

Human beings, as they exist on this earth are certainly part of the animal creation, but in my opinion that part is simply a garment or a tool, not the ~~xxxx~~ real actual human being.

This being the case, I am becoming quite convinced that ~~the~~ God assigns a spirit to a body, assigning whatever spirit He chooses. Then a new question arises: at what time does God unite the spirit with the body.

I do not believe that the spirit gradually develops consciousness and believe that consciousness is a part of the very essence of the spirit, ~~wxw/~~. While the spirit may lapse into an unconscious state for a time, I do not think that it gradually develops the original consciousness. I believe God creates the spirit as a conscious entity, capable of loving Him and serving Him.

Thus I find myself unable to go along with the common attitude among Chns<sup>o</sup> that the fetus is human being possessing all the rights of human beings.

When I was in high school I one time talked with a very fine Chn<sup>o</sup> teacher and in the course of our conversation I asked him whether a baby is a complete human being, whether the spirit is yet in the baby. He said to me, "When you have a ~~xxx~~ child and the child sits on your lap you will have no doubt that this is a real personality. spirit. Recently I have seen people with dogs on their laps, caressing these dogs and receiving in return from them marks of affection, and I am not convinced that there is a great difference between a baby and a young animal. The physical body is there, and will develop much more. Many emotions, attitudes, etc. and so on, that can be recognized as the result of ~~xxxx~~ heredity are ~~xxxx~~ there. Whether The idea that an intelligent spirit is already there is purely an assumption. It may be so, /but no one has a right dogmatically to say that it is so. My present feeling is that I do not believe that at the moment of conception a spirit is produced, nor do I believe that at that moment God places a spirit into the one-celled organism that is formed. I am not sure that He does so at the moment when this body leaves the body of the