

The Sense and Value of Life in the Christian and Judaic thinking

Man's living breath differs from the one of the other creatures through the love for his Creator, the reason which makes him similar to God, the will to serve Him and his meaning to rule over the earth. Man recognizes he is created by God and this idea is to be found in the psalms: For it was You who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you for I am fearfully and wonderfully made (Ps. 139,13). Thus, if God created us, we are His for ever and ever, as Isaiah also says: But now thus says the Lord, He who created you, O Jacob, He who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear for I have redeemed you; I have called you by My name, you are Mine... For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior... Because you are precious in My sight, and honored and I love you... everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for My glory, whom I formed and made. (Isaiah 43,1,3,4,7).

The meaning and the condition of man's life is to keep with all that it takes, the bond with his Creator Parent as See now that I, even I, am he; there is no god beside me. I kill and I make alive; I wound and I heal; and no one can deliver from my hand. (Deuteronomy 32,39). Only God has all the power as The Lord kills and brings to life; He brings down to Sheol and raises up (I Samuel 2,6). In other words, God, through his Ghost animates and organizes the material and in the same time imposes the laws which preserve life, perpetuate it or even bring it to perfection. As Psalm 103 also mentions it, the Holy Ghost is source of all life here on earth.