

The more I think about it the more convinced I am that the a human ~~being~~ being really is a spirit and that the body is only a garment or a tool. Yet this garment or tool greatly affects the individual. Of course this is true even of other garments or tools. It has sometimes been said that clothes make the man. While this is an extreme there is a large element of truth in it. Clothes greatly affect our personality and affect the impression we make on others. The same is true of the kind of automobile that one drives, or the sort of kitchen equipment that he has. (home he live ins?) All these things affect us, though in a lesser way than the body. the body affects the spirit, but the entire complex that makes up the human being as he lives in this world is greatly affected by the body. Yet the body though to the eye the body appears to be all, we soon learn that there is far more than just the body, and that there is an individual ego or spirit that has powers of choice, and that we believe continues after the body is done away with. When I was discussing this with I was speaking with someone the other day and he asked ~~me~~ me the question, whether I believe that we will have another body in the period after death and before the resurrection. My answer was that of course we cannot categorically answer this question. We do not know anything about the period between death and the resurrection. We do know that the time will come when there will be a resurrection and when we will receive a body that will have none of the imperfections or weaknesses of our present body. Between the death of most individuals, however, and the time when this new body is given there is a long interval. Regarding this interval we are in complete ignorance. Yet we can make a few guesses about it, and there is a certain amount of evidence. Thus Calvin wrote his first theological work against the idea of soul sleep. He insisted that the spirit is conscious during the time after death.