



## God's Care of all infants

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**"I will praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made."**

This is a quote from Psalm 139.14, and no one can disagree with this statement as science is ever making new discoveries about our bodies and how they function. And yet, for thousands (perhaps millions) of years our bodies have functioned in that way, so that in a way, nothing much has changed.

Yet every child that is born is truly a new being with an entirely new heredity, and even its birth is far more complicated than any animal's. In fact, every child born is immature and there are several reasons for it. Human beings have a larger brain, and this brain is not completed for some time after the birth. If we were to be born with a fully developed brain and skull, our head would have to be much bigger and the mother would have to have a much larger pelvis, and the birth canal would also have to be larger for a fully developed child. In fact, for up to two years the child's brain and skull are developing, and something else - something wonderful - is happening during this time.



While the foetus is developing in the womb, it is in a state of innocence – the only state in which the Lord can be fully present, because He is Divine love and Divine peace itself. Therefore, during this period our brain and our mind are fully under the influence of the Lord and the angels : and there is a deep reason why this state is being maintained. We all receive our human heredity which has been accumulating from the beginning of

time! In other words, we inherit evil inclinations with all their greed and lusts and tendency to lie. Due to this selfish inheritance we are constantly being assaulted by evil (hellish) spirits who wish to encourage our selfish tendencies and so gain control over us.

However, during those early two years of our life, the hellish influences as yet do not have an entry into our developing mind because we are under the influence of the heavens. Perhaps at this point we should be reminded that we do not have any memories of those first two years. Try to see how far back you can go in remembering your childhood! During this time, heavenly influences are being implanted by the Lord and the angels - good experiences which will serve us in later life in fighting our selfishness - but they are being implanted secretly. Once our memory comes into play, and we are beginning to take control of our life, we begin to display the evil influences of greed, selfishness and bad temper, if we cannot get what we want. We could say, "This is where the battle of life begins and will continue until we die." The hells will be exploiting our weaknesses, and we shall give in to some, because this is also what we want! As we mature we shall most likely realise that these are temptations towards selfishness and greed. Perhaps the only consolation is that everyone is going through the same trials, and it is quite important to realise what is going on. Alas, we all carry the burdens of our ancestors – right back to the ancient peoples represented by Adam and Eve and from a spiritual viewpoint it is wise to take that early story in Genesis chapter 3 quite seriously because it is happening to us now! The Word is timeless.

We should learn to appreciate that the Lord (who loves us all whatever we may choose to become) is the only source of positive love in creation; and we may like to remember now and again that the only positive love in creation, including our love for our children and grandchildren, is received by us all from the Divine Source. It is wonderful to realize how close is the presence and love of our Lord in our family life.