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What Does The Bible Say About The Holy Ghost As the Wind?

The substance of God is spirit, His Word speaking, which is also the true cause and substance of all things visible. All else is futile.

God is spirit. *This defines His substance.*

A Samaritan woman once asked Jesus where her people should worship God - on Mount Gerizim – (gher-ee-zeem), as had been their custom, or in Jerusalem. [John 4:20](#) - *Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.* . The underlying question was whose religion was correct, stated in terms of the proper place for worship. To this question, Jesus replied:

Woman, believe me, the hour comes, when neither in this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, will you worship the Father. You worship that which you don't know. We worship that which we know; for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour comes, and now is, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such to be his worshippers. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth. [John 4:21-24](#)

²¹*Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father.*

²²*Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews.*

²³*But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.*

²⁴*God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.*

Thus, Jesus answer to the question in what place God should be worshipped was not a physical place at all (1). Rather, it was a spiritual place or condition - in spirit and in truth. Further, the reason God seeks to be worshipped not in a physical temple but in spirit is that God is spirit. This defines God's substance.

Spirit is like wind or breath

In order to understand what it means that God is spirit, a linguistic observation should first be made. The Hebrew word commonly translated "*spirit*" has as its primary meaning "*breath*." (2) Indeed, the King James translators render this word as "*breath*" in twenty six places. (3) Further, in three passages (4) this Hebrew word, as applied to God, is stated in direct parallel to another word which is rendered "*breath*" or "*wind*." (5) Moreover, in [John 4:21-24](#), quoted

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above, the Greek word *pneuma*(pnyoo'-mah) , the primary meaning of which is "breath," "breeze" or "wind," is rendered "spirit" three times. *Pneuma* is, indeed, the only word used to refer to the spirit of God or of a man in the New Testament. The spirits of both God and men are directly compared to the wind in *John 3:5-8*

⁵Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

⁷Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

⁸The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.):

Jesus answered, "Most certainly I tell you, unless one is born of water and spirit, he can't enter into the Kingdom of God! That which is born of the flesh is flesh. That which is born of the (8) Spirit is spirit. Don't marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born anew.' The wind blows where it wants to, and you hear its sound, but don't know where it comes from and where it is going. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit."

Like the wind, God can be heard but not seen. He is constantly speaking, both to the Creation which He made by His Word and to people.

According to this passage, spirit is like wind in three ways: both can be heard but not seen, both are at liberty to act in the world as they please and man does not know the origin or destination of either. Since God can be heard but not seen, it follows that he is not as he is often imagined - an all-powerful and all-seeing but silent judge. No, God is speaking at all times. As God by his word created all things, so now all things are sustained and held together by his word. *Genesis 1:1-2 –*

¹In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

²And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

; *Hebrews 1:3 - Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image 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: & 11:3 - Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.*
; *Colossians 1:17 - And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.* . Further, the creation declares to us God's glory and deity, so that no man has an excuse to ignore him.

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[Psalm 19:1-4](#) –

¹*The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.*

²*Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.*

³*There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard.*

⁴*Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun,*

; [Romans 1:18-20](#).

¹⁸*For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;*

¹⁹*Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them.*

²⁰*For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:*

God's voice is not merely a silent witness in nature, it is also an audible voice. In past ages God sent many prophets to speak to Israel his people and, through them, to us. [Hebrews 1:1-3](#)

¹*God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,*

²*Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;*

³*Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image 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:*

; [Romans 3:1-2](#)

¹*What advantage then hath the Jew? or what profit is there of circumcision?*

²*Much every way: chiefly, because that unto them were committed the oracles of God.*

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; [1 Corinthians 10:11](#)

¹¹Now all these things happened unto them for examples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.

; [2 Timothy 3:14-16](#).

¹⁴But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;

¹⁵And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

¹⁶All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

He demonstrated his freedom to speak to them however he determined best by speaking through regularly designated prophets, angels, women, judges, priests, kings, farmers, shepherds, his enemies, Gentile kings and even on one occasion a donkey.(9) In these last days, we are told, God has spoken to us through his Son, who is the perfect representation of his person. [Hebrews 1:2-3](#) –

²Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;

³Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image 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:

.God's expression of Himself through Jesus is complete, but our understanding is incomplete. God has made His Spirit available to live within us to guide us into all the truth in Jesus as we are able to receive it.

God's expression of himself through Jesus is absolutely complete. But our reception of that expression is incomplete, and our understanding of it is imperfect. [1 Corinthians 13:9-12](#).

⁹For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.

