

I asked him then whether he thought that God might have service for us to render somewhere during that period and he said, "Perhaps on another planet."

Scientists generally believe today that there are a great many other planets that are suitable for life. This is of course is strictly a hypothesis.

They are convinced that there are billions of stars. They think they have fairly clear evidence that at least one of these stars has planets going around it. It seems reasonable to think that the forces that cause there to be planets around our sun also produce planets around other suns. If there are billions of such suns they think it would be probable that many of them have planets just as many of the planets in our solar system have moons going around them. Some scientists are so convinced that there must be other planets that have

intelligent beings on them (nc) as advanced or more advanced ~~á~~ than those on this ~~planet~~ planet, that considerable sums of money are spent looking for the possibility of intelligible communications that are being sent from

intelligent beings on other planets around other suns or in other galaxies.

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The/~~question~~ when the spirit originates is one that is not answered in the Bible.

We know that the spirit ~~is~~ is a creation of God. Origen suggested that God created all the spirits at ~~once~~ once, and then assigned them to bodies. Some think that an individual spirit is created each time that a body begins to form and then is assigned to this body. Still others hold the view, called "traducianism," that two spirits together create produce another spirit just as two bodies produce ~~another~~ another body.

This latter view seems to me to be completely irrational. I believe that the spirit is in a different area altogether from the body. I have not doubt that the spirit is a direct creation of God, whether all spirits were created at once or whether each spirit is created at a different time. individually.

I certainly do not believe that human beings, by performing a physical act, can produce an immortal spirit. This view to my mind puts the spirit in on an entirely lower level ~~than the~~ and makes human beings part of the animal creation.