Not fully available to spouse (believes marriage is soul-ish, carnal at some level) 2. detached, unavailable; Children don't get attention often rebel against dualist father 3. has walls preventing natural attachments, relationships 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Believes natural realm is not evil but redeemable 2. World is very good (Gen 1:31) 3. Nature is glorious 1Cor 15:40-41 4. People are wonderful
Hierarchy <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Spirit is master (good) 2. Soul is servant (evil) 3. Body is slave (evil) 	Accountability Our spirit doesn't always lead (judged by soul) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Spirit of prophets subject to prophets (1Cor 14:32) ➤ Rules his own spirit (Pro 16:32, 25:28)...with soul