¹⁰But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

¹¹When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

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¹²*For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known*

Moreover, as previously noted, God's design is that Christ live through us. [Galatians 2:20](#) –

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.;

[Colossians 3:1-4](#)

¹*If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.*

²*Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.*

³*For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.*

⁴*When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.*

. Christ lives through us when we follow the desires of the spirit God has given us rather than the desires of the flesh. [Galatians 5:16-25](#)

¹⁶*This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.*

¹⁷*For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.*

¹⁸*But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.*

¹⁹*Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,*

²⁰*Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,*

²¹*Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.*

²²*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,*

²³*Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.*

²⁴*And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.*

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²⁵*If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.*

. For we have been given a gift which was never enjoyed by people of the ages before Christ came in the flesh - we have the spirit of God living within us, teaching us all things, guiding us into all truth and making Jesus' things known to us. [John 14:25-26](#)

²⁵*These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you.*

²⁶*But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.*

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[16:12-15.](#)

¹²*I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now.*

¹³*Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.*

¹⁴*He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.*

¹⁵*All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you.*

Just as a person's spirit knows everything about him, so God's Spirit knows everything that is of God, reveals these things to us and gives us spiritual words with which to express these things to others. [1 Corinthians 2:6-16.](#)

⁶*Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought:*

⁷*But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:*

⁸*Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.*

⁹*But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.*

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¹⁰*But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.*

¹¹*For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.*

¹²*Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.*

¹³*Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.*

¹⁴*But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.*

¹⁵*But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.*

¹⁶*For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? but we have the mind of Christ.*

Because God's spirit lives within us, we are his ambassadors, speaking his words to the world on his behalf. [Matthew 10:18-20](#) –

¹⁸*And ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles.*

¹⁹*But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak.*

²⁰*For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you.*

; [John 15:26-27](#) –

²⁶*But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:*

²⁷*And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning.*

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; [2 Corinthians 5:17-21](#) –

¹⁷Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

¹⁸And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;

¹⁹To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

²⁰Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

²¹For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

. Though God is invisible, he is still speaking to us, to his creation and to the world of men.

Spirit, like the wind, blows where it pleases. It is only spirit which is free to act in the world, and spirit is the true cause of everything lasting. Everything we accomplish by physical effort is futile.

Spirit, like the wind, blows wherever it pleases. It is only spirit which has such freedom to act in the world: the Lord is the spirit, and where the spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. [2 Corinthians 3:17](#) - *Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.*

. Solomon, the Preacher of Jerusalem, noted the futility of everything that happens in the world as the result of a physical cause - events happen to be forgotten and happen again; things come into existence to decay, disappear and come into existence again. There is nothing new under the sun. [Ecclesiastes 1:5-7](#).

⁵The sun also ariseth, and the sun goeth down, and hasteth to his place where he arose.

⁶The wind goeth toward the south, and turneth about unto the north; it whirleth about continually, and the wind returneth again according to his circuits.

⁷All the rivers run into the sea; yet the sea is not full; unto the place from whence the rivers come, thither they return again.

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It is the same with the fruit of human efforts - though we flatter ourselves that our works have made a difference, we die, our works are forgotten to be repeated by someone else and **nothing has really changed. Ecclesiastes 1:1-3**

¹*The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem.*

²*Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher, vanity of vanities; all is vanity.*

³*What profit hath a man of all his labour which he taketh under the sun?*

5:15-17

¹⁵*As he came forth of his mother's womb, naked shall he return to go as he came, and shall take nothing of his labour, which he may carry away in his hand.*

¹⁶*And this also is a sore evil, that in all points as he came, so shall he go: and what profit hath he that hath laboured for the wind?*

¹⁷*All his days also he eateth in darkness, and he hath much sorrow and wrath with his sickness.*

8:8 -There is no man that hath power over the spirit to retain the spirit; neither hath he power in the day of death: and there is no discharge in that war; neither shall wickedness deliver those that are given to it.

9:5-12

⁵*For the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not any thing, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten.*

⁶*Also their love, and their hatred, and their envy, is now perished; neither have they any more a portion for ever in any thing that is done under the sun.*

⁷*Go thy way, eat thy bread with joy, and drink thy wine with a merry heart; for God now accepteth thy works.*

⁸*Let thy garments be always white; and let thy head lack no ointment.*

⁹*Live joyfully with the wife whom thou lovest all the days of the life of thy vanity, which he hath given thee under the sun, all the days of thy vanity: for that is thy portion in this life, and in thy labour which thou takest under the sun.*

¹⁰*Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest.*

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¹¹I returned, and saw under the sun, that the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor yet favour to men of skill; but time and chance happeneth to them all.

¹²For man also knoweth not his time: as the fishes that are taken in an evil net, and as the birds that are caught in the snare; so are the sons of men snared in an evil time, when it falleth suddenly upon them.

12:6-7.

⁶Or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern.

⁷Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.

It is spirit which is the real cause of all that is lasting:

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty. Darkness was on the surface of the deep. God's Spirit was hovering over the surface of the waters. God said, "Let there be light," and there was light... God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the sky, and over the livestock, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." God created man in his own image. In God's image he created him; male and female he created them... Yahweh God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath (10) of life; and man became a living soul.

Genesis 1:1-3

¹In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

²And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

³And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

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[,Genesis 1:26-27](#)

²⁶And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

²⁷So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

[Genesis 2:7](#) - And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

It is the spirit who gives life. The flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and are life.

[John 6:63](#) - *It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.*

This is the word of the LORD unto [Zerubbabel](#), saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.

