

III The Existence of Spirit. On this matter, I feel that we can speak dogmatically, but I do not find as much clear evidence as I wish I could find. I myself have to buttress my Scriptural evidence with my own personal observations, in this case. But I fell convinced of this as I do of anything, that the spirit exists. There are those today who feel that man is just a combination of physical and chemical molecules that work in a certain way, and with certain habits. I was shocked last summer to read a book written by a professed Christian intended to be of help to Christian young people in which he said that the whole is greater than the sum of all the ~~apar~~ parts and that a human being is a combination of various chemical elements which produce certain results and he said it used to be thought there was something called vitalism that was put in to inorganic matter to make it living matter but we now know there is no such thing. I know there is nobody believes there is such a thing now but I don't know how dogmatically we can say we know that; I don't believe anything really has been produced
though material has been produced that frequently
by a living organism. But he said, we know now nothing new was added. You take organic materials and mix them in a certain way, combine them in a certain way and you get organic matter you call lilly, and the whole is greater than anl the parts. He said you put organic matter together in a certain way and you get a human being. It looks as though so many evangelical teachers who believe in Christ but in the course of the book he makes this definite statement of man, and says that the only way there can be a resurrection is by a new creation, by God. Because when the organization dies it is dead. I don't think that is a Christian viewpoint at all. I believe the Bible teaches this body becomes mere garbage when I die. It goes back to the elements from which it came. It is left behind us and to me it makes no difference where it is or what happens to it h after I'm through with it. But. I believe I continue to exist without the body.