**Notes on “Spirit”**

**Spirit**: Greek: *pneuma* and Hebrew: *rua’ch*

**Wind, spirit, breath, air, ghost (there is movement in all of that, divine force)**

intangible, invisible, movement, life itself,

the agent of life

It blows from the invisible world of the divine

Originally means wind or breath

Not found in secular literature: it is a unique term

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SPIRIT. Divine substance; Mind; divine Principle; all that is good; God; that only which is perfect, everlasting, omnipresent, omnipotent, infinite.

“The Spirit moves upon the waters”Gen. 1:2

John 20:22 And when he had said this, he **breathed** on *them,* and saith unto them, Receive ye the **Holy Ghost:**

The spirit of God is the Spirit of prophecy – moving and inspiring.

If you removed prophecy and healing from the Bible – you would only have the rust of religion. (Renault)

Where there are no prophets, there is no holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit departed from Israel after the last prophets – Hagai, Zacariah, Malacai.

There were 400 years in between OT and NT where there was no prophets, no prophecy, no inspiration.

As ritual increases, prophecy declines.

In the NT at Jesus’ baptism: the dramatic return of the Spirit in the form of a dove appears.

The term is resurrected after 400 years of silence.

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    1. As adherents of Truth, we take the **inspired** Word of the Bible as our sufficient guide to eternal Life.

*(The God-breathed Word, prophetic Word, filled with inspiration)*