

## HOW WE FUNCTION AS HUMAN BEINGS

Introduction – The Bible presents human beings as a multifaceted entity. We are described as a dual, tri-part, and four-fold personality in the Bible.

Romans 12:1

Romans 8:5

A. Israel's confession of faith is reiterated by the new covenant.

Deuteronomy 6:4-5

Mark 12:28-31

B. The four words used in Mark 12 to describe the totality of human aspects can have a variety of meanings given the context. When used together in one context, it better defines each word in contrast to the others.

Soul = deepest God-given longings

Mind = rational nature

Heart = emotional nature

Strength = behavioral nature

C. We must have a clear-minded idea of how these four aspects interact, so we can comprehend how we function as human beings made in God's image.

(refer to diagram on the back of this page)

Conclusion – This model of human functioning agrees with the best of psychological and biblical insights. You cannot fix something until you understand how it functions.

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(We are created in God's image.)

**God**

