

# GOD IS A CORPOREAL PERSON/BEING

Compiled by Ed Bender – 2016-07-30

## Introduction:

Is God a corporeal person or being? Does God have a physical body or is he “...a spirit.” We will show in this brief study that God is a corporeal being and has a physical body. And we will explain the error in the KJV of the Bible in John 4:24 which states: *“God is α Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.”*

## I. In the Image of God...

*“So God created man in his own image [6754], in the image [6754] of God created he him, male and female created them.”* Genesis 1:27. *“<sup>3</sup> Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image [5481] of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high:”* Hebrews 1:3.

“6754 tselem tseh'-lem from an unused root meaning to **shade**; a phantom, i.e. (figuratively) illusion, resemblance; hence, **a representative figure**, especially an idol:--**image**, vain shew.” – *Strong’s Concordance Online*.

“5481. charakter *khar-ak-tare'* **from the same as** 5482; a graver (the tool or the person), i.e. (by implication) engraving (“character”), the figure stamped, i.e. **an exact copy** or (figuratively) representation):--**express image**.” – *Strong’s Concordance Online*.

## II. God a “living God”...

The term “...the living God...” is found over thirty times in the Bible. Here are a few of those Scriptures.

*“For who is there of all flesh, that hath heard the voice of the living God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as we have, and lived?”* Deuteronomy 5:26.

*“<sup>20</sup> And when he came to the den, he cried with a lamentable voice unto Daniel: and the king spake and said to Daniel, O Daniel, servant of the living God, is thy God, whom thou serves continually, able to deliver thee from the lions?... <sup>26</sup> I make a decree, That in every dominion of my kingdom men tremble and fear before*

*the God of Daniel: for he is the living God, and steadfast forever, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed, and his dominion shall be even unto the end.”*  
Daniel 6:20, 26.

*“<sup>15</sup> He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? <sup>16</sup> And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.”* Matthew 16:15, 16.

*“<sup>15</sup> And saying, Sirs, why do ye these things? We also are men of like passions with you, and preach unto you that ye should turn from these vanities unto the living God, which made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all things that are therein:”* Acts 14:15.

*“<sup>9</sup> For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God;”* 1 Thessalonians 1:9.

### III. Here are some of God’s Attributes and Characteristics...

*“But an Hour is coming, and now is, when the TRUE Worshippers will worship the FATHER in Spirit and Truth; for the FATHER even seek SUCH LIKE as his Worshippers. God is Spirit; and THOSE WORSHIPPING him must worship in Spirit and Truth.”* John 4:23, 24 – Diaglott. The King James Version adds an “a” before Spirit, which is not in the original text.

*“<sup>5</sup> Into thine hand I commit my spirit: thou hast redeemed me, O LORD God of truth.”* Psalm 31:5.

*“<sup>29</sup> For our God is a consuming fire.”* Hebrews 12:29.

*“<sup>7</sup> Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loves is born of God, and knows God. <sup>8</sup> He that loves not knows not God; for God is love.”* 1 John 4:8.

### IV. God is a Corporeal [kôr'pôreəl] Being...

A. “...image...”

“...God created man in his own image: [representative figure]” GE 1:27.

“...God created man, in the likeness of God made he him:” Genesis 5:1.

**“...in the image of God made he man:”** Genesis 9:6.  
**“...for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have:”** Luke 24:39.  
**“...he that hath seen me hath seen the Father:”** John 14:9.  
**“...Christ, who is the image of God:”** 2 Corinthians 4:4.  
**“Who, being in the form [‘morphe’] of God:”** Philippians 2:6.  
**“...our vile body ... fashioned like unto his glorious body:”** Phil. 3:21.  
**“...the express image [exact copy] of his person:”** Hebrews 1:3.  
**“...men, which are made after the similitude [likeness] of God:”** James 3:9.

**B. Physical body of God...**

**“...written with the finger of God:”** Exodus 31:18. Deut. 9:10.  
**“...thou shalt see my back parts: but my face shall not be seen:”** EX 33:23.  
**“With him will I speak mouth to mouth:”** Numbers 12:8.  
**“...a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son:”** Matt. 3:17.  
**“...every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God:”** Matt. 4:4.  
**“...a voice out of the cloud:”** Matthew 17:5.  
**“...the Son of man standing on the right hand of God:”** Acts 7:56.  
**“Who is the image of the invisible God:”** Colossians 1:15.  
**“By faith he [Moses] forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.”** Hebrews 11:27.  
**“...when he shall appear, we shall be like him:”** 1 John 3:2.

**Conclusion:**

The Scriptures both Old Testament and New Testament clearly portray The Almighty God as creating man in His very own Image/Form. And Jesus, God’s Son, was created in the **“...express image [exact copy] of his person [being]...”** Once we understand these Scriptural facts, it is impossible for us to say that Jehovah God does not have a physical body!