

dies. The flesh is mortal. I hear people talking about saving a life. You saved his life. All these people's lives were saved. Give some ~~to him~~ money to save lives! It's a silly statement. You can't save a life. Everyone is mortal. Most animals live only a few years, but some live much longer than most people do. People live a certain number of decades and they all die. ~~There~~ There isn't a person who was born in the 18th century, I don't believe who is living today. They all die. Man's body is mortal. You don't save a life. You merely extend it a little longer. The way you save a person is by bringing them into a knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. You save them for all eternity then. You extend their life a little more. The flesh is mortal, but the spirit is immortal the Bible tells us. It lasts forever. Paul says that he hesitates about staying much longer in the flesh. He would like to go and leave his body, but he says that it is needful for you that I stay. Not that I would be unclothed, he says, but clothed upon.

There is an "I"; there is a spirit that exists after the flesh is gone. I picked up a book not long ago ~~by a man~~ written recently by a man to help Christian young people with their problems and it has many very good things in the book, but in the course of the book it made the statement somewhere that when the body which is ~~an~~ very complex mechanism, dies, if there is to be a resurrection or any continuance of the individual after death it must be a new creation. I do not believe that is at all what the Bible teaches. The Bible presents that if we die if our earthly house be dissolved, we have a mansion in the heavens. Thus the body is mortal, the spirit is immortal.

Personally I never could see much sense in the theological view which is called Traducianism. I cannot believe that the fact that two human beings perform a physical act brings into existence an immortal spirit. I believe that God creates the spirit. We read in the Scripture that God gives a body as He chooses. Now that is not specifically speaking of this but I think the principle is applicable. I think that God gives a body as He chooses. The body is moulded by the Spirit and the spirit is moulded by the body. Paul said, I keep my body under lest having ~~to~~ preached to others I myself should be a castaway. He does not say he destroys his body. He does not say his body is worthless. He does not say he wants to get away from his body.