

or a mind that seems to be inferior, God may have a purpose in the development of that spirit that we do not know. But God has a purpose in it. There are those who hold an idea they call Traducianist which if I understand it correctly is that spirits are propagated (?) the same way ~~bodet~~ bodies are. I don't believe that for a minute. The spirit is a direct creation of God. God gives or assigns the spirit such a body as it pleases Him, and as He chooses. This is part of the definite spiritual activity of God and nothing that can be affected by the mechanistic activity of human beings. Now this I feel very strongly on, so strongly I would say I believe. But if you are going to restruct the word believe to things you know because God teaches it, it should not go quite that strong. But it is much stronger to me, than when I say that I believe a certain thing happened last January rather than in February. So much for the origin of spirits.

IX The Purpose of Life. The purpose of life is to fulfill the will of God certainly. But why did God create us and why did God put us here? You know the story of the ^{talent} ~~cow~~. How the man went away and he gave to the men a certain talent and they were to develop them, and then the ones who doubled the talent he gave them were regarded, but the one who merely kept it was condemned. God gave gave them the talent to us. And God has given us a body to use and a spirit to develop. The passage in Gal. with which we started tells us what is the fruit of the spirit. God has put us here in order to develop the ^{fruits} ~~fruits~~ he wants us to have. Of course we are called sinners and we need to be saved, and we can develop no fruit that is worth anything until we have taken Christ as ~~SM~~viour and been born again into his kingdom and received justification. But the sanctification that He gives us is a gradual process. This gradual process ^{it} ~~is~~ is His desire to continue all through our lives. I heard a man say, Why does God ~~a~~ not take us to heaven as soon as we are saved? Well, he said, He leaves us here so that we can witness to others. I believe there is a large element of truth in that, that God leaves us here after we are saved in order to witness