

RIDDLES



Can you solve this?

This riddle was submitted by a woman in California in response to an offer from a gentleman in Philadelphia. He said that he would give \$1,000 to anyone who could write a puzzle that he could not solve. He failed to solve it, so he paid her the \$1,000. Can you solve it?

Adam, God made out of dust, He thought it was best to make me first.
So I was made before man, To answer God's Holy plan.
A living thing I became, And Adam gave to me my name.
I from his presence then withdrew, And more of Adam never knew.
I did my Maker's law obey. No, never went from it astray.
Thousands of miles I go in fear, But seldom on earth appear.
For purpose wise which God did see, He put a living soul in me.
A soul from me God did claim, And took from me the soul again.
So when from me the soul that fled, I was the same as when first made.
And without hands or feet or soul, I travel from pole to pole.
I labor hard by day and night. To fallen men I have great might.
Thousands of people, young and old, Will by my death grant light behold.
No right or wrong can I conceive, The scriptures I cannot believe.
Although my name therein is found, They are to me an empty sound.
No fear of death doth trouble me, Real happiness I'll never see.
To Heaven I shall never go, nor to Hell below.
Now when these lines you slowly read, Go, search your Bibles with all speed.
For my name is written there, I do honestly declare.
Please try to solve this simple little puzzle.*

The answer is one word found approximately four times in the Bible. When you find the word, you will say, "It is so simple, everyone should know it."

*Bob and Ruby Smith of Union Gap, Washington are the only source currently known for this puzzle.
(Answer: Whale)