[Zechariah 4:6](#). - *Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.*

Remain in me, and I in you. As the branch can't bear fruit by itself, unless it remains in the vine, so neither can you, unless you remain in me. I am the vine. You are the branches. He who remains in me, and I in him, the same bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. If a man doesn't remain in me, he is thrown out as a branch, and is withered; and they gather them, throw them into the fire, and they are burned. If you remain in me, and my words remain in you, you will ask whatever you desire, and it will be done for you. In this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit; and so you will be my disciples.

[John 15:4-8](#)

⁴Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

⁵I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

⁶If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.

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⁷*If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.*

⁸*Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.*

The relationship between word and spirit: words express spirit, and spirit and its expression are one.

The relationship between word and spirit should here be noted. As will be further developed in a later chapter, Jesus is the word of God and all things were created through him.

John 1:1-3 –

¹*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*

²*The same was in the beginning with God.*

³*All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.*

. Further, as was explained above, God's spirit (breath) was active in creation, and all things were created when God spoke. *Genesis 1, (passim - used to refer to cited works)*. Thus, it is said that all things were created through, or by the instrumentality of, God's word (Jesus), his spoken words and his spirit. But there is no contradiction, because these three are one.

Words truly communicate the meanings behind them only when spoken - i.e., given breath. A listener will not receive or understand an unvoiced message in a speaker's mind. (Nonverbal cues are not an exception to this rule - the emotions expressed by them are given a "voice" by being put into action). An unexpressed idea is not a word. It can truly be said that words and their expression are one.

Even written words represent spoken words. A person who reads words in his native language does not merely see a collection of characters which are to be translated, computer-style, by reference to a mental translation table. No, one who truly understands what he is reading hears the words as if spoken and forms the idea or image which they represent in his mind. I have learned to read a little Portuguese. However, in Portuguese I read only bundles of symbols and refer them computer-style to translation tables - sometimes in my mind, sometimes in a published dictionary - to get English words and grammatical forms. It is these English words and forms which create the corresponding ideas in my mind. Portuguese read in this way is sufficient to communicate dead information, which is enough for many purposes.

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However, written words read mechanically are not sufficient to communicate the living thoughts, heart and spirit of the author. Written Portuguese is dead to me; since I cannot speak the language from my heart, I do not really understand it. All words spoken or written, except communications intended to convey only dead technical information, have a spirit which they are intended to convey. The written word remains dead if not spoken - i.e., given the breath of life - physically or mentally. All words, even those of God, must be given life, *given voice before they can have any effect. Compare,*

[Genesis 1:26-27](#) -

²⁶And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

²⁷So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

with [Genesis 2:7](#). - *And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.* This is why a Bible sitting on a shelf has no effect, while it can bring great light to one who reads it with understanding. Scripture spoken at the right time and in the right way has altered the course of history.

The world cannot understand spirit or the course of those who are born of the Spirit of God.

Finally, the world cannot understand spirit, or the course of those who are born of God's spirit. Although everything in this world is passing, beautiful only in its time because sin has rendered this world futile, God created man with eternity in his heart, and men in the natural state still base their lives on the inward premise that all things familiar (including their own lives) will continue forever.

[Ecclesiastes 3:10-11](#) –

¹⁰I have seen the travail, which God hath given to the sons of men to be exercised in it.

¹¹He hath made every thing beautiful in his time: also he hath set the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end.

[Romans 8:20-21](#)

²⁰For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope,

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²¹*Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.*

[2 Peter 3:3-4](#)

³*Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,*

⁴*And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.*

. But this very assumption blinds us to God's working, which must cause change as long as sin is present. Just as we cannot understand the path of the wind(11), so the world cannot understand the acts of God. Ecclesiastes 11:5. To the man without the spirit, the things of the spirit appear foolish, and he cannot understand them. [1 Corinthians 2:14](#). - ¹⁴*But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.* The things of God are spiritually discerned - i.e., spoken by the God who is spirit to the spirits within us. [1 Corinthians 2:9-16](#).

⁹*But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.*

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¹⁵*But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.*

¹⁶*For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? but we have the mind of Christ.*

Only spirit understands spirit.

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1. Although the Hebrew here rendered "*breath*" is a different word from that rendered "spirit" in [1:2](#), both have similar underlying meanings, and in [Psalm 104:29-30](#)

²⁹Thou hidest thy face, they are troubled: thou takest away their breath, they die, and return to their dust.

³⁰Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created: and thou renewest the face of the earth.

2. the same word rendered "*spirit*" in [Genesis 1:2](#) - *And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.* is translated both "*breath*" and "*Spirit*" in the same context: "when you take away their breath (*rûwach* - roo'-akh), they die and return to the dust. When you send your Spirit (*rûwach*), they are created..."
3. Even scientists have largely given up on understanding the path of the wind. Although science can make some broad predictions about it, a whole new mathematical theory ("*chaos*") has had to be invented to explain why we really cannot understand the course of the wind!