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## **2.4. Are Thinking and Feeling the Spirit-Mind?**

The answer to this question is complex and requires a distinction between different levels of human existence:

### **Animals and Their Nature**

Animals have basic emotions such as joy, fear, anger, and sadness.

In the Divine Principle, it is explained that although animals possess an "inner nature," they do not have a "spiritual self" like humans. They can perform simple thought processes and have memory, but do not have a soul and a spiritual self like humans.

**We can therefore assume that all basic emotions and thought processes can be generated in the body and brain without the need for a spiritual self and a spiritual mind.**

### **The Human Brain**

The human brain is the most highly developed brain in the animal kingdom.

**We can therefore expect that it is capable of carrying out more complex thought processes and producing more differentiated emotions than the brain of an animal.**

Despite its capabilities, however, the human brain remains a physical organ and thus part of the physical body.

It is not identical with the "spiritual self." The brain processes information and thus fulfills a physical function, while the spirit represents a deeper, immaterial dimension of being.

